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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3994**



Introduced by **Representative RAYMOND ADRIAN SALCEDA**

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Balogo is the largest barangay in the Municipality of Oas, Albay, by population. Its residents represent a significant portion of the town's workforce and include a large number of young people in need of access to technical-vocational education and training. However, most training facilities are located in Legazpi City and Daraga, far from the communities of Oas.

This bill seeks to establish a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Barangay Balogo, Oas, to be constructed by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and operated by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

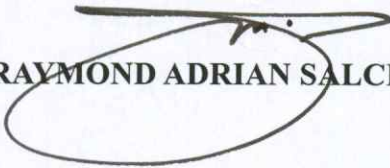
The Center will specialize in skills relevant to the needs of the barangay and municipality:

- **Agricultural processing and mechanization** to help farmers increase productivity and add value to their crops;
- **Construction and industrial trades** such as welding, masonry, and electrical installation;
- **Information and communications technology (ICT) and digital services** to expand employment opportunities in emerging industries; and
- **Overseas employment readiness**, including caregiving, hospitality, and seafaring support services, which are traditional pathways for Oas residents seeking work abroad.

The Local Government Unit of Oas may provide counterpart support, if available, ensuring stronger partnership and sustainability.

By institutionalizing this TESDA Center, the government ensures that the largest barangay in Oas has direct and sustained access to training and certification programs that can uplift livelihoods, reduce poverty, and build a workforce ready for both domestic and overseas opportunities.

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 Balogo, Municipality of Oas, 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 Balogo shall prioritize training programs responsive to the manpower requirements of:

- (a) agricultural processing and mechanization;
- (b) construction and industrial trades;
- (c) information and communications technology (ICT) and digital services; and
- (d) overseas employment readiness, including caregiving, hospitality, and seafaring support services.

SEC. 3. *Counterpart Support.* The Local Government Unit (LGU) of Oas 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,