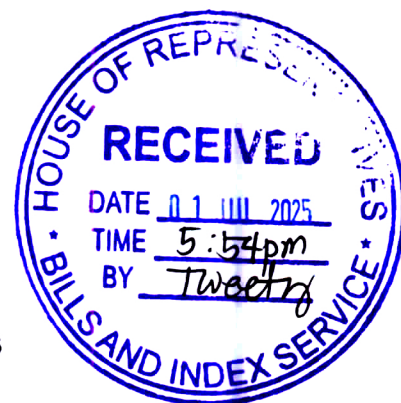


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill. No. 978

BY REPRESENTATIVE SUN J. SHIMURA

AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABUELAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Cebu Technological University (CTU) is a cornerstone institution for providing accessible and quality technical and professional education across the Province of Cebu and the Central Visayas Region. Its extension campus in the Municipality of Tabuelan has been instrumental in extending higher education opportunities to the local populace.

The Municipality of Tabuelan is a 4th Class Municipality with a total population of 2020 as of the 2020 Philippine Population Census with over 12 barangays.

This Bill proposes the conversion of the CTU extension campus in Tabuelan, Province of Cebu, into a regular campus, to be designated as the "CTU-Tabuelan Campus". This conversion represents a significant stride towards enhancing the accessibility and elevating the standard of higher education within Tabuelan and its adjacent communities.

The establishment of a regular campus will grant the CTU-Tabuelan Campus greater autonomy in its academic and administrative operations, allowing it to more effectively address the specific educational and socio-economic requirements of the municipality. The campus is intended to primarily offer undergraduate and graduate courses in a diverse array of fields, including education, tourism, science and technology, information technology, agriculture, forestry, environmental science, livelihood technology education, public safety, and water and coastal management. A key focus will be on programs that specifically bolster Tabuelan's local aquaculture, fisheries, and agricultural development needs, thereby directly contributing to the local economy and sustainable development efforts.

Moreover, the CTU-Tabuelan Campus will be mandated to conduct essential research and extension services aimed at supporting regional

socioeconomic development and providing progressive leadership in its specialized areas. Attaining regular campus status will enable the institution to fully develop its infrastructure, broaden its academic programs, and secure the dedicated funding necessary for its long-term operation and growth.

The Bill also ensures a seamless transition for existing personnel, safeguarding their positions, rights, and security of tenure. All assets, both real and personal properties, personnel, and records currently associated with the extension campus will be formally transferred to the CTU-Tabuelan Campus.

The implementation of this Act would also empower CTU-Tabuelan Campus by increasing the number of personnel which shall streamline the operations and provide timely and quality service delivery thereby instilling confidence in the institution's shareholders by ensuring the quality of its graduates.

This legislative measure is consistent with the provisions of the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" (Republic Act No. 8292) and aims to empower CTU to fulfill its mandate of providing relevant and responsive education. The establishment of an independent CTU-Tabuelan Campus is expected to serve as a catalyst for human resource development, economic advancement, and environmental sustainability in Tabuelan and throughout the Province of Cebu.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval 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. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the
2 “Cebu Technological University (CTU) – Tabuelan Campus Act”.

3 **SECTION 2. Conversion into a Regular Campus.** – The
4 Cebu Technological University shall convert the extension campus located
5 in the Municipality of Tabuelan, Province of Cebu into a regular campus, to
6 be known as the “CTU-Tabuelan Campus”. This conversion establishes it as
7 a regular, degree-granting academic institution within the CTU System,
8 with enhanced administrative and academic operational autonomy, subject
9 to the overall policies of the CTU Board of Regents.
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11 **SECTION 3. General Mandate.** – The CTU-Tabuelan
12 Campus shall primarily provide undergraduate and graduate courses such
13 as education, tourism, science and technology, information technology,
14 agriculture, forestry, environmental science, livelihood technology
15 education, public safety, water and coastal management, and such
16 programs within its areas of competency and specialization. These
17 programs shall be pursuant to the mandates of the CTU, and according to
18 its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board,
19 may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those
20 which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province
21 of Cebu and the Central Visayas Region.
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23 The campus shall place a particular emphasis on programs that
24 support the local aquaculture, fisheries, and agricultural development
25 needs of Tabuelan and its surrounding communities. It shall be mandated
26 to undertake research and extension services in support of the
27 socioeconomic development and to provide progressive leadership in these
28 areas.
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1 **SECTION 4. Supervision and Management.** – The governing
2 board of the University shall be the Board of Regents as provided for in
3 Republic Act No. 9744, which serves as the Charter of Cebu Technological
4 University. Likewise, the University shall be headed by the University
5 President, subject to the provisions of the same Charter.
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7 The Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall
8 be appointed by the Board, subject to its institutional guidelines,
9 qualifications, and standards, and upon the recommendation of the
10 University President.
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12 To ensure a smooth transition, the incumbent designated
13 Campus Director of CTU-Tabuelan Campus shall serve as Officer-in-Charge
14 Campus Director until the Board appoints a new Campus Director.
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16 **SECTION 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the**
17 **Commission on Higher Education (CHED).** – It shall be the primary
18 duty of the Campus Director to ensure compliance of the CTU-Tabuelan
19 Campus with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the Commission on
20 Higher Education for the operation of the campus, including those related
21 to the offering of courses and the introduction of new or revised programs
22 prior to the conversion.
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25 **SECTION 6. Management of Personnel, Assets, and**
26 **Records.** – All assets, both real and personal properties, personnel, and
27 records of the CTU-Tabuelan Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations,
28 shall be transferred to the CTU.
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30 The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members
31 and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion
32 into regular campus shall be respected.

33 All parcels of land and all other real properties belonging to the
34 government occupied by the CTU-Tabuelan Campus shall be transferred to
35 the CTU: Provided, That should the CTU-Tabuelan Campus of the CTU cease
36 to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be
37 no longer needed by the CTU, the same shall revert to the local government
38 unit concerned or the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be in
39 accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

40 **SECTION 7. Suppletory Application.** – The provisions of
41 Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education
42 Modernization Act of 1997", as well as Republic Act No. 9744, shall form
43 part of this Act.

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SECTION 8. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The Municipality of Tabuelan shall continue to provide assistance to the CTU-Tabuelan Campus until such time that the amount necessary for the operation and maintenance of the CTU-Tabuelan Campus shall be included in the annual GAA.

SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to implement its provisions.

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

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. – All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,