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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4864



Introduced by Representative Jose Manuel F. Alba

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTP) IN
SUMILAO, BUKIDNON, TO BE KNOWN AS THE USTP-SUMILAO
SATELLITE CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP) sits on a crucial position of promoting higher education in Northern Mindanao by providing competitive instruction in science and technology, engineering, and agriculture. The university also fosters dynamic research, innovation, and community extension services.

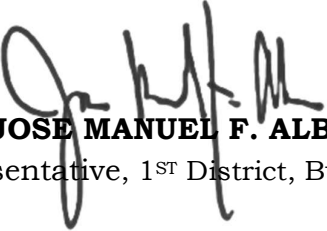
The Municipality of Sumilao in Bukidnon, is known for its fertile lands, productive agriculture, and vibrant communities. Sumilao has undeniable potential for rural development and innovation. Despite its agricultural strength, many of its youth from farming families and indigenous peoples continue to face challenges in accessing affordable and quality higher education. Many students are forced to travel long distances to urban centers where higher education institutions are clustered. This poses as financial and logistical burdens hindering the students' pursuit of tertiary education.

In establishing USTP's Satellite Campus in Sumilao, it directly addresses the challenges the students face by expanding educational access to residents of Sumilao and nearby municipalities.

By bringing USTP closer to the people of Sumilao, this measure will help transform the municipality into a center of innovation and knowledge-

sharing, consistent with the national agenda of inclusive growth and countryside development.

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. This Act shall be known as the "*University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP)-Sumilao Satellite Campus Act.*"

SECTION 2. There is hereby established a satellite campus of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP), hereinafter referred to as the University, in Sumilao, Bukidnon, to be known as the USTP-Sumilao Satellite Campus.

SECTION 3. The USTP-Sumilao Satellite Campus shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to its mandate and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of Sumilao and Region X.

The USTP-Sumilao Satellite Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SECTION 4. The USTP-Sumilao Satellite Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of the University. Such appointment or designation shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board.

SECTION 5. The establishment of the USTP-Sumilao Satellite Campus shall comply with the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education.

SECTION 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the USTP-Sumilao Satellite Campus, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed at the USTP-Sumilao Satellite Campus under existing laws prior to integration to the University shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the USTP-Sumilao Satellite Campus are hereby declared to be the property of the University and shall be titled under its name. *Provided*, that should the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the concerned LGU or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SECTION 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997," shall form an integral part of this Act, and together, shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

SECTION 8. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitations to state universities and its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the University and its officials, whenever appropriate.

SECTION 9. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 10. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,