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We cannot believe that the government will move away from the principle of free education, one of the cornerstones of Norwegian education, says Abbas Sharif, leader of ISU. The government has deliberately gone against Parliament. Free higher education is one of the main competitive advantages and helps to attract international students with high competence to Norwegian higher education.

In Finland, there has been a similar pilot project since 2010, but there have been many institutions that have stopped tuition fees when they learned that the bureaucratic costs were too high.

- Firstly, international students must pay for the government's cuts. Second, the experience of European a domino effect, where tuition fees for international students is the first step towards tuition fees for all. The proposal therefore threatens all students, says Abbas Sharif. In the last budget negotiations Parliament voted against the proposal to introduce tuition fees, with the Venstre (Liberal Party) and the KrF (Christian Democratic Party) in the lead. ISU is proud that a united Parliament voted against making education a commodity and hopes that the government's proposal meets the same opposition this year.



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