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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **8578**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than the 1987 Constitution directs the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

In pursuit of this mandate, Congress enacted in 2017 Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11033 which converted the Davao Oriental State College of Science and Technology in the City of Mati, including all its existing satellite campuses, into a state university to be known as the Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU). R.A. No. 11033 mandated DOrSU to provide advance education, higher technological, professional instruction and training in the fields of education, agricultural technology, agribusiness management, business administration, industrial technology, arts and sciences, health sciences, information technology, engineering and other relevant fields of study; undertake research, extension services; and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

The present bill, which establishes DOrSU satellite campuses in the municipalities of Baganga, Cateel, and Tarragona in Davao Oriental that will primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate and graduate courses within their respective areas of competency and specialization, is anchored on DOrSU's general mandate to provide quality tertiary education in several fields of study. The establishment of satellite campuses will allow DOrSU to reach and accommodate more students and provide students quality tertiary education without having to travel or commute daily to the main campus and without having to live away

from their families.

The creation of satellite campuses will also encourage specialization in different fields of competency which will, in turn, nurture a dynamic research environment within DOrSU that can then translate into concrete data and solutions that can and will contribute to the advancement of Philippine society in general. Finally, students will also be given the opportunity to receive more focused and hands-on training from the faculty members and mentors of their specific satellite campus.

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



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1 **AN ACT ESTABLISHING SATELLITE CAMPUSES OF THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE**
2 **UNIVERSITY (DORSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BAGANGA, CATEEL AND**
3 **TARRAGONA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, TO BE KNOWN RESPECTIVELY**
4 **AS DORSU-BAGANGA CAMPUS, DORSU-CATEEL CAMPUS, AND DORSU-**
5 **TARRAGONA CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

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10 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “Davao Oriental State University
11 (DOrSU) – Baganga, Cateel, and Tarragona Campuses Act.”

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13 **SECTION 2.** There are hereby established campuses of the Davao Oriental
14 State University (DOrSU), hereinafter referred to as the University, in the
15 Municipalities of Baganga, Cateel, and Tarragona to be known as the DOrSU-Baganga
16 Campus, DOrSU-Cateel Campus, and DOrSU-Tarragona Campus.

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18 **SECTION 3.** The DOrSU-Baganga Campus, DOrSU-Cateel Campus, and DOrSU-
19 Tarragona Campus shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational,
20 undergraduate and graduate course within their respective areas of competency and
21 specialization pursuant to the mandate of the University, and according to their
22 capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem
23 necessary for the accomplishment of the objectives of the University, and those which

1 respond to the human resources development needs of the Province of Davao
2 Oriental and Region XI.

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4 The DOrSU-Baganga Campus, DOrSU-Cateel Campus, and DOrSU-Tarragona
5 Campus are also mandated to undertake research, extension, and production
6 services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

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8 **SECTION 4.** The DOrSU-Baganga Campus, DOrSU-Cateel Campus, and DOrSU-
9 Tarragona Campus shall each be headed by a Campus Chancellor who shall render
10 full-time service and shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the
11 recommendation of the search committee and the President of the University. Such
12 appointment or designation shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and
13 standards set by the Board.

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15 **SECTION 5.** The DOrSU-Baganga Campus, DOrSU-Cateel Campus, and DOrSU-
16 Tarragona Campus shall comply with the minimum requirements for their operation
17 and program offerings, as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education.

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19 **SECTION 6.** All assets, real and personal, personnel and records of the DOrSU-
20 Baganga Campus, DOrSU-Cateel Campus, and DOrSU-Tarragona Campus as well as
21 liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the University. The positions, rights
22 and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed at the DOrSU-
23 Baganga Campus, DOrSU-Cateel Campus, and DOrSU-Tarragona Campus under
24 existing laws prior to the integration to the Davao Oriental State University shall be
25 respected.

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27 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the DOrSU-
28 Baganga Campus, DOrSU-Cateel Campus, and DOrSU-Tarragona Campus are hereby
29 declared to be the property of the Davao Oriental State University and shall be titled
30 under that name: *Provided*, That should the university cease to exist or be abolished,
31 or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the University,
32 the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the
33 Philippines, as the case may be.

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35 **SECTION 7.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the
36 "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997," and Republic Act No. 11033,

1 otherwise known as "An Act Converting the Davao Oriental State College of Science
2 and Technology in the City of Mati and All its Satellite Campuses located in the
3 Province of Davao Oriental into a State University to be known as the Davao Oriental
4 State University, and Appropriating Funds Therefor," including its Implementing
5 Rules and Regulations (IRR), shall form part of this Act, and together, shall serve as
6 the governing charters of the University.

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8 **SECTION 8.** All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and
9 limitations to state universities and their officials under existing laws shall be deemed
10 granted to or imposed upon the University and its officials, whenever appropriate.

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12 **SECTION 9.** The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall
13 be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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15 **SECTION 10.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared
16 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall
17 remain in full force and effect.

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19 **SECTION 11.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and
20 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or
21 modified accordingly.

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23 **SECTION 12.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
24 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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26 *Approved.*