



AFFORDABLE TEXTBOOKS

SB117 - SEN. WALSWORTH

THE GOAL



Increase college affordability and student success through the utilization of open education resources. Provide cost transparency to students when registering for classes by marking which courses exclusively use low- or no-cost course materials.



THE CHALLENGE

High costs of traditional textbooks are negatively impacting student access, success and completion. Many students are now forced to make difficult decisions regarding the purchase of necessary course materials. The lack of a centralized data repository limits the ability of LA to implement statewide cost-effective solutions and monitor the impact of cost reducing programs.



THE STATISTICS

- The average cost of textbooks for full-time students is \$1,288 per year.
- 2/3rds of students do not purchase required course materials due to cost.
- Over the course of a four-year degree, students could incur an additional \$5,000 in student debt beyond tuition from these expenses.
- The prices of textbooks have increased by 88% from 2006-2016.