

1-1 By: Perez of El Paso, et al. H.B. No. 2853  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Blanco)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;  
1-4 May 21, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-5 Education K-16; May 25, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1;  
1-7 May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-9		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-10	Creighton	X			
1-11	Campbell	X			
1-12	Bettencourt	X			
1-13	Hagenbuch			X	
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-15	King	X			
1-16	Menéndez	X			
1-17	Middleton		X		
1-18	Parker	X			
1-19	Paxton	X			
1-20	West			X	

1-21 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2853 By: Bettencourt

1-22 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-23 AN ACT

1-24 relating to student union building fees at The University of Texas  
1-25 at El Paso.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 54.535(a), Education Code, is amended to  
1-28 read as follows:

1-29 (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System  
1-30 may levy a student union fee ~~[not to exceed \$30 per student for each~~  
1-31 ~~regular semester or each summer session of six weeks or more, and~~  
1-32 ~~not to exceed \$15 per student for each summer session of less than~~  
1-33 ~~six weeks,]~~ for the sole purpose of financing, constructing,  
1-34 operating, maintaining, and improving a student union building for  
1-35 The University of Texas at El Paso, including demolition of the  
1-36 existing student union building; provided, however, that the fee  
1-37 may not be increased to an amount that exceeds by at least 10  
1-38 percent the amount of the fee levied during the preceding academic  
1-39 year, ~~[above \$15 per student for each regular semester or each~~  
1-40 ~~summer session of six weeks or more and \$7.50 per student for each~~  
1-41 ~~summer session of less than six weeks]~~ unless the increase is  
1-42 approved by a majority vote of ~~[those]~~ students enrolled at the  
1-43 university participating in a general student election held for  
1-44 that purpose. A fee imposed under this section is ~~[The fees herein~~  
1-45 ~~authorized to be levied are]~~ in addition to any other ~~[use or~~  
1-46 ~~service]~~ fee the board is ~~[now or hereafter]~~ authorized by law to  
1-47 impose ~~[be levied]~~.

1-48 SECTION 2. Section 54.535, Education Code, as amended by  
1-49 this Act, applies beginning with student union fees collected for  
1-50 the 2026 spring semester.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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