

House Bill 2853
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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).

SENATE VERSION (CS)

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

(a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may levy a student union fee ~~[not to exceed \$30 per student for each regular semester or each summer session of six weeks or more, and not to exceed \$15 per student for 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. A fee imposed under this section is ~~[The fees herein authorized to be levied are]~~ in addition to any other [use or service] fee the board is [now or hereafter] authorized by law to impose ~~[be levied]~~.

CONFERENCE

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<p><u>(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:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$120 per student for a semester or term of 10 weeks or more; or</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$60 per student for a semester or term not described by Subdivision (1).</u></p> <p><u>(a-3) Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) and this subsection expire September 1, 2027.</u></p>		
<p>SECTION 2. Section 54.535, Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with student union fees collected for the 2026 spring semester.</p>	<p>SECTION 2. Same as House version.</p>	
<p>SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.</p>	<p>SECTION 3. Same as House version.</p>	