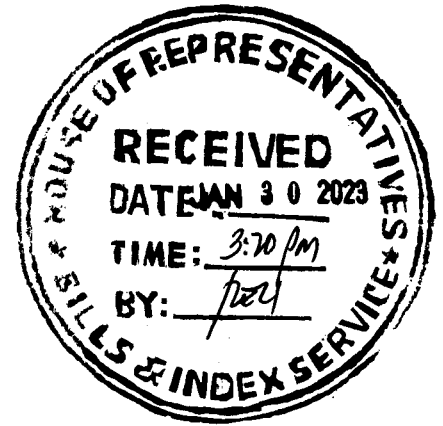


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6973



INTRODUCED BY **Representative CHING B. BERNOS**

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TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP – ABRA CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) is governed by Republic Act Number 8292 known as the Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations contained in the Commission on Higher Education Memorandum Circular No. 4, series 1997. PUP is one of the country's highly competent educational institutions, consistently ranking high in board and licensure examinations. PUP graduates are among the most in-demand graduates for companies, occupying a large percentage of industry employees in the country.

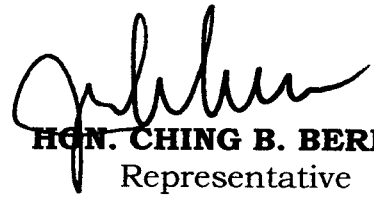
PUP has three (3) campuses collectively known as PUP Santa Mesa and has twenty-two (22) branches and satellite campuses across the country. It is a conspicuous thing to note, however, that PUP has no presence in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Abra is currently home to one state university – the University of Abra, which caters to Abreños wanting to flourish in the fields of agriculture, forestry, and industrial technology. Opening another campus in Abra will not only open courses in PUP's strongest suits in business and management, engineering, science and

technology, and government and public service, but will also give opportunities to practitioners who wish to impart their knowledge in these fields as instructors, professors, and administrators. Furthermore, students will then not leave the comfort of the Province's confines as they have multiple institutions to choose from as they pursue their careers in Abra, whatever course they choose. PUP, on the other hand, will gain a foothold in the Solid North as it may look to expand its programs across the country.

In sum, establishment of the PUP – Abra Campus will serve underprivileged individuals and families who look up at education as a great social mobility instrument.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “PUP – Abra Campus Act”.

2 **SEC. 2.** There is hereby established a campus of the Polytechnic University
3 of the Philippines (PUP), hereinafter referred to as the University, in the Municipality
4 of La Paz, Province of Abra, to be known as the PUP – Abra Campus.

5 **SEC. 3.** The PUP – Abra Campus shall primarily provide short-term technical-
6 vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency
7 and specialization, pursuant to its mandate, and according to the Board of Regents,
8 hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human
9 resources development needs of the Province of Abra and of the entire Cordillera
10 Administrative Region.

11 The PUP – Abra Campus is also mandated to undertake research
12 and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas,

1 including the offering of graduate degrees through open distance learning under the
2 PUP Open University System.

3 **SEC. 4.** The PUP – Abra Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator
4 who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed or designated by the Board
5 upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of the
6 University. Such appointment or designation shall be subject to the guidelines,
7 qualifications and standards set by the Board.

8 **SEC. 5.** The establishment of the PUP – Abra Campus shall ensure that the
9 minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied
10 with, as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

11 **SEC. 6.** All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the PUP –
12 Abra Campus, as well as liabilities and obligations, are hereby transferred to the
13 University. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and
14 personnel employed at the PUP – Abra Campus under existing laws prior to the
15 integration to the University shall be respected.

16 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the PUP – Abra
17 Campus are hereby declared to be the property of the University and shall be titled
18 under that name: *Provided*, That should the University cease to exist or be abolished
19 or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the
20 University, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to
21 the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

22 **SEC. 7.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the
23 “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form an integral part of this
24 Act, and together, shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

25 **SEC. 8.** All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and
26 limitations to state universities and its officials under existing laws shall be deemed
27 granted to or imposed upon the University and its officials, whenever appropriate.

28 **SEC. 9.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
29 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 **SEC. 10.** If, for any reason, any part or provisions of this Act is declared
2 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall
3 remain in full force and effect.

4 **SEC. 11.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules, and
5 regulations contrary to or inconsistent Frith the provisions of this Act are hereby
6 repealed or modified accordingly.

7 **SEC. 12.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
8 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,