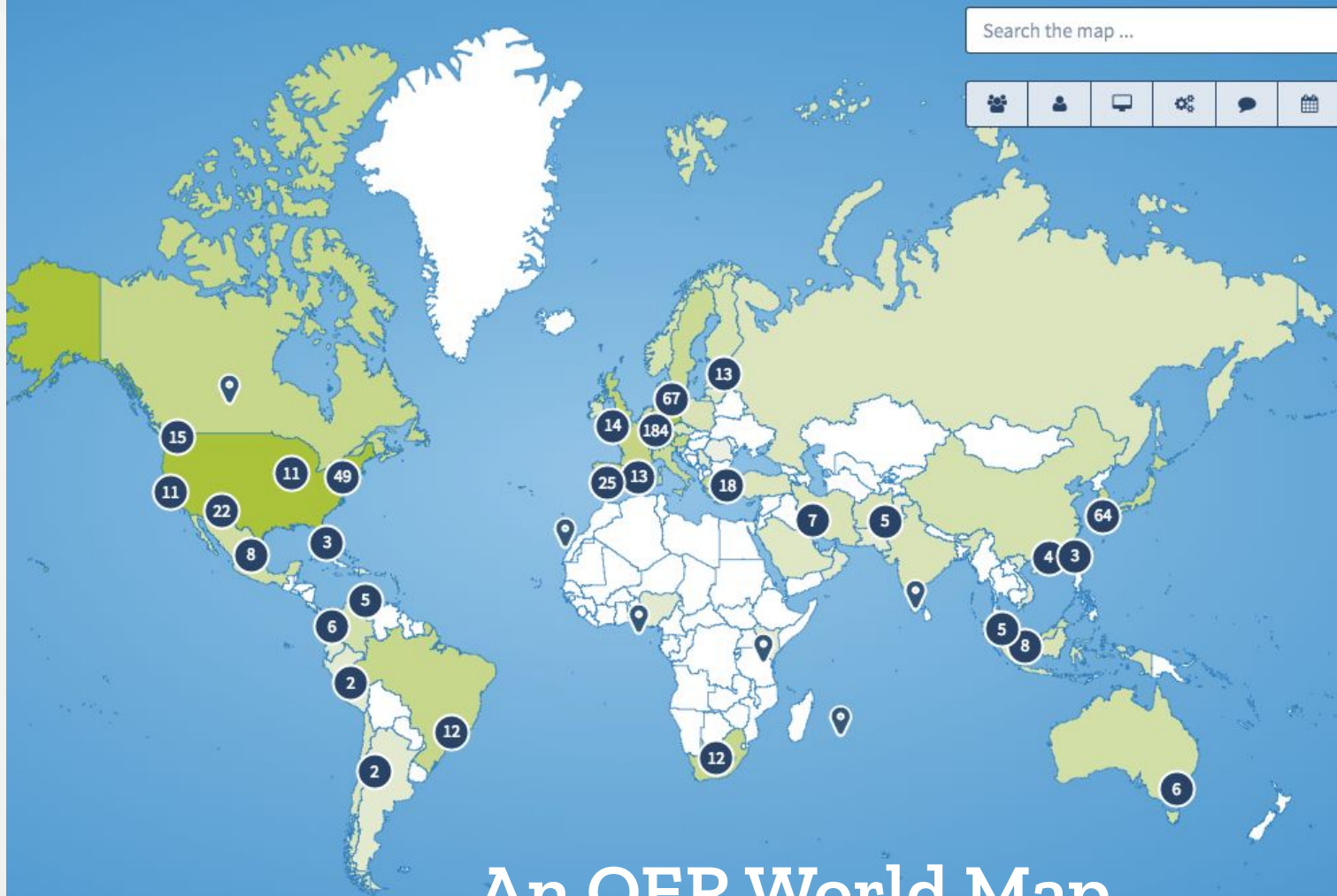# Open Education in Idaho

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  -Board Policy III.U.

An OER World Map

1.

Board Policy III.U.

Instructional Materials Access and Affordability

Instructional Materials Access and Affordability Plans

- Required Plan Elements
    - Resources and support for faculty to ensure reliable access to required course materials
    - Institutional policies and strategies to minimize material costs while maintaining quality
    - Professional Development for faculty in OER
    - Marking courses so students are aware of materials' very-low-to-no-cost or automatic billing
    - Strategies for OER in common-indexed courses

Instructional Materials Access and Affordability Plans

- Optional Plan Elements
  - Course marking process for all courses
  - Strategies and goals for using OER in all courses
  - Institutional policies that encourage faculty to be intentional in course material selection
  - Access and affordability efforts included in tenure & promotion processes

Instructional Materials Access and Affordability Plans

- Highlights from 2023 Institutional Reports
  - Development of systematic course-marking plans
  - Establishment of institution-wide committees to steer plans
  - Building of ZC and VLC pathways (Project Z Degree)
  - Significant increases in faculty support for course re-designs
  - Implementation of new institution-level policies
  - Data collection and creation of OER libraries
  - Identification of high impact courses

2.

Project Z-Degree

Implementation Update and Outlook

Project Z Degree Year 1 Results

⇨ 2022 Legislative appropriation ….**$1M**

⇨ Expenditures to date……………..**~$400K**

⇨ Z Degree Pathways developed….**11**

⇨ Number of courses impacted…....**290**

⇨ Number of students impacted…..**5,779**

⇨ Total savings in year one………...**$664K**

⇨ Spring '24 projected savings……**$325K**

Project Z Degree Year 1 Results

Community college students have saved over $650K in the first year
thanks to this investment

$2 have been saved by students for every $1 invested by the state of Idaho,
and savings increase every semester

3.
Annual Faculty OER Survey
2021–2023 Findings

Year-Over-Year

	'21	'22	'23
Faculty responses	445	334	499
Assigned online materials	92%	77%	80%
Assigned OER	38%	33%	37%
Have explored OER/P*	77%	57%	64%
Could pursue OER/P*	81%	62%	72%
Estimated students taught	~20k	~25k	~98k

*Open educational resources/practices