

RESOLUTION 18-

Wright State University Board of Trustees to support Legislative passage of HB 337 to exempt Post-secondary textbooks from State Sales and Use Tax

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor and the members of the Ohio General Assembly repeatedly requested that all possible steps be taken to lower the costs of obtaining an education at the state's universities and institutions of higher education;

WHEREAS, HB 337, introduced by Representative Michael Duffey on September 11, 2017 and which, if enacted, would exempt from Ohio sales and use tax the sale of college textbooks to students enrolled at a post-secondary institution is currently being considered in the Ohio House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, college and university students in Ohio paid between \$25 and \$30 million dollars in sales tax on textbook purchases during the 2015-2016 academic year;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group has found that nationwide textbook costs are approximately 26% of the cost of tuition at state universities and 72% of the cost of tuition at community colleges;

WHEREAS, many states already specifically exempt textbook purchases for secondary education from sales tax;

WHEREAS, the Wright State University Faculty Senate has passed a resolution supporting the passage of HB 337; and

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Trustees of Wright State University believe that passage of HB337 would benefit the students of the university by lowering the cost of obtaining an education;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Wright State University Board of Trustees supports the passage of HB 337 by the members of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio.

To move this resolution to the full Board for consideration, a motion and second are needed.

I offer this Motion:

Is there a Second: