

## BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 2212  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

C.S.H.B. 2212 increases the cap on the student union fee from \$30 per student, per semester, to \$50 per student, per semester, if approved by a two-thirds vote of those students participating in a general student election.

### RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 54.535, Education Code, as follows:

Section 54.535. STUDENT UNION FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO. (a) Authorizes the maximum amount of the fee that may be charged per student for each regular semester or each summer session to be increased to an amount not to exceed \$50 if that maximum amount is approved by a two-thirds vote of those students participating in a general student election called at The University of Texas-El Paso (UTEP) for that purpose. Authorizes the election to be held at the same time as an election under Subsection (b) to increase the amount of the fee charged. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

(b) Authorizes the board of regents, subject to the limits provided by Subsection (a), to increase the student union fee charged to a student in order to provide sufficient funds to support the operation of the student union building. Prohibits the student union fee from being increased from one academic year to the next by more than \$3 per student for a regular semester or summer session of six weeks or more, or by more than \$1.50 per student for a summer session of less than six weeks, unless the increase is approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a general student election called at UTEP for that purpose.

(c) Provides that a student union fee imposed under this section is in addition to any other fee the board of regents is authorized by law to impose and is prohibited from being considered in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may be imposed under Section 54.503 (Student Services Fees). Deletes existing text relating to the UTEP student union fee account.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective to the 2005 fall semester.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.