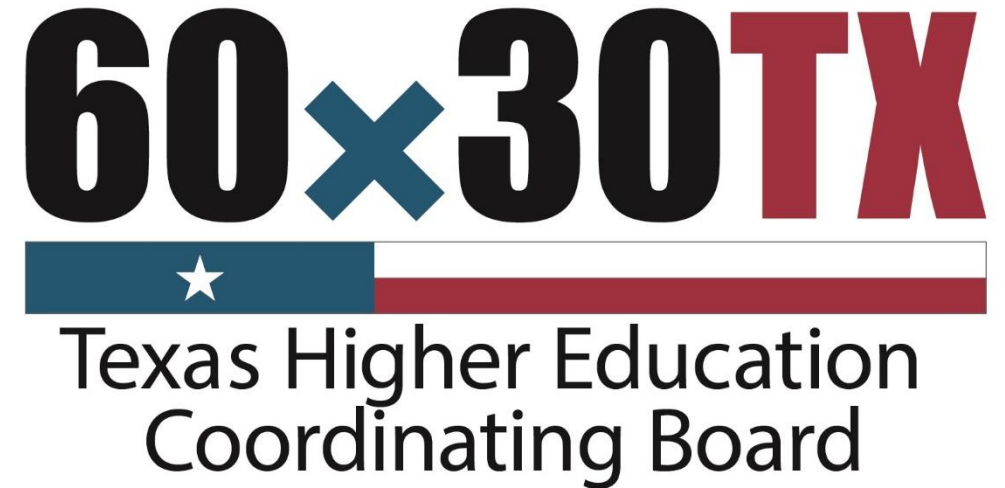


Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board OER Initiatives

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60x30TX Strategic Plan - Goals

1. 60x30: EDUCATED POPULATION

By 2030, at least 60 percent of Texans ages 25-34 will have a certificate or degree

2. COMPLETION

By 2030, at least 550,000 students in that year will complete a certificate, associate, bachelor's, or master's from an institution of higher education in Texas

3. MARKETABLE SKILLS

By 2030, all graduates from Texas public institutions of higher education will have completed programs with identified marketable skills

4. STUDENT DEBT

By 2030, undergraduate student loan debt will not exceed 60 percent of first-year wages for graduates of Texas public institutions

Agenda

1. Senate Bill 810, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session
 - Course marking
 - Feasibility study
 - OER Grant Program
2. House Bill 3650, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session
 - Dual Credit programs
3. House Bill 3652, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session
 - State repository
4. Other bills introduced in the 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session
 - House Bill 1933
 - House Bill 3607

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SB 810

Course Marking

Requirement for Institutions

- To include with the course schedule a list of the required and recommended textbooks that specifies whether the textbook is an open educational resource.

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Study on the Feasibility of a Texas Repository of Open Educational Resources

Methodology

Literature review

Solicited feedback from stakeholders

- Faculty and staff from public institutions of higher education
- State agencies
- Textbook publishers
- Representatives of the OER community
- Others

Report Recommendations

1. Develop an open statewide OER portal
2. Work with OER Commons or TDL to develop and maintain the portal
3. Ensure that the portal links to repositories using a wide range of OER
4. Incentivize faculty to adopt, contribute, and submit reviews through the portal
5. Require that resources developed with state funds be contributed to portal and Creative Commons licensed
6. Long-term integrated portal and resource awareness program
7. Create a statewide OER council
8. Fund a new position of state Director/Coordinator of OER

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SB 810

Open Educational Resources Grant Program (OERGP)

About the OER Grant Program

Established to encourage faculty at institutions of higher education to adopt, modify, redesign, or develop courses that use only open educational resources (OER).

Open Educational Resource – A teaching, learning, or research resource that is in the public domain or has been released under an intellectual property license that permits the free use, adaptation, and redistribution of the resource by any person.

[Texas Education Code \(TEC\), Section 61.0668](#)

Grant Awards

Maximum of **\$8,000** for applications that proposed to adopt, modify, redesign, or create **one course** that will use only open educational materials and a maximum of **\$16,000** for applications that proposed to adopt, modify, redesign, or create **multiple courses**.

Grants distributed directly to faculty.

Application Timeline

Application deadline: August 20, 2018

41 eligible applications received.

Announcement of Grant Awards: October 30, 2018

15 applications selected for grants.

2018 Awardees

Faculty member	Institution	Amount
Karl Aho	Tarleton State University	\$8,000
Veronica Amaku	Houston Community College	\$8,000
Megan Collins	Prairie View A&M University	\$8,000
Brandi Falley	Texas Woman's University	\$16,000
Brittney Gillespie-Porter	Texas Southmost College	\$8,000
Richard Gosselin	Houston Community College	\$16,000
Joseph Locke	University of Houston - Victoria	\$8,000
Katherine Oser	Central Texas College	\$8,000
Amy Petros	University of North Texas	\$16,000
Lamont Rodgers	Houston Community College	\$8,000
India Stewart	Eastfield College	\$16,000
Laura Villarreal	Texas Southmost College	\$8,000
Virginia Allegra Villarreal-Disraeli	Austin Community College	\$8,000
Nicholas Webb	McLennan Community College	\$16,000
Ben Wright	The University of Texas at Dallas	\$8,000
TOTAL		\$160,000

Next Steps

The 86th Texas Legislature appropriated \$266,025 in FY 20 and \$196,024 in FY 21 for the creation of a state repository of OER and for additional grants.

A Request for Offer for the state OER repository will be posted in fall 2019.

A new Request for Applications for the OER Grant Program is scheduled to be posted in winter 2019/2020.

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HB 3650

Dual Credit Programs

New Requirements

Any agreement between a school district and public institution of higher education to provide a dual credit program must require the district and the institution to consider the use of free or low-cost OER in courses offered under the program.

[Texas Education Code \(TEC\) Section 28.009](#)

Rules were approved by the Board in July 2019 and have been posted in the Texas Register for a 30-day comment period.

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HB 3652

State Repository for OER

OER Repository

THECB will contract with an existing educational resource repository to develop and maintain a web portal for OER.

Portal will be searchable by course or learning outcome, program or field of study, marketable skills, college readiness, and other topics as determined by THECB.

To be completed by September 1, 2020.

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Other Bills Introduced in the 86th Texas Legislature

House Bill 1933

- The governing board of an institution of higher education may establish a textbook affordability program.
- Cost of any textbooks or other materials required for a course included in the tuition or required fees charged by the institution for the course.
- Program must:
 - permit a student to opt out of the program,
 - provide a student a means of obtaining textbooks or materials not later than the first day of the semester or other term in which the textbooks or materials are required.

House Bill 3607

- The board shall conduct a study on methods to reduce the cost of electronic textbooks and course materials required or recommended for core curriculum courses.

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