Impact on students of textbook expenses

Effects of using Open Ed Resources (OER)

Very large study, multiple institutions, thousands of students

Looked at:

- Course completion
- Final grades
- **Enrollment intensity**

Biggest difference: fewer withdrawals, more credit hours

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