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HOUSE BILL NO. 3513



Introduced by Representative Edsel A. Galeos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed measure aims to establish a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Assessment Center in the Municipality of Boljoon, Province of Cebu.

Article XIV Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. To this end, the fundamental law of the land also mandates that the State should provide adult citizens, the disabled, and out-of-school youth with training in civics, vocational efficiency, and other skills.

In furtherance of the intent of the provisions of the Constitution, the proposed measure aims to ensure that technical-vocational education and training is accessible to the constituents of the Second District of the Province of Cebu and nearby municipalities through the establishment of a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Boljoon, Cebu. Currently, the nearest training center is the Provincial Training Center located in Boljoon, Cebu located at the southernmost part of the Cebu Province. Those who want to avail of technical-vocational education are constrained to expend on transportation. This is a considerable barrier to individuals who want to learn but are financially challenged.

It is worth noting that TESDA has recently conducted a study which found that eight out of ten technical vocational education and training graduates were employed. The TVET sector has posted an employment rate of 84.72%. Furthermore, TESDA has posted a certification rate of 93% where 751,500 out of 808,227 assessed successfully earned their National Certificates. It is high time that public access to TESDA's programs be expanded.

For the foregoing reasons, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BOLJOON, PROVINCE OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Establishment of a Training and Assessment Center.*** - There is hereby
2 established a training and assessment center, under the supervision of the Technical Education and
3 Skills Development Authority (TESDA), to be known as the “Boljoon, Cebu TESDA Training and
4 Assessment Center”. It shall be located in a highly accessible area in the Municipality of Boljoon,
5 Province of Cebu, pursuant to the purposes of this Act and the agreement between the TESDA and the
6 concerned local government units (LGUs).
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8 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** – The Boljoon, Cebu TESDA Training and Assessment Center,
9 hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide technical-vocational education and
10 training (TVET) programs to students and local residents from low-income families and out-of-school
11 youths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples, to help them become productive,
12 self-reliant, and globally competitive labor assets.
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14 The Center shall provide effective employment interventions through training programs on
15 relevant skills in trade competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities to help hasten the
16 development of the host area and its adjacent localities into human resource and productivity hubs.
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18 The Center shall also provide technical-vocational training for teachers and curriculum design
19 assistance to the secondary schools in the Province offering the technical-vocational livelihood track
20 under the K to 12 Program, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the
21 TESDA.
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23 **SEC. 3. *Training Programs.*** – The Center shall offer short-term certificate courses and
24 modular trainings in preferred technical-vocational skills and trades specialization. To this end, the
25 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department
26 of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of the Interior and
27 Local Government (DILG), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), business-
28 industry partners, and other relevant agencies and instrumentalities, both local and international, shall
29 provide the necessary assistance to enable the Center to develop skilled manpower to achieve a robust
30 and inclusive economy in the host area and its adjacent localities.
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1 The Center may establish research and technology hubs, technology development farms,
2 satellite or extension training centers, promote mobile training programs, and strengthen linkages
3 among the industry partners, the academe, and the Center geared towards the acquisition by residents
4 of practical livelihood, employable skills, gainful employment, and entrepreneurial capabilities in
5 priority areas in the Municipality of Kibawe and adjacent localities in the Province of Bukidnon.

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7 The Center shall offer the following TVET programs with competencies assessment leading to
8 National Certification Levels I-III:

