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HOUSE BILL NO. **4045**

Introduced by Honorable Benhur L. Salimbangon

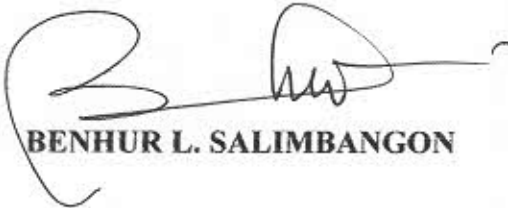


EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a community college in the Island of Bantayan to be known as Bantayan Community College to be located in the Municipality of Bantayan, 4th District of Cebu. This seeks to implement the guarantee in the Constitution which mandates the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality, accessible, and affordable education to all.

The island of Bantayan is composed of three (3) municipalities, namely: Bantayan, Madridejos, and Sta. Fe. The combined number of graduates from all the high schools from these 3 municipalities is at an average of 1,200 per year. These students come from families that mostly depend on fishing for income. Considering that there is only one public higher educational institution in the island which has a very limited resources, parents are forced to enroll their children in the private schools where the cost of education is at a much higher price. The envisioned community college will therefore accommodate our poor but deserving students whose ambition of obtaining a diploma is greatly hindered by financial constraints. This college will enable our youth to finish their studies in a much more affordable and accessible way.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERFOR**

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

Section 1. There shall be established, under the joint supervision of the Commission on Higher Education and the Municipality of Bantayan, a community college in Bantayan Island to be known as Bantayan Community College and which shall be located in the Municipality of Bantayan, 4th District, Cebu.

Section 2. The Commission on Higher Education shall immediately include in their program the operationalization of the Bantayan Community College, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Commission on Higher Education. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. The Commission on Higher Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,