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HOUSE BILL NO. 8875



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE ARTHUR C. YAP**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

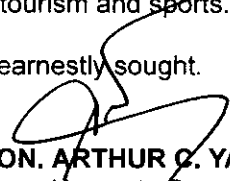
Initially filed during the 19th Congress by esteemed Bohol 1st District Representative, Edgar M. Chatto, this bill seeks to establish the Bohol Island State University Tourism and Sports Institute (BISU-TSI) in the Municipality of Balilihan, Province of Bohol. As one of the country's premier State Universities and Colleges, Bohol Island State University (BISU), pursuant to Republic Act No. 9722, is mandated to provide advanced instruction in tourism and related fields—making it well-positioned to lead this initiative.

Bohol's designation as an eco-cultural tourism zone and its recognition as the Philippines' first UNESCO Global Geopark highlight its strong potential as a hub for tourism education and development. With a growing influx of tourists and a robust tourism-driven economy, there is a pressing need to develop skilled professionals in tourism, hospitality, and related industries. At the same time, the establishment of a sports institute will support the development of Filipino athletes, promote discipline and excellence, and serve as a venue for grassroots sports training and regional competitions.

The proposed BISU-TSI will be a modern, state-of-the-art facility offering degree programs in tourism and sports, supported by specialized training amenities such as hospitality facilities, a convention center, and a sports complex. It will function as a training ground for students, professionals, and athletes, while also promoting sports tourism and regional development.

Through partnerships with relevant government agencies and organizations, the institute will strengthen education, research, and industry collaboration in tourism and sports.

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


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**AN ACT CREATING BOHOL ISLAND STATE UNIVERSITY (BISU) TOURISM AND
SPORTS INSTITUTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALILIHAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Sec. 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as "The Bohol Island State University Tourism and Sports Institute Act."

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. - The State declares tourism as an indispensable element of the economy and an industry of national interest and importance, which must be harnessed as an engine of socioeconomic growth and cultural affirmation to generate investment, foreign exchange and employment and continue to mold an enhanced sense of national pride. The State shall thus see to it that the industry remains sustainably resilient by providing a well-trained and educated workforce in the field of tourism and hospitality.

Section 17, Article 11 of the 1987 Constitution provides, "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development."

Section 19, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution reads, "The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry."

Sec. 3. Establishment of Bohol Island State University Tourism and Sports Institute. - There is hereby established a Bohol Island State University Tourism and Sports Institute, hereinafter referred to as the Institute, in the Bohol Island State University (BISU) at the municipality of Balilihan, province of Bohol and which shall be country's training laboratory for tourism and sports development especially for Visayas and Mindanao. The Institute shall be part of the BISU System.

Sec. 4. Organization of Human Resource Complement. - The human resource complement of the Institute shall be organized by BISU in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

Sec. 5. Tourism and Sports Curriculum. - The Tourism and Sports Curriculum shall be developed by Institute in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

and the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC).

• **Sec. 6. Appropriations.** - An initial amount of Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Million Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱963,400,000), to be sourced from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Higher Education Development Fund (HEDF), or such sums as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the implementation of this Act. Thereafter, the funding requirements for its continued operation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

In addition, financial contributions and technical assistance intended for tourism and sports development may be obtained from and through the Department of Tourism (DOT) - Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), CHED-Higher Education Development Fund (HEDF), PSC, local government units, other national agencies and government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), the private sector, and other local and international organizations in the form of grants, donations, contributions, payments, fees and charges.

Sec. 7. Tax Exemptions and Tax Expenditure Fund. - The Institute shall be entitled to all tax exemptions enumerated under Section 25 of Republic Act No. 9500, otherwise known as the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Act. The Institute may avail of the Tax Expenditure Fund pursuant to Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, Presidential Decree No. 93 series of 1986, Presidential Decree No. 1177 series of 1977, and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - BISU in coordination with the CHED, DOT, PSC, DBM, Bureau of Internal Revenue shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

Sec. 9. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 10. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamation and administrative regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 11. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,