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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2775



**Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G.
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Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

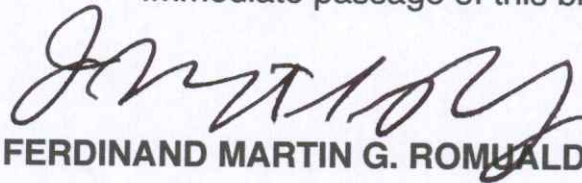
The current structure of youth representation in national affairs does not fully reflect the diversity and breadth of Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) leadership, particularly at the municipal level. While provincial and city SK Federation Presidents are granted a mechanism to elect a representative to the National Youth Commission (NYC), the Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan remains excluded from this participatory process.

This bill seeks to amend Section 23 of Republic Act No. 10742, as amended by R.A. 11768, to formally include municipal SK federation presidents in the election of a representative to the NYC. This reform enhances the inclusivity and representativeness of national youth policymaking, ensuring that voices from rural, underrepresented, and lower-income municipalities are given due consideration in shaping the future of youth development.

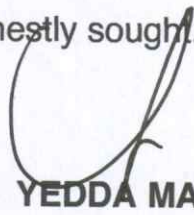
The measure affirms the principle of participatory governance enshrined in the Constitution and strengthens the democratic mandate of the Sangguniang Kabataan as an institution of youth empowerment.

This is one of the bills proposed during the first Eastern Visayas Young Leaders Parliament held on December 11–15, 2024.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



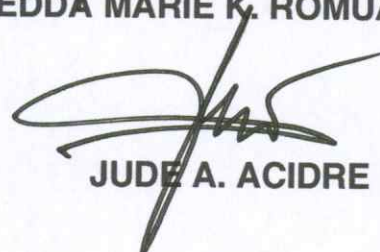
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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE SANGGUNANG KABATAAN BY
AMENDING SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742 AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 11768, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"SK REFORM LAW OF 2015, AND SK EMPOWERMENT LAW OF
2022" RESPECTIVELY TO INCLUDE PAMBAYANG PEDERASYON
NG MGA SANGGUNANG KABATAAN (SK) PRESIDENTS IN
NATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Section 23 of Republic Act No. 10742 as amended by Republic Act 11768, otherwise known as the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015 and Sangguniang Kabataan Empowerment Law of 2022 respectively," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 23. Membership in the National Youth Commission. – The presidents of the Panlalawigang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, the presidents of the Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang

Kabataan and the presidents of the Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan shall elect, among themselves, a representative who shall sit as an ex officio member of the National Youth Commission, consistent with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 8044, otherwise known as the "Youth in Nation-Building Act."

Section 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DILG, in coordination with the NYC and other relevant agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,