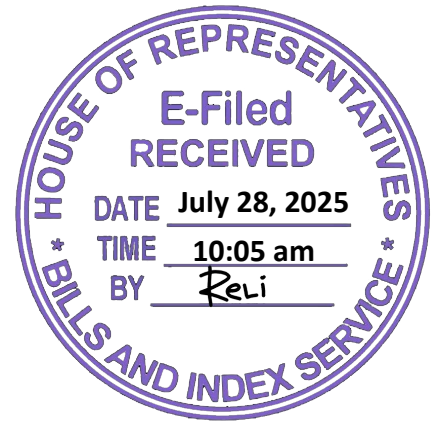




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HOUSE BILL NO. **2390**



Introduced by Representative Lordan G. Suan

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE 1ST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
OF THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS
ORIENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-CAGAYAN DE ORO
CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cagayan de Oro City has seen tremendous economic growth for decades. This is driven by its strategic location conducive for business activities coupled with investments in vital infrastructures. Known as the gateway to Mindanao, CDO has become a logistics hub which attracts investments to the city. With increased economic activities, urbanization follows. Migrants from surrounding provinces started to conduct their businesses or sought employment and eventually, settled in CDO.

For these reasons, the establishment for an additional government-owned higher educational institution has become imperative.

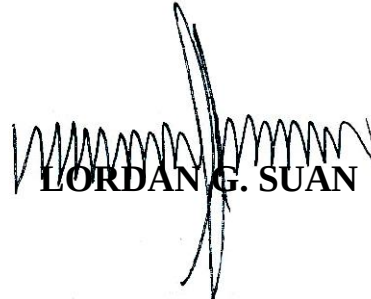
This bill seeks to establish a campus of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines in the 1st Legislative District of Cagayan de Oro City.

PUP has set a foothold on program-offerings that are industry-oriented. Aside from producing highly-skilled professionals with a strong sense of public-service PUP's ladder-type vocational, distance-learning, technical and

professional programs especially in the fields of commerce, business administration and other polytechnic areas produced graduates with excellent managerial and technical capabilities. Its pioneering programs on ladder-type and equivalency systems of education through the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program (ETEEAP) and the Nontraditional System Program (NTSP) have democratized access to educational opportunities for returning, and financially-challenged students.

The 1st Legislative District is a suitable and highly-preferred location for PUP- Cagayan de Oro Campus as it will give free, accessible and quality education to students from the lower-income population of this part of the city. It will also cater to the indigenous cultural minorities located within the district and its surrounding areas. At the same time, its establishment will open economic opportunities and spur development in this part of CDO.

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



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1 of competency and specialization pursuant to its mandate and capacities as the
2 Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary, to
3 respond to the human resource development needs of Cagayan de Oro City, the
4 Province of Misamis Oriental, and Region 10.

5 The PUP-Cagayan de Oro Campus is also mandated to undertake research
6 and extension services and provide progressive leadership in its areas of
7 specialization, including the offering of graduate degrees under the PUP Open
8 University System.

9 **SECTION 4.** The PUP-Cagayan de Oro Campus shall be headed by the
10 Campus Administrator who shall be appointed and designated by the Board
11 upon the recommendation of the search committee duly constituted for the
12 purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator, and the University President.
13 Such appointment and designation shall be subject to the guidelines,
14 qualifications, and standards set by the Board.

15 **SECTION 5.** The PUP-Cagayan de Oro Campus shall ensure that the
16 minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have complied
17 with the duly prescribed rules and regulations of the Commission on Higher
18 Education

19 **SECTION 6.** The PUP-Cagayan de Oro Campus shall undertake and
20 provide affirmative action programs to assist marginalized but deserving
21 students, for admission to the University.

1 It shall ensure that students shall not be denied admission to the University
2 by reason of gender, religion, political affiliation, and cultural origin.

3 **SECTION 7.** The PUP-Cagayan de Oro Campus shall enjoy academic
4 freedom pursuant to Paragraph 2, Section 5, Article XIV of the Philippine
5 Constitution.

6 **SECTION 8.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known
7 as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" shall form as an integral
8 part of this Act and together shall serve as the governing charter of the
9 University.

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

13 **SECTION 10.** The Board, in consultation with the Commission on Higher
14 Education, shall formulate, within sixty (60) days from the date of its
15 effectivity, the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation
16 of this Act.

17 **SECTION 11.** The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act
18 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

19 **SECTION 12.** If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
20 unconstitutional, the provisions not hereby affected shall remain in full force
21 and effect.

1 **Section 13.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof,
2 inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are repealed, amended
3 or modified, accordingly.

4 **Section 14.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its
5 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

6 *Approved,*