

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

S.B. 562
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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law regulates student fees charged by Texas Tech University. The maintenance, operation and improvement of the Texas Tech University Center is funded through a student fee, which is legislatively capped at \$50 for each regular semester and \$25 for each summer session. S.B. 562 increases student fees charged by Texas Tech University for operating, maintaining, and improving the University Center.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 562 increases student fees charged by Texas Tech University for operating, maintaining, and improving the University Center.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 54.524(a), Education Code, to authorize the board of regents of Texas Tech University to levy a regular fixed student fee not to exceed \$75, rather than \$50, per student for each semester of the long session and not to exceed \$37.50, rather than \$25, per student for each term of the summer session, or any fractional part thereof, as may in their discretion be just and necessary for the sole purpose of operating, maintaining, and improving the University Center.

SECTION 2 Provides that this Act applies beginning with the fall semester of 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.