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HOUSE BILL NO. 7709



Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The advancement of science, technology, and innovation is an essential foundation of national development. In particular, research and development (R&D) has been recognized as a key driver of long-term economic growth.

Section 10, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to give priority to research and development, invention, innovation, and their utilization and to support indigenous, appropriate, and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, and their application to the country's productive systems and national life.

In addition, Section 1, Article XIV affirms that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

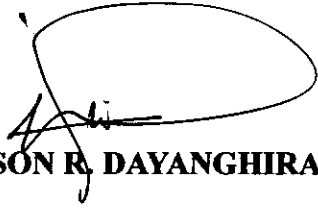
Further, under the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, the development of knowledge hubs in each region is one of the recognized strategies to foster regional industrialization.¹

In line with these, this measure seeks to recognize the University Research Complex (UResCom) in Davao Oriental State University (DORSU). The UResCom shall consist of six specialized institutes: (1) the Institute for Natural Products Discovery and Development (iNatProd), (2) Institute for Soil and Water (iSaW), (3) Institute for Bioassay and Testing (iBiT), (4) Institute for Terrestrial Regenerative Biodiversity (iTReB), (5) Institute for Food Innovation (iFood), and (6) Institute for Materials, Innovation, Design, and Fabrication (iMIDF). Each of these directly responds to the distinct needs and opportunities of the constituents of Davao Oriental, such as sustainable agriculture, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and food and material innovation, while also contributing to national goals of inclusive growth and sustainable development.

The institutionalization of the UResCom through legislation will ensure sustained government support and funding for its long-term operations and strengthen DORSU's role as a hub for research and innovation in Davao Oriental. By passing this measure, Congress will contribute to the broader national goal of fostering inclusive growth, scientific advancement, and technological self-reliance, thereby fulfilling the State's constitutional commitment to education, research, and nation-building.

¹ National Economic and Development Authority, Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, Chapter 6 Revitalize Industry

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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NELSON R. DAYANGHIRANG, JR.

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AN ACT
RECOGNIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE-OF-THE-ART UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH COMPLEX (URES COM) OF DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE UNIVERSITY –
MARFORI CAMPUS IN THE CITY OF MATI, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL,
CONSISTING OF SIX RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 University*
2 *(DORSU) Research Complex Act.*”

3 **SECTION 2. *Establishment of the University Research Complex.*** - A University Research
4 Complex (UResCom) is hereby created within the DORSU-Marfori Campus, which shall be
5 composed of the following six founding institutes:

- 6 a) Institute for Natural Products Discovery and Development (iNatProd);
- 7 b) Institute for Soil and Water (iSaW);
- 8 c) Institute for Bioassay and Testing (iBiT);
- 9 d) Institute for Terrestrial Regenerative Biodiversity (iTReB);
- 10 e) Institute for Food Innovation (iFood); and
- 11 f) Institute for Materials, Innovation, Design, and Fabrication (iMIDF).

12 **SECTION 3. *Purpose.*** - The UResCom shall serve as a multidisciplinary hub for scientific
13 research, innovation, and knowledge creation. It shall promote studies and applications across
14 various fields of science, technology, and innovation while contributing to the University’s
15 vision of becoming a regenerative futures university by 2035.

16 **SECTION 4. *Functions.*** - The UResCom shall have the following functions:

- 17 a) Conduct cutting-edge research and development in the six identified fields;
- 18 b) Provide laboratory and testing services to support research, extension, and innovation;
- 19 c) Serve as an incubator of innovation and knowledge transfer for industries and
20 communities;
- 21 d) Establish partnerships with government agencies, local and international universities, and
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2 private sectors; and

3 e) Promote training and capacity-building for students, faculty, and researchers.

4 **SECTION 5. *Administration.*** - The UResCom will be administered by the DORSU under the
5 direct oversight of the UResCom Supervisor, who shall report directly to the Office of the Vice
6 President for Research, Innovation, and Extension.

7 **SECTION 6. *Funding.*** - The funds necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of
8 the UResCom shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

9 **SECTION 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Davao Oriental State University, in
10 consultation with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and other relevant agencies,
11 shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this
12 Act within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

13 **SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or
14 invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue in operation and remain in full
15 force and effect.

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17 **SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, executive orders, administrative orders, rules,
18 regulations, decrees, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the
19 provisions of this Act are hereby revoked, repealed, or modified accordingly.

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21 **SECTION 10. *Effectivity*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
22 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,