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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **3992**



Introduced by **Representative RAYMOND ADRIAN SALCEDA**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN
BARANGAY MATACON, MUNICIPALITY OF POLANGUI, PROVINCE OF
ALBAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

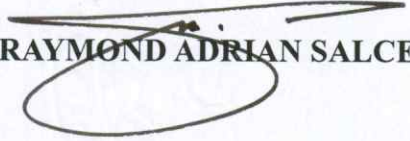
The Municipality of Polangui, Albay, is one of the most populous municipalities in the province and serves as a major educational, commercial, and agricultural hub of the 3rd District of Albay. It sits strategically between the western corridor leading to Pantao Port and the arterial roads linking to the Bicol International Airport. With its large student population and dynamic workforce, Polangui is ideally positioned to serve as a center for skills development aligned with the needs of the regional economy.

This bill seeks to establish a **TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Barangay Matacon, Polangui, Albay**, to be constructed by the **Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)** and operated by the **Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)**. The Center will prioritize training programs in industrial trades, construction, logistics, agro-processing, and renewable energy technologies, preparing local workers for employment in ecozones, logistics hubs, and both domestic and overseas labor markets.

The Local Government Unit of Polangui may provide counterpart support, if available, to complement the national government's investment in construction and operation.

By legislating this measure, the State ensures sustained funding and institutional backing for Polangui's role as a **skills and training hub for western Albay**, ensuring that its people are prepared to meet the demands of ecozone and industrial development in the years ahead.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage 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:

SECTION 1. *Establishment of a TESDA Training and Assessment Center.* There is hereby established a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Barangay Matacon, Municipality of Polangui, Province of Albay, to be constructed by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and operated by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

SEC. 2. *Program Specialization.* The TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Barangay Matacon shall prioritize training programs responsive to the manpower requirements of ecozones, industrial corridors, renewable energy projects, logistics hubs, and agro-industrial enterprises in the Province of Albay and the Bicol Region.

SEC. 3. *Counterpart Support.* The Local Government Unit (LGU) of Polangui may provide counterpart support, if funds are available, which may include land, site preparation, utilities, or personnel augmentation.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the funds of the Department of Public Works and Highways for the construction of the facility. Thereafter, the operational requirements, including personnel, equipment, and maintenance, shall be included in the annual budget of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority under the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DPWH and TESDA, in consultation with the concerned LGU, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,