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Fiscal Note On: **HB 644** HLS 23RS 1302
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Creates Affordable Digital Textbook and Learning Materials Pilot Programs

Proposed legislation creates the Affordable Digital Textbook and Learning Materials Pilot Programs to be administered by the Board of Regents with the goal of implementing pilot programs that provide open and no-cost digital textbooks, study tools, online homework, open educational resources, and course material access and affordability programs. Authorizes the board to solicit applications from public postsecondary institutions to participate in the pilot programs and to prioritize institutions with students from economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented student populations. Institutions selected by the board will be awarded funds to replace existing commercial textbooks with open educational resources defined in R.S. 17:3129.9. The pilot programs are to be implemented beginning with the Fall 2024 semester. Pilot program shall terminate on September 2, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**	**2026-27**	**2027-28**	**5 -YEAR TOTAL**
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	$0	$0	**$0**
Agy. Self-Gen.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	$0	$0	**$0**
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total				**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

REVENUES	**2023-24**	**2024-25**	**2025-26**	**2026-27**	**2027-28**	**5 -YEAR TOTAL**
State Gen. Fd.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Agy. Self-Gen.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Ded./Other	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be increased costs to the Board of Regents to administer the program and award funding to the selected institutions chosen to participate in the pilot program. The department has indicated that these expenditures will be absorbed within its operating budget. For purposes of this fiscal note, the LFO assumes these would be funded by SGF or a dedicated funding source such as the Higher Education Initiatives Fund.

Institutions that choose to participate in the pilot programs may incur nominal costs associated with revising or creating courses to align with open educational resources (OER), but these should be minimal. Additionally, the LOUIS Library Network currently has an Affordable Learning OER repository containing a wide variety of learning materials available for faculty.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Institutions that choose to participate in the pilot programs are directed to make open educational resources available to students at no cost.

Senate — Dual Referral Rules
- ☐ 13.5.1 >= $100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= $500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
- ☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- ☐ 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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