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House Bill No. 4585



Introduced by Representative Guillermo A. Romarate, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 2(4) of the 1987 Constitution mandates that the *"The State shall encourage formal and non-formal, and indigenous learning systems, as well as self-learning, independent and out-of-school programs particularly those that respond to community needs."* While the State accords much emphasis on formal and, of late, non-formal education, little headway was gained in the introduction and institutionalization of indigenous learning system throughout the country.

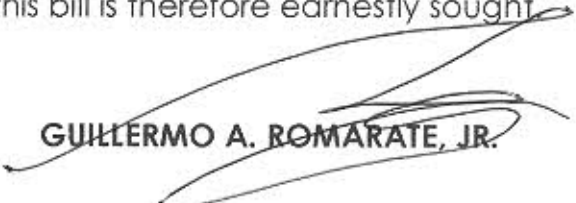
~~The Second District of Surigao del Norte~~ traces its history to the ancestral ways and customs of the Mamanwa tribe and pockets of other cultural minorities. At present, large population of Mamanwas are nestled in the mining municipalities of Surigao del Norte making them beneficiaries of mining royalty payments which are in turn utilized for their socio-economic sustenance. ~~it is unfortunate to note however that~~ almost all members of the Mamanwa tribes are still unable to gain access to adequate training and ample education as would make them competitive in seeking means of employment and making them fit for other forms of livelihood.

The educational disparity has its roots in the lack of access and mobility of the Mamanwa tribes to learning and training centers. The Constitution may be explicit in this regard but the LGUs cannot do more as they lack the needed political and financial capability to construct ~~schools and training centers to cater primarily to the IPs of Surigao del Norte.~~

The Constitutional fiat can only be fulfilled if we commit to deliver the needed logistical support directly to the IPs. For the Second District of Surigao del Norte, the empowerment of the IPs through education and practical training can be best achieved by the establishment of a learning and training center in the strategic Municipality of Tubod.

The bill seeks to gather the resources and expertise of the NCIP, TESDA and the Municipality of Tubod to put up an Indigenous Training Center where the Mamanwas and other IPs can hone their knowledge and skills for their own personal development and for the good of their respective communities.

The expeditious passage of this bill is therefore earnestly sought


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS TRAINING
CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND OFR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, through the Technical
Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) jointly with the
National Commission on Indigenous People's Commission (NCIP), an
indigenous training and learning center in the Municipality of Tubod,
Surigao del Norte.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act
shall be charged against the appropriation for TESDA and NCIP under
the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may
be necessary for its maintenance shall provided for by the National
Government.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,