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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 106

Submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on February 5, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 7629

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3728

Sponsors: Representatives Jude A. Acidre and Richard I. Gomez, DPA

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education to which was referred House Bill No. 3728, introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez, DPA, entitled:

“AN ACT

FURTHER AMENDING SECTIONS 6 AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10599, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11309, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE PALOMPON POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY (PPSU), BY ALIGNING THE CHARTER OF SAID STATE UNIVERSITY WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8292 AND TO ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE AND STABLE GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP FOR PPSU”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 7629, entitled:

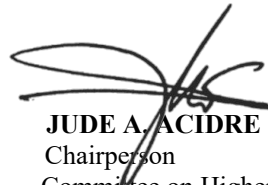
“AN ACT

ALIGNING THE CHARTER OF THE PALOMPON POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “HIGHER EDUCATION MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997”, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 6 AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10599, ENTITLED “AN ACT CONVERTING THE PALOMPON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON, PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE PALOMPON POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE MARCELINO R. VELOSO NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11309”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3728 and with Representatives Richard I. Gomez, DPA, Jude A. Acidre, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Salvador A. Pleyto, Ma. Cristina Talavera Lopez, Jaime Eduardo Marc D. Cojuangco, Joseph “Jojo” L. Lara, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., MD, FPSO-HNS, Rebecca Maria “Mia” A. Ynares, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Steve Chiongbian Solon, Dibu S. Tuan, Patricia C. Calderon, Howard A. Guintu, Jane T. Castro, Kenneth T. Gatchalian, Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte, Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, Roman T. Romulo, Bella Vanessa B. Suansing, JC Rahman A. Nava, MD, Jaime R. Fresnedi, Sergio C. Dagooc, Gerald Cloyd Alexis V. Galang, John Tracy F. Cagas, Nelson “JR” Dayanghirang, Edwin L. Cruzado, M.D., Florabel C. Yatco, King George Leandro Antonio V. Collantes, Edsel A. Galeos, Agatha Paula Aguilar Cruz, Atty. Jennifer “Karen” A. Lagbas, Antolin A. Oreta III, Walfredo “Arman” R. Dimaguila, Jr., Henry “Indy” F. Oaminal, Jr., Johanne Monich G. Bautista, Antonino B. Roman III, Niko Raul S.J. Daza, Julianne “Jam” L. Baronda, Mario “Kokoy” O. Salvador, Jorge Daniel S. Bocobo, Renee Louise M. Co, Dimszar M. Sali, Janice Vallega Degamo, Alexander Ty Pimentel, Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando, Isidro D. Lumayag, Mercedes K. Alvarez, Jesus “Jess” R. Marquez, Romeo S. Momo, Sr., Eulogio “Leo” R. Rodriguez, Brian Poe, Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Ziaur-Rahman “Zia” Alonto Adiong, Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai, Jose Manuel Tadeo “Chel” I. Diokno, Felimon M. Espares, Loreto S. Amante, Joseph Kim C. Yu, John Geesnell

“Baba” Yap, Brian Raymund S. Yamsuan, Christopherson “Coco” M. Yap, and Ma. Victoria Co-Pilar as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jude A. Acidre', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

JUDE A. ACIDRE
Chairperson
Committee on Higher and Technical Education

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 10599, entitled “An Act Converting the
2 Palompon Institute of Technology in the Municipality of Palompon, Province of Leyte into a
3 State University to be known as the Palompon Polytechnic State University, Integrating
4 Therewith the Marcelino R. Veloso National Polytechnic College in the Municipality of
5 Tabango, Province of Leyte and Appropriating Funds Therefