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## LEGISLATIVE ALERT: Open Educational Resources (HB 1358)

### Call for Letters of Support from Elementary, Secondary, College, and University Librarians

**SUMMARY:** House Bill (HB) 1358 calls for a legislative management study for the use of open educational resources in the elementary and secondary school system.

**BACKGROUND:** The bill is sponsored and co-sponsored by Representatives Thomas Beadle (R), Dick Anderson (R), Dennis Johnson (R), Mary Johnson (R), Mike Lefor (R), Cynthia Schreiber-Beck (R), and Senators Jonathan Casper (R) and Erin Oban (D).

The House overwhelmingly passed HB 1358 on February 9 by a vote of 79 to 12. The bill will now be sent over to the Senate for consideration at the end of next week on February 24.

Your NDLA legislative team has been in touch with Representative Beadle. We thanked him for his support and inquired if there was any consideration or discussion about including academic institutions into the study. Representative Beadle stated that there has not been any discussion of including academic institutions in the study, but that he would support their inclusion.

**CALL FOR ACTION:** Your NDLA legislative team is encouraging all elementary and high school librarians to submit letters of support for HB 1358. We are also strongly encouraging college and university librarians to also submit letters asking that academic institutions be included in this study.

All letters should be brief, printed, and personally signed, preferably on official library letterhead. Please send all letters via mail or email (scanned copies) to Christine Kujawa by **Friday, February 24**. Christine will present the letters of support during her testimony before the Senate committee.

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