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House Bill No. **5459**



Introduced by Representative Rodel M. Batocabe

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to require state universities and colleges to prepare and implement a land use development and infrastructure plan, which includes the construction of dormitories for students and housing sites for employees.

The land use development and infrastructure plan is envisioned to utilize idle lands and assets within the compound of the state university or college. It must include a site specifically intended for dormitories for students and housing sites for employees.

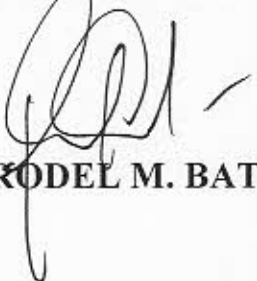
The proposed bill addresses the constitutional mandate that the State must give priority to education, which is relevant to the needs of the people and society. This bill aims to provide an effective land use and development plan of state universities and colleges to optimize resource utilization and maximize resource generation for, but not limited to, dormitories for students and housing sites for employees.

Students of state universities and colleges come from remote areas, neighboring cities and municipalities and some from different parts of the country. It is also observed that some students, especially from poor families, drop out from school because they cannot afford to pay for the high cost of

board and lodging near the school or university. In order to ensure their well-being and continuing education, it is important to provide them with decent living quarters or dormitories.

On the other hand, the faculty and staff of schools should also be assisted by providing housing units for their families while they are employed in the state university or college. This added benefit will guarantee the quality of education the faculty gives to their students. Travel time will also be lessened and prompt administration of school matters will be effectively delivered by its employees.

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



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1 b) Inventory of all existing buildings, facilities and other infrastructure
2 within the compound or area occupied by the state university or college;

3 c) Detailed geographical description and survey of the site intended for
4 dormitories for students and housing sites for employees including estimated cost of
5 construction; and

6 d) Design and estimated cost of construction, operation, maintenance of
7 other infrastructure needs of the educational institution.

8 e) Financial plan, which may include among others, feasibility studies,
9 sources of funding, income, loans, public-private partnerships and other financial
10 schemes and/or arrangements.

11 SEC. 3. The state university or college may seek assistance and cooperation
12 from other government offices or agencies in drawing up the land use development
13 and infrastructure plan. For this purpose, all government departments, agencies and
14 instrumentalities are hereby instructed to extend all possible assistance and
15 cooperation to any state university or college in the preparation of its land use
16 development and infrastructure plan.

17 SEC. 4. The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education shall, in
18 coordination with the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, promulgate the
19 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

20 SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances
21 or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
22 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

23 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
24 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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26 Approved,

