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Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2022



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Livelihood and Skills Training Center for women in the Island of Dinagat, province of Surigao del Norte, to cater the needs of its seven (7) municipalities within the island, to be known as the "Dinagat Island Livelihood and Skills Training Center", with its main office at San Jose, Surigao del Norte.

Section 14, Article II, of the Constitution, provides that *"the state recognizes the role of women in nation-building and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men"*. Pursuant thereto, certain laws passed during the previous Congresses have addressed some concerns relating to women to implement the aforesaid Constitutional provision, like those in Section 2 (1) of Republic Act No. 7192, otherwise known as the "Women In Nation Building Act", which provides that "The State recognizes the role of women in nation building and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men. The State shall provide women rights and opportunities equal to that of men."

Despite such, however, there is still the need to further strengthen the role of women in society, so that women can better contribute to our society in the same manner that we have always sought ways to upgrade the skills of our labor force to meet the ever changing demands of technology.

One way of attaining this end is to provide for a venue for the convergence of women in the island where the exchange of ideas can be made and where women can further develop their skills, especially where women have a skills advantage over men. This is evidenced by the fact that in certain industries, women are far more productive than men such as in the electronic industries where the daintiness and adeptness of the women's hands are better than the brute strength of men's hands.

The center shall address the need to formulate plans and device mechanisms that will protect the rights and privileges of women as well as provide them with opportunities to acquire skills for more productive endeavors.

In view of its importance, passage of this bill is, therefore, highly recommended.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF A WOMEN'S CENTER IN THE ISLAND OF
DINAGAT, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Women's Center in the Island of Dinagat, Province of Surigao del Norte, to be known as the "Dinagat Island Women's Center", with main office address at the municipality of San Jose.

SEC. 2. The Livelihood and Skills Training Center shall provide the venue for continuous skills training for women in the field of handicrafts, food processing, sewing, and other home industries; electronics assembly, technical and related-fields; provide for credit facilities and access to soft loans for those who finished the skills training courses;

provide para-legal assistance and counseling to victims of domestic violence and women in crisis.

SEC. 3. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, in coordination with the local government units concerned, shall issue the necessary rules, policies, regulations and guidelines for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Social Welfare and Development under the General Appropriations Act, during the year following its enactment. Thereafter, such sums as are necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,