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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **6416**



Introduced by
KABATAAN Party-list Rep. RENEE LOUISE M. CO,
Gabriela Women's Party Rep. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO, and
ACT Teachers Party-list Rep. ANTONIO L. TINIO

AN ACT
DEFINING THE ROLE OF THE SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN IN
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9729

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Owing to the institution's mandate and capacity to mobilize the youth towards participation in the governance process, the Sangguniang Kabataan can be tapped by both national and local governments to implement programs and projects that are in tune with the needs of the times. However, a criticism often leveled at the Sangguniang Kabataan is its lack of vision and oversight in terms of coming up with innovative and much-needed projects that take into consideration the needs of communities these young leaders have vowed to serve.

Today is a time when we painfully witness the effects of timeworn and destructive environmental policies that the government has long been espousing and blindly implementing. From landslides, typhoons, earthquakes and other disasters, both natural and man-made, we have witnessed the loss of lives and properties that could have been prevented or at least minimized if a clear and proper environmental and disaster management program is in place. And yet it is also during this time when we see how the citizens, the youth in particular, can step up and rise to the occasion by being at the forefront of relief and rescue missions. We must not, however, confine ourselves to post-disaster intervention and involvement. The youth must do their part in fighting and working for a society that gives importance to environmental protection and conservation and disaster preparedness.

While the Local Government Code of 1991 vests in the Sangguniang Kabataan the authority to promulgate resolutions necessary to carry out the objectives of the

youth and to coordinate with the appropriate national agency for the implementation of youth development projects and programs in the national level, the same does not specifically mandate the SK with the power to implement projects and programs related to environmental protection and disaster preparedness in their respective barangays.

This bill seeks to mandate the Sangguniang Kabataan to implement environmental protection and disaster preparedness and response projects in order to mould young leaders at the local level to be more pro-active in environmental issues that warrant greater attention and engagement.

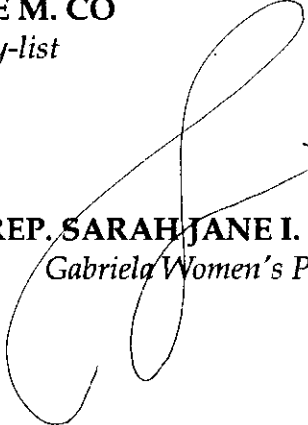
In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 426 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the "Local Government Code
2 of 1991" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 "SEC. 426: Powers and Functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan. - The
5 Sangguniang Kabataan shall:

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7 (a) XXX

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9 (b) Initiate programs designed to enhance the social, political,
10 economic, cultural, intellectual, moral, spiritual and physical
11 development of the members;

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13 THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL INITIATE AND
14 IMPLEMENT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE BARANGAYS PROJECTS AND
15 PROGRAMS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
16 CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND
17 RESPONSE, SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TREE PLANTING,
18 COASTAL CLEANUPS, SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, LECTURES AND
19 TRAININGS ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, AND SUCH OTHER
20 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.
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1 IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM,
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
3 RESOURCES (DENR) SHALL DETERMINE THE KINDS OF TREE
4 MOST ADAPTABLE TO THE AREA CONCERNED THE AND
5 PROVIDE THE SEEDLING THEREFOR. THE LOCAL
6 GOVERNMENT UNITS CONCERNED, ON THE OTHER HAND,
7 SHALL IDENTIFY THE SITES WHERE THE TREES WILL BE
8 PLANTED.

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10 IN THE URBAN CENTERS WHERE TREE PLANTING IS NO
11 LONGER FEASIBLE, THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL
12 IMPLEMENT A "GREENING" PROGRAM IN SITES IDENTIFIED BY
13 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS CONCERNED WITH RESPECT
14 TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL. THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL PROVIDE
16 THE TECHNOLOGY AND ASSIST THE SANGGUNIANG
17 KABATAAN AS WELL AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT
18 CONCERNED IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION, SUBJECT TO THE
19 REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED FOR IN EXISTING LAWS, RULES
20 AND REGULATIONS.

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22 IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS
23 RELATED TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, THE
24 NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT
25 CENTER AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS CONCERNED
26 SHALL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE
27 SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
28 THE CREATION OF A DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
29 MODULE FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS, AND SEMINARS AND
30 LECTURES ON DISASTER AND LECTURES ON DISASTER
31 MANAGEMENT;

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33 (c) XXX
34 (d) XXX
35 (e) XXX
36 (f) XXX

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38 (g) Coordinate with the appropriate national agency for the
39 implementation of youth development projects and programs at the
40 national level;

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42 (g-1) COORDINATE WITH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY OF THE
43 GOVERNMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION IN THEIR
44 RESPECTIVE BARANGAYS OF PROJECTS AND
45 PROGRAMS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
46 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, SUCH AS, BUT NOT
47 LIMITED TO, TREE PLANTING, COASTAL CLEANUPS, SOLID
48 WASTE DISPOSAL, AND SUCH OTHER PROJECTS AND

1 PROGRAMS THAT THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAAN MAY
2 IMPLEMENT IN THE FUTURE;

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4 (h) XXX
5 (i) XXX”
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7 **SECTION 2.** Section 9 of Republic Act No. 9729 or the “Climate Change Act of 2009” is
8 hereby amended to read as follows:
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- 10 (a) Ensure the mainstreaming of climate change, in synergy with
11 disaster risk reduction, into the national, sectoral and local
12 development plans and programs;
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14 THE COMMISSION SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE
15 SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
16 IN THEIR RESPECTIVE BARANGAYS OF PROJECTS AND
17 PROGRAMS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL
18 PROTECTION AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND
19 RESPONSE, SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TREE
20 PLANTING, COASTAL CLEANUPS, SOLID WASTE
21 DISPOSAL, LECTURES AND TRAININGS ON DISASTER
22 RISK REDUCTION, AND SUCH OTHER PROJECTS AND
23 PROGRAMS THAT THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN MAY
24 IMPLEMENT IN THE FUTURE.
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26 **SECTION 3. Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in
27 the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,