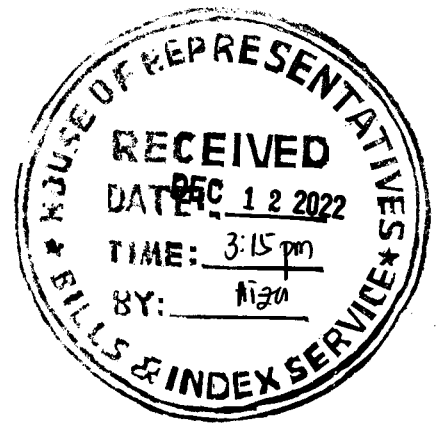


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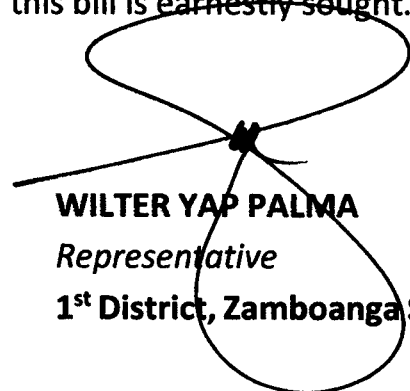
EXPLANATORY NOTE

As mandated in Section 1. Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution which states that “The state shall protect and promote the right of all the citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all”, it is vital that we continue to promote quality and accessible education for all. Coeval, the Western Mindanao State University – Diplahan (ESU) has served as the embodiment of the mandate by the constitution by promoting sustainable growth within the region by producing remarkable individuals who are well versed within their chosen fields especially within the face of the **Increasingly Competitive Global Economy**.

Having served as a pillar for accessible and quality education within the region, the WMSU-DIPLAHAN (ESU) upon its incipience has created a generation of youth who would be on par with national and international standards on employment which has proven to be of aid towards the successful rise of the economic and socio-economic standing of the region. However, despite this success, the WMSU-DIPLAHAN is still continuously being accosted by various issues which have greatly affected their capability to provide for the youth within the region. Being at the mercy of the WMSU-Main campus, the WMSU-Diplahan (ESU) was plagued with budgetary concerns which hindered their capability of paying the salaries of its contractual faculty and staff as well as their capability of procuring modern day teaching materials.

As such, it is clear that there is a pressing need for providing the WMSU-DIPLAHAN Campus with **FISCAL AUTONOMY** through a grant of a separate **KEY BUDGETARY INCLUSION** which would enable them to deliver maximum transformational impact not only to the citizens of Zamboanga Sibugay but also the entirety of Region IX. Furthermore, by providing them with the necessary funding through their very own budget for Personnel Services, Maintenance, and Other Operating Expenses as well as Capital Outlay, this shall lead to the immediate itemization of their hired faculty and staff as well as the financial freedom to procure all of the necessary equipment that would enable them to continue to be a vital educational pillar for the entirety of Region IX.

In light of this, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



WILTER YAP PALMA
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AN ACT

**CHANGING THE NAME OF THE WESTERN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY
DIPLAHAN CAMPUS (EXTERNAL STUDY UNIT) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
DIPLAHAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY TO WESTERN MINDANAO
STATE UNIVERSITY – DIPLAHAN, PROVIDING FOR ITS FISCAL AUTONOMY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** – The Western Mindanao State University Diplahan Campus (External
2 Study Unit) in the Municipality of Diplahan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay is
3 hereby renamed as the Western Mindanao State University – Diplahan (WMSU-
4 DIPLAHAN), providing for its full fiscal autonomy.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** – The WMSU-DIPLAHAN, as a full autonomous campus, with fiscal
6 autonomy grant, shall provide programs for the continuous development of their
7 arts and science programs.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** – All properties, funds, personnel, assets, liabilities, and records of the
9 Western Mindanao State University Diplahan Campus (ESU) shall be transferred
10 effectively to the name and custody of Western Mindanao State University-
11 Diplahan. This process of turnover shall be led by the University Heads and
12 supervised by the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office IX.

13 **SECTION 4. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the full implementation of
14 this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the
15 Commission on Higher Education. Thereafter, such sums as may be deemed
16 necessary for the continuous operation of the WMSU-Diplahan Campus shall be
17 included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

18 **SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the
19 effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Higher Education in coordination with the
20 Office of the Chancellor and the Board of Regents of the Western Mindanao State
21 University – Diplahan, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the
22 full implementation of this Act.

23 **SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision, section, or part of this Act shall
24 be deemed as unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect, invalidate,
25 or impair the other provisions, sections or parts hereof.

26 **SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – All other laws, rules and regulations, orders,
27 circulars, or issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions
28 of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

29 **SECTION 8. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
30 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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32 *Approved,*