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EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than the 1987 Constitution directs the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

In pursuit of this mandate, Congress enacted in 2017 Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11033 which converted the Davao Oriental State College of Science and Technology in the City of Mati, including all its existing satellite campuses, into a state university to be known as the Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU). R.A. No. 11033 mandated DOrSU to provide advance education, higher technological, professional instruction and training in the fields of education, agricultural technology, agribusiness management, business administration, industrial technology, arts and sciences, health sciences, information technology, engineering and other relevant fields of study; undertake research, extension services; and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

The present bill, which establishes DOrSU regular campuses in the municipalities of Baganga, Cateel, and Tarragona in Davao Oriental that will primarily provide short-term, undergraduate and graduate courses within their respective areas of competency and specialization, is anchored on DOrSU's general mandate to provide quality tertiary education in several fields of study. The establishment of regular campuses will allow DOrSU to reach and accommodate more students and

provide students quality tertiary education without having to travel or commute daily to the main campus and without having to live away from their families.

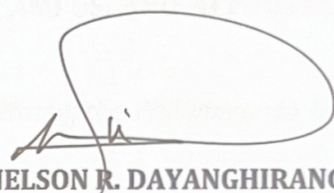
The creation of regular campuses will also encourage specialization in different fields of competency which will, in turn, nurture a dynamic research environment within DorSU that can then translate into concrete data and solutions that can and will also be given the opportunity to receive more focused and hands-on training from the faculty members and mentors of their specific regular campus.

The local government unit of the Province of Davao Oriental, particularly the The Municipalities of Bagana, Cateel, and Tarragona, are actively supporting the operation and maintenance of the respective extension campuses in their areas. However, these LGUs can only offer limited financial assistance which is not enough for the improvement of school facilities and making education accessible to the less fortunate constituents who wish to receive quality education from the said schools.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUSES OF THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DORSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BAGANGA, CATEEL, AND TARRAGONA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, INTO REGULAR CAMPUSES AND TO BE KNOWN RESPECTIVELY AS DORSU-BAGANGA CAMPUS, DORSU-CATEEL CAMPUS, AND DORSU-TARRAGONA CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Davao Oriental State*
2 *University (DOrSU) Baganga, Cateel, and Tarragona Campuses Act.*”
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4 **SEC. 2. *Conversion of the Extension Campuses of the Davao Oriental State***
5 ***University (DOrSU) into Regular Campuses.*** - The DOrSU shall convert its
6 extension campuses located in the Municipalities of Baganga, Cateel, and Tarragona,
7 in the Province of Davao Oriental into regular campuses, to be known as the “*DOrSU-*
8 *Baganga, DOrSU-Cateel, and DOrSU-Tarragona Campuses.*”
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10 **SEC. 3. *General Mandate.*** - The DOrSU- Baganga, DOrSU-Cateel, and DOrSU-
11 Tarragona Campuses shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses within their
12 areas of competencies and specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter
13 referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of their
14 objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of
15 the Province of Davao Oriental and Davao Region.
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17 The DOrSU- Baganga, DOrSU-Cateel, and DOrSU-Tarragona Campuses shall
18 be mandated to undertake research and extension services in support of the socio-
19 economic development of the Province of Davao Oriental and to provide progressive
20 leadership in these areas.

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2 **SEC. 4. Supervision and Management of the DOrSU- Baganga, DOrSU-**
3 **Cateel, and DOrSU-Tarragona Campuses.** - The DOrSU-Baganga, DOrSU-Cateel,
4 and DOrSU-Tarragona Campuses shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall
5 render full-time service and shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines,
6 qualifications, and standards, and upon the recommendation of the Search
7 Committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Director.

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9 **SEC. 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher**
10 **Education (CHED).** - The DOrSU shall ensure compliance of DOrSU-Baganga, DOrSU-
11 Cateel, and DOrSU-Tarragona Campuses with policies, standards, and guidelines of
12 the CHED for their operation as regular campuses, including those related to their
13 offering of courses and the introduction of new or revised programs prior to their
14 conversion as regular campuses.

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16 **SEC. 6. Management of Personnel, Assets and Records of the Campuses.** -
17 All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the DOrSU-Baganga,
18 DOrSU-Cateel, and DOrSU-Tarragona Campuses, as well as their liabilities or
19 obligations, shall be transferred to the DOrSU. The positions, rights, and security of
20 tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws
21 prior to their conversion into regular campuses shall be respected.

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23 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the DOrSU-
24 Baganga, DOrSU-Cateel, and DOrSU-Tarragona Campuses shall be transferred to the
25 DOrSU: *Provided*, That should the campuses or the DOrSU cease to exist or be
26 abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the
27 DOrSU, the same shall revert to their local government units concerned or the
28 Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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30 **SEC. 7. Suppletory Application.** - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
31 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form
32 part of this Act.

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34 **SEC. 8. Appropriations.** -The amount necessary to carry out the provisions
35 of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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37 The Municipalities of Bagana, Cateel, and Tarragona in the Province of Davao
38 Oriental shall provide financial assistance to the DOrSU-Baganga, DOrSU-Cateel, and
39 DOrSU-Tarragona Campuses to be converted as regular campuses until such time
40 that the amount necessary for their continued operation and maintenance shall be
41 included in their annual GAA.

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43 **SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within sixty (60) days from
44 the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules
45 and regulations to implement its provisions.

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47 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
48 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not
49 affected shall remain in full force and effect.

1 **SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.*** - All other laws, presidential decrees, executive
2 orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this
3 Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

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5 **SEC. 12. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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Approved,