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- 10 (a) Skills training in industrial technology and hard trades such as metal and steelwork,
11 machine fabrication and operation, heavy equipment operation, automotive mechanical
12 assembly, refrigeration and air conditioning, electronics, and operation of power tools and
13 equipment for both medium skills grade and industrial purposes;
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 - 15 (b) Agriculture and aquaculture-related trainings and skills development in such areas as
16 farming technology, fishing operations technology, backyard farming and home-based
17 aquaculture and propagation innovations, mechanized farming, fishing tools and equipment
18 operation, agribusiness, agri-aqua trade technology and innovations, and relevant training
19 seminars for farmers and fisherfolk to encourage entrepreneurship and thus increase their
20 productivity;
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 - 22 (c) Livelihood skills development courses for preferred skills employment and small-scale
23 entrepreneurship, including practical skills education in arts and crafts, workmanship and
24 design, high-speed sewing, dressmaking and tailoring, horticulture, livestock raising and
25 breeding, food processing technology, home technology, culinary arts and commercial
26 cooking, cosmetology, and health and wellness training;
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 - 28 (d) Basic business literacy training in financial management and marketing, practical
29 accountancy, bookkeeping and office procedures, business processes and application
30 procedures, including registration, licensing, documentation, business patent and
31 intellectual property regulation, business financing and investment opportunities sourcing,
32 import-export accreditation, online home-based business operation and social media
33 business marketing;
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 - 35 (e) Technical-vocational occupation and trades skills such as carpentry, masonry, plumbing,
36 welding, practical electricity and installation, automotive servicing, electronics servicing,
37 personal computer servicing, and such other relevant practical skills courses;
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 - 39 (f) Computer literacy and information technology-related skills, digital technology, web
40 design, animation, photoshop or online photography, computer design and advertising;
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 - 42 (g) Social communication skills and language proficiency courses in English and other
43 languages for business process outsourcing employment and overseas job placement;
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 - 45 (h) Personality development, career counseling, job placement, and work ethic and values; and
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 - 47 (i) Other preferred skills and trades training that may be needed by the people of the
48 Municipality of Kibawe and of adjacent localities to enhance their capacities for practical
49 livelihood, gainful employment, and entrepreneurial activities.
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51 **SEC. 4. Compliance with TESDA Requirements.-** The provisions of this Act notwithstanding,
52 the Center shall become operational only upon the issuance by the TESDA of a formal

1 recommendation and certificate of compliance attesting that the Center has satisfactorily complied
2 with the minimum standards of quality it has prescribed governing the following: (a) standard
3 procedures and guidelines for the establishment and operation of a Center; (b) operational
4 sustainability of the Center, in terms of licensed faculty-trainers and personnel, equipment, training
5 and laboratory facilities, instructional materials, and other standard requirements of a Center; (c)
6 sustainable funding source and allocation of the budgetary requirement; (d) full alignment of the
7 training programs offered with the minimum standards of competency-based quality technical-
8 vocational skills technology and the needs of the host area and adjacent communities served within
9 the context of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations integration and the Philippine Qualifications
10 Framework for TVET; and (e) compliance with such other TESDA conditionalities and standards as
11 may be necessary and applicable in establishing a Center.
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13 **SEC. 5. *Administration of the Center.*** – The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational
14 Administrator who shall render full-time service and be responsible for its administration and
15 operation, under the supervision of the TESDA.
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17 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director General
18 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the qualification
19 requirements for such office.
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21 The Technical-Vocational Administrator may enter into agreements with locally-based private
22 and public counterpart agencies, instrumentalities or persons, and seek such assistance as may be
23 necessary to effectively implement this Act, subject to the approval of the TESDA Director General.
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25 **SEC. 6. *Appropriations.*** - The Director General of the TESDA shall include in the Authority's
26 program the operation of the Center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
27 Appropriations Act.
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29 The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall set aside from any available local
30 revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of the
31 Center herein established.
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33 **SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days after the approval
34 of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST, DA, Department of Budget
35 and Management, DepEd, DILG, NEDA, the concerned LGUs, and such other relevant agencies and
36 industry-business partners of the host locality, prepare and issue rules and regulations for the effective
37 implementation of this Act.
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39 **SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.*** - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is declared
40 unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof shall not be affected and shall
41 remain in force and in effect.
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43 **SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and
44 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are repealed or amended
45 accordingly.
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47 **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
48 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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50 *Approved,*