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HOUSE BILL NO. 9247



**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CORDILLERA
INDIGENOUS TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOKOD,
PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**INTRODUCED BY REP. KENNETH PAOLO TERENG and
REP. DANTE S. GARCIA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Constitution recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development. In line with this mandate, the State is duty-bound to ensure that indigenous peoples are empowered through access to education, skills training, and programs that respect and preserve their unique cultural identities.

The Cordillera region is home to diverse indigenous groups whose traditions, knowledge systems, and ways of life form an integral part of the nation's cultural heritage. However, many of these communities continue to face barriers to quality education, sustainable livelihood opportunities, and institutional support that is culturally responsive and inclusive.

This bill seeks to establish a **Cordillera Indigenous Training Center**, which shall serve as a dedicated hub for education, technical skills development, and cultural preservation specifically designed for indigenous peoples. The Center will provide programs that are sensitive to indigenous knowledge systems and practices, ensuring that development initiatives do not erode cultural identity but instead strengthen and sustain it.

Furthermore, the proposed measure ensures that adequate funding is allocated through the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples for its initial implementation, with continued support through the annual General Appropriations Act. Standard provisions on repealing, separability, and effectivity are likewise included to ensure the smooth implementation of this Act.

The establishment of this Center is a significant step toward inclusive development, social equity, and the preservation of the rich cultural heritage of the Cordillera indigenous communities.

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


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SECTION 1. There is hereby a need to establish a Cordillera Indigenous Training Center which shall serve as a hub for education, skills development, and cultural preservation tailored specifically for indigenous peoples.

SECTION 2. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples. Thereafter, such amount shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All acts, laws, decrees, executive orders, Letters of Instruction, regulations, or any part thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions of this Act which are not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved,