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SB 146 – Sectional Analysis

TEXTBOOK COST TRANSPARENCY ACT

"An Act relating to costs of and charges for textbooks and other course materials required for University of Alaska courses; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1: Page 1, Lines 4-6

This section establishes that this act may be known as the "Textbook Cost Transparency Act".

Section 2: Page 1, Lines 7-14, Page 2, Lines 1-16

This section outlines the information that the University of Alaska must provide in the University systems online course schedule relating to class materials and automatic fees required for the materials. This section provides statute definitions for "course materials", "online course schedule", "zero-cost resources", and "low-cost resources".

This section also directs that the universities online course schedule must include search functions to identify courses with only zero-cost materials required.

Section 3: Page 2, Line 17

This section establishes an effective date for the bill of July 1st, 2023.

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