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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2724



Introduced by **HON. RONALD M. COSALAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Tublay School of Home Industries Extension (Tublay Extension) in Barangay Tublay Central, Municipality of Tublay in Benguet was established in 1983 through the initiative of the late Vocational School Administrator Suelto Tello and supported by the municipal government of Tublay headed by Mayor Victor Cosalan. It is an annex of the Tublay School of Home Industries (Main) located in the Barangay Acop, Caponga, also in Tublay, Benguet, which is twelve (12) kilometers away. Aside from these two schools, there is no other private secondary school in the area.

Tublay Extension is situated at the center of several barangays with its own elementary schools, namely Ambongdolan, Baayan, Basil, Tublay Central and Barangay Caliking in the Municipality of Atok. Aside from students from these barangays, it also serves students from Barangay Datakan, Municipality of Kapangan and Barangay Triple B, Municipality of Sablan. Other students from Nueva Viscaya and other provinces also go there because of its rural way of life and because they have relatives in Tublay who can take them in.

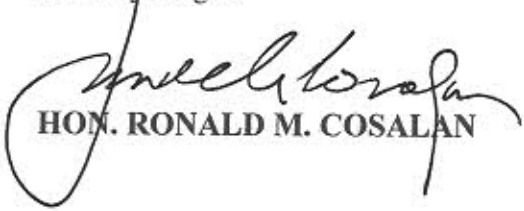
Since the area is mostly mountainous, Tublay Extension is not easy to reach. Students travel to the school (Tublay Extension) by taking a public jeepney until the Tublay Central Junction or Tublay Gate and then walk 20 minutes down a provincial road.

Residents of Tublay Central are mostly indigenous peoples, Igorots, Ilocanos, Kankanaeys, Ibalois and Kalanguyas. Most families still live on farming and could not afford to send their children to school in the city like Tublay Main. In contrast, Acop, Caponga is highly urbanized.

At present, Tublay Extension is a Technical-Vocational School, implementing the Strengthened Technical Vocational Education-Competency Based Curriculum (STVE-CBC). It only has ten faculty members and 208 enrollees.

Hence, it is necessary to convert Tublay Extension into a separate and independent national high school. The conversion would make free and quality education accessible to several depressed and disadvantaged barangays in Tublay, Benguet. The intention is to increase the participation and graduation rates in these barangays with the establishment of a national high school nearer their residence. The local government strongly endorse this move and proposes to name the school as Tublay National Trade High School.

It is for these reasons that support for and prompt passage of this proposed bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT SEPARATING THE TUBLAY SCHOOL OF HOME INDUSTRIES
EXTENSION, IN THE BARANGAY TUBLAY CENTRAL, MUNICIPALITY
OF TUBLAY, PROVINCE OF BENGUET FROM THE TUBLAY SCHOOL OF
HOME INDUSTRIES MAIN, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TUBLAY NATIONAL
TRADE HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.* The Tublay School of Home Industries Extension in Barangay Tublay Central, Municipality of Tublay, Province of Benguet, is hereby separated from the Tublay School of Home Industries Main and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Tublay National Trade High School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Tublay School of Home Industries Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by Tublay National Trade High School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Tublay National Trade High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Tublay School of Home Industries Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,