

**HOUSE BILL NO. 10**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**Introduced: 1/19/23**

**Referred: Education**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
5 to read:

6 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Textbook Cost Transparency Act.

7 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Sec. 14.40.112. Course materials.** (a) The University of Alaska online course  
9 schedule must provide a description of each course that clearly identifies

10 (1) required course materials;

11 (2) which of the required course materials, if any, are zero-cost  
12 resources;

13 (3) to the extent practicable, which of the required course materials, if  
14 any, are low-cost resources; and

1                   (4) the amount of each automatic fee, if any, charged for required  
2 course materials when a student registers for a course.

3                   (b) A search function on the University of Alaska online course schedule must  
4 provide for searches identifying courses in which all required course materials are  
5 zero-cost or low-cost resources.

6                   (c) In this section,

7                   (1) "course materials" means books, computer software, magnetic  
8 media, DVDs, CD-ROMs, computer courseware, online services, online learning  
9 programs, or other media used to convey course information to a student;

10                  (2) "low-cost resource" means a resource available to a student at a  
11 pre-tax sales price that is not more than four times the hourly minimum wage in the  
12 state established under AS 23.10.065(a);

13                  (3) "online course schedule" means an online list or catalog of courses  
14 or course sections used by students for course registration or scheduling;

15                  (4) "zero-cost resource" means a resource available to a student free of  
16 charge.

17 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.