

SUBJECT: Increasing the international education fee at UT-Austin

COMMITTEE: Higher Education — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 7 ayes — Rangel, Solis, Cuellar, Dunnam, Kamel, Rabuck, E. Reyna
0 nays
1 absent — Bailey

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, May 2 — voice vote (Carona and Fraser registered present, not voting)

WITNESSES: For — None
Against — None
On — Lisa Henken; Richard W. Lariviere; Marlen Whitley; James W. Vick

BACKGROUND : The University of Texas System Board of Regents may charge students registered at the University of Texas at Austin a \$1 fee per semester or term to support international student exchange and study programs.

DIGEST: SB 1808 would allow the board of regents to increase the international education fee charged per term to \$2, if approved in a student referendum. The board could raise the fee to as high as \$4, upon student approval. The change would apply beginning with the fall semester of 1997.

SB 1808 would take immediate effect if finally approved by a record two-thirds vote of the membership in each house.