

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 609  
OFFERED BY MR. WU OF OREGON**  
**Textbook prices**

At the end of the Amendment add the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . INCREASE IN COLLEGE TEXTBOOK PRICES.**

2 (a) **FINDINGS.**—The Committee on Education and  
3 the Workforce of the House of Representatives makes the  
4 following findings:

5 (1) The rising costs of higher educati-  
6 on are making a postsecondary education in-  
7 accessible for many individuals.

8 (2) The rise in college textbook pricing  
9 contributes to the overall costs of higher ed-  
10 ucation, and many factors have contributed to  
11 the rise in textbook pricing.

12 (b) **SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND**  
13 **THE WORKFORCE.**—It is the sense of the Committee on  
14 Education and the Workforce of the House of Representa-  
15 tives that in order to make a higher education more acces-  
16 sible for all students, the following should occur to make  
17 college textbooks more affordable for students:

1           (1) The Congress encourages textbook publishers  
2     to provide students with the option of buying materials,  
3     such as (including but not limited to) textbooks, CD-ROMs,  
4     access to websites, and workbooks, “a la carte” or “unbundled.”

5           (2) Textbook publishers should work with faculty to  
6     understand the cost to students of purchasing the recommended  
7     textbook.

8           (3) College bookstores should work with faculty to  
9     review timelines and processes for ordering and stocking se-  
10    lected textbooks, and disclose textbook costs to faculty and  
11    students.

12          (4) Colleges and Universities should be encouraged to  
13    implement numerous options to address textbook affordability.