

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Diliman, Quezon City



HOUSE BILL NO. 4612

Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Per Section 15 of RA 7796, otherwise known as the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Act of 1994 (TESDA Act), six (6) TESDA Provincial Offices each headed by a Skill Development Officer were established to serve the needs of the seven (7) component units of the Cordillera Administrative Region. The City of Baguio, the seventh component unit of the CAR, was not accorded a full time office like those of the other six (6) component units. To service the needs of the City's inhabitants, the Benguet Provincial TESDA office had an extension office established in Baguio City and under the jurisdictional authority of the Benguet Provincial Skill Development Officer.

In the light of this situation, there is a felt need among the people of Baguio to ask for a distinct TESDA City Office, separated from the Benguet Office. Hence, this legislative action.

The major reason of the people to ask for the separation from Benguet and to have a distinct office of its own stems from the fact that, for the most part, the needs and problems of Baguio City that require solutions through technical and vocational skills development are far different from Benguet Province's needs and problems that require also different skills to meet said needs and problems.

To understand this statement, we have to consider this from three angles – the socio-cultural aspect, the socio-economic side, and the management point of view.

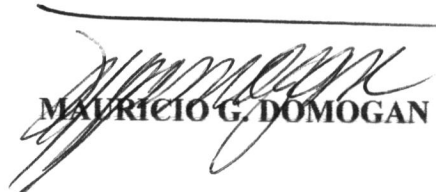
Baguio City's population of an average of about 350,000, more or less, is a conglomerate of multi-ethnolinguistical groups with multi-cultural ideas and attitudes – Ilocanos, Tagalogs, Pangasinenses, Kapampangans, Visayans, Cordilleran Ifugaos, Bontocs, Kalingas, Bagos, Kallanguyas, Ibalois and Kankanaeys – and who, throughout

the decades have merged to produce a distinct and unique Baguio ethos they are proud of. Benguet with a population of about 250,000 has for the majority Ibalois and Kankanaeys. The cultural mind sets and interests of Baguioites generally differ from those of Benguet and these differing mind sets and interests affect their needs for particular skills and technologies to attain a comfortable and decent way of life.

This becomes clearer if we look at the socio-economic angle. The emphasis of the City of Baguio, on the one hand, is much biased towards the promotion of Tourism, on small scale industry, mechanical and technical works, on the retail trade, and on the housing needs of the thousands of students who come up to Baguio for their tertiary education. The development of technical and vocational skills has to cater to these needs. On the other hand, Benguet centers its socio-economic activities on the vegetable industries, mining, and water resources production. The technical and vocational skills development have to cater to these.

A more compelling reason lies in the fact that management-wise, the programs and activities for technical assistance, for effective supervision, for effective coordination, for effective integration and for effective monitoring of the technical-vocational education and training programs have to be decentralized to meet the particular needs of the people of the City of Baguio. Baguio City must be given the chance to manage its own TESDA affairs.

In view of the above reasons, approval of this bill is urgently sought.



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AN ACT CREATING THE BAGUIO CITY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) OFFICE EQUIVALENT TO A PROVINCIAL TESDA OFFICE AS PER PROVISION OF SECTION 15 OF RA 7796, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Baguio City TESDA ACT of 2005”.

SEC. 2. Creation of a City TESDA office. – The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority shall establish in the City of Baguio a TESDA City Office equivalent to a TESDA Provincial Office to be headed by a Skill Development Officer with rank and emolument of Director III. The office shall operate as per requirements of Sec. 15 of RA 7796, otherwise known as the TESDA Law of 1994.

SEC. 3. Budget. – The TESDA shall include in its annual budget the financial requirements necessary for the continuous existence and maintenance of this said TESDA City Office.

SEC. 4. All laws, Presidential Decrees, Executive Orders, Presidential Proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed of modified accordingly.

Sec. 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect upon fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,