

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Perez of El Paso, Moody,
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H.B. No. 2853

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to student union building fees at The University of Texas
at El Paso.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 54.535, Education Code, is amended by
amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and
(a-3) to read as follows:

(a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System
may levy a student union fee in an amount not to exceed \$150 [~~\$30~~]
per student for each semester or term of 10 [~~regular semester or~~
~~each summer session of six~~] weeks or more, and not to exceed \$75
[~~\$15~~] per student for any other semester or term [~~each summer~~
~~session of less than six weeks~~], for the sole purpose of financing,
constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student
union building for The University of Texas at El Paso, including
demolition of the existing student union building; provided,
however, that the fee may not be increased to an amount that exceeds
by at least 10 percent the amount of the fee levied during the
preceding academic year, [~~above \$15 per student for each regular~~
~~semester or each summer session of six weeks or more and \$7.50 per~~
~~student for each summer session of less than six weeks~~] unless the
increase is approved by a majority vote of [~~those~~] students
enrolled at the university participating in a general student
election held for that purpose. The fees herein authorized to be

levied are in addition to any use or service fee now or hereafter authorized to be levied.

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for a semester or term before the 2026 fall semester, the amount of a fee levied under this section may not exceed:

(1) \$70 per student for a semester or term of 10 weeks or more; or

(2) \$35 per student for a semester or term not described by Subdivision (1).

(a-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for a semester or term of the 2026-2027 academic year, the amount of a fee levied under this section may not exceed:

(1) \$120 per student for a semester or term of 10 weeks or more; or

(2) \$60 per student for a semester or term not described by Subdivision (1).

(a-3) Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) and this subsection expire September 1, 2027.

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

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

ADOPTED

MAY 27 2025

Lately Law
Secretary of the Senate

By: Blanco

H.B. No. 2853

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2853:

By: Paul Bellerose

C.S. H.B. No. 2853

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11 ~~than six weeks,]~~ for the sole purpose of financing, constructing,
12 operating, maintaining, and improving a student union building for
13 The University of Texas at El Paso, including demolition of the
14 existing student union building; provided, however, that the fee
15 may not be increased to an amount that exceeds by at least 10
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17 year, [~~above \$15 per student for each regular semester or each~~
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19 ~~summer session of less than six weeks]~~ unless the increase is
20 approved by a majority vote of [~~those~~] students enrolled at the
21 university participating in a general student election held for
22 that purpose. A fee imposed under this section is [~~The fees herein~~
23 ~~authorized to be levied are]~~ in addition to any other [~~use or~~
24 ~~service]~~ fee the board is [~~now or hereafter~~] authorized by law to

1 impose [~~be-levied~~].

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3 this Act, applies beginning with student union fees collected for
4 the 2026 spring semester.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 28, 2025

TO: Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2853 by Perez, Vincent (Relating to student union building fees at The University of Texas at El Paso.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would authorize the board of regents of The University of Texas System to increase the student union fee cap to \$150 per student for each semester or a term of ten weeks or more and \$75 for any other semester or term, for the sole purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student union building for The University of Texas at El Paso. Under provisions of the bill, lower amounts would be charged for the 2026 fall semester and 2026-27 academic year. The University of Texas System reports that the fee would generate \$0.9 million in additional revenue in fiscal year 2026, \$4.1 million in fiscal year 2027, and \$5.5 million in fiscal year 2028 and beyond. This fee revenue is classified as Institutional Funds and therefore does not impact the State.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

LBB Staff: JMc, SD, NC, GO, FV, LBO

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 23, 2025

TO: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Education K-16

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2853 by Perez, Vincent (relating to student union building fees at The University of Texas at El Paso.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 22, 2025

TO: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Education K-16

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2853 by Perez, Vincent (Relating to student union building fees at The University of Texas at El Paso.), **As Engrossed**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 7, 2025

TO: Honorable Terry M. Wilson, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2853** by Perez, Vincent (Relating to student union building fees at The University of Texas at El Paso.), **As Introduced**

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