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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6724**

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to change the name of Lupon School of Fisheries in Lupon, Davao Oriental, to Davao Oriental Polytechnic Institute (DOPI).

The Lupon School of Fisheries (LSF) which was established in 1982 by virtue of Batas Pambansa Blg. 289 is the only public technical vocational institution in Davao Oriental. It provides quality technical vocational education and skills enhancement to students who are not able to pursue their college degree courses. LSF is considered one of the Centers of Excellence in Mindanao in the field of aquaculture. Since its formal turn-over to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), there has been a burgeoning convergence of enrollees from neighboring towns. LSF has become a center of vocational education not only in the field of fishery but also in other courses identified under the key employment generators.

The LSF was a recipient of the Republic of Germany's Expansion and Dual Training and Education (EDET) Project aimed to help provide adequate funding for the improvement of its facilities and the capability-building programs for its personnel. In 2016, the LSF has passed the assessment and validation requirements undertaken by the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) in response to the APACC's continuing efforts in helping TESDA schools achieve quality through accreditation and certification and the first in the Philippines to be awarded with GOLD Accreditation.

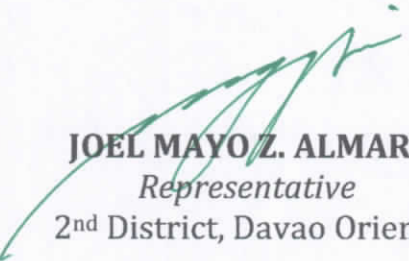
Now, LSF is functioning as an institute of technology catering to all kinds of students: fresh high school graduates, out-of-school youth, underemployed adults, career shifters, farmers and household mothers who desire to obtain technical vocational education and trainings. Aside from agri-fishery courses, LSF is now offering 21 competency-based qualifications such as tourism services, metal and engineering, information and communication technology, electronics, land transportation, health, social and other related

community development services, heating ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration, and food and beverage processing.

With the expansion of its programs, LSF is now offering Diploma Courses in line with the Level 5 requirement of EO 83 series of 2012 other than agri-fishery related courses. It is deemed timely and relevant to change the name of LSF to Davao Oriental Polytechnic Institute (DOPI) which will still be under the administration of TESDA. The proposed change name will reflect that LFS offers not only fishery courses but many other TESDA vocational and higher qualification courses. Likewise, it will enable the institute to promote and expand not only its fishery curriculum programs but also other vocational and higher qualification courses which are in demand in the local and international market.

Further, the proposed change will help strengthen the capabilities of human resources in agri-fisheries and competency-based qualifications not only in Davao Oriental but also regionwide, with emphasis on the 21st Century Skills.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF LUPON SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN LUPON,
DAVAO ORIENTAL, INTO THE DAVAO ORIENTAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The name of Lupon School of Fisheries being administered by
2 the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority in Lupon, Davao Oriental,
3 is hereby changed to Davao Oriental Polytechnic Institute (DOPI).

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6 **SECTION 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
7 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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9 *Approved.*
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