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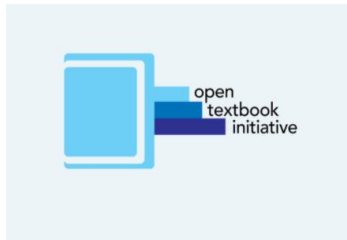
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A Statewide Challenge for Higher Education



September 2016, Gov.
Raimondo challenged us
to save:

\$5m over 5 yrs.

In textbook costs using
openly-licensed textbooks



\$3,857,300

Savings to date for college students in
Rhode Island



35,955

RI college students enrolled in courses
using Open Textbooks

Steering Committee

Who are we?



- Community of Practice
- Nurture the variety of campus cultures
- Partnerships

Steering Committee

Work to date



- Trainings
- Data collection
- Advanced the narrative from savings to **pedagogy**

How can we partner?



- Broader institutional support
- Shift our focus
 - Open for **Savings** (Phase 1)
 - Open for **Pedagogy** (Phase 2?)
- Professional development

Research Gaps

That would help scale efforts ...



Hewlett Foundation is particularly interested in studies that measure

How use of OER and/or participation in Open Pedagogy affect teaching and learning

How OER affects student success metrics for historically underserved populations

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