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HOUSE BILL NO. 4043



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Introduced by **Representative RAYMOND ADRIAN SALCEDA**

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

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) plays a crucial role in enhancing the employability and productivity of Filipinos through technical-vocational education and training (TVET). Expanding TESDA's reach to underserved communities is vital in ensuring that all Filipinos, particularly those in rural areas, have access to skills training that leads to decent work and livelihood opportunities.

Barangay Sugcad in the Municipality of Polangui, Province of Albay, already has an existing government-owned building that can serve as a training site. This presents a unique opportunity for the State to immediately establish a TESDA Training and Assessment Center without the need for costly new infrastructure. By equipping and institutionalizing this facility under TESDA's supervision, the government can rapidly deploy training programs that meet the needs of the local economy.

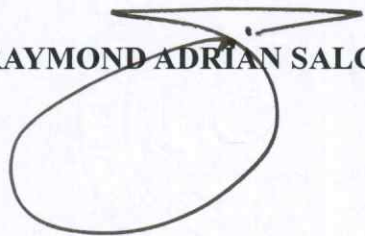
Polangui is one of the most populous municipalities in Albay and serves as a hub for agriculture, agro-processing, small-scale manufacturing, and services. A local TESDA Center will strengthen human capital development in these sectors by offering courses such as agricultural machinery servicing, food processing, bread and pastry production, construction trades, welding, and computer systems servicing, among others. The Center will also provide local youth and workers with certification opportunities, thereby expanding their employability both within the province and beyond.

This measure seeks to establish a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Barangay Sugcad, Polangui, Albay, by placing the facility under the direct supervision of TESDA, equipping it with the necessary tools and instructors, and ensuring its continued funding through the annual General Appropriations Act. The Local Government Unit of Polangui will

provide the site and facilities, while TESDA will oversee accreditation, program development, and staffing.

By institutionalizing this Center, the State affirms its commitment to inclusive and accessible technical education, which is a cornerstone of poverty reduction, rural development, and national competitiveness.

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. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the *Sugcad TESDA Training Center Act*.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to promote technical education, vocational skills, and livelihood training in order to enhance employability, productivity, and competitiveness of the Filipino workforce, especially in rural areas. Toward this end, the State shall strengthen the role of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in expanding access to quality technical-vocational education and training (TVET) in underserved communities.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of a TESDA Training and Assessment Center.* There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Barangay Sugcad, Municipality of Polangui, Province of Albay.

SEC. 4. *Site and Facilities.* The Local Government Unit of Polangui shall provide the existing building in Barangay Sugcad to house the Center. TESDA shall equip, staff, and operate the Center in coordination with the local government and other stakeholders.

SEC. 5. *Program Offerings.* The Center shall offer training and assessment programs responsive to the needs of the Municipality of Polangui and the Province of Albay, including but not limited to agriculture, food processing, construction, information and communications technology, and other priority sectors as determined by TESDA in consultation with the Local Government Unit and industry partners.

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current budget of TESDA. Thereafter, the funds necessary for the continued operation of the Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, TESDA shall, in coordination with the Local Government Unit of Polangui and other concerned agencies, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,