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House Bill No. **5398**



Introduced by: REP. ROSALIE "MOMMY ROSE" ANG SALVAME

EXPLANATORY NOTE

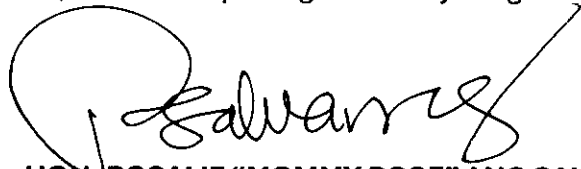
The Municipality of Roxas in Palawan is a rapidly developing area with growing demand for accessible, quality higher education. Despite its strategic location and population growth, students in Roxas and nearby municipalities face significant challenges in pursuing tertiary education due to limited local options and the high cost of travel and accommodation in distant campuses.

This bill seeks to establish an extension campus of the Western Philippines University (WPU) in the Municipality of Roxas, Palawan. WPU, a state university under Republic Act 9260 has a mandate to provide advanced education and professional training in fields such as agriculture, fisheries, forestry, engineering, environment, education and rural development. The proposed extension campus will expand WPU's reach and fulfill its mission of promoting inclusive education and regional development.

The establishment of a WPU Extension Campus in Roxas will provide accessible and affordable higher education to students in Northern Palawan. It will strengthen local capacity in agriculture, fisheries and environmental management which are key sectors in Northern Palawan.

This initiative aligns with the national goal of decentralizing education and empowering rural communities through knowledge and innovation. The proposed campus will be funded through appropriations in the national budget and administered under the governance of WPU's Board of Regents.

Given the importance of this measure, immediate passage is hereby sought.

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HON. ROSALIE "MOMMY ROSE" ANG SALVAME

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WESTERN PHILIPPINES UNIVERSITY – ROXAS, PALAWAN
EXTENSION CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*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 **“Western Philippines University – Roxas, Palawan
Extension Campus Act.”**

SECTION 2. Establishment.

There is hereby established a campus of the Western Philippines University (WPU), a
state university located in Aborlan, Palawan, to be known as the Western Philippines
University – Roxas, Palawan Extension Campus.

SECTION 3. Purpose.

The WPU – Roxas, Palawan Extension Campus shall primarily provide accessible and
affordable quality education in the fields of agriculture, fisheries, forestry, environmental

science, engineering, information technology, education, and other relevant fields as may be determined by the Board of Regents of WPU. It shall also undertake research and extension services to support the development needs of the Municipality of Roxas and surrounding areas.

SECTION 4. Administration.

The WPU – Roxas, Palawan Extension Campus shall be under the administration and supervision of the Western Philippines University, and its policies shall be governed by the WPU Board of Regents. The Board shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective operation of the campus, including the appointment of key officials, faculty, and staff.

SECTION 5. Appropriations.

The amount necessary for the initial operation of the WPU – Roxas, Palawan Extension Campus shall be charged against the current year's budget of the Western Philippines University. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the WPU Board of Regents, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause.

If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause.

All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity.

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

Approved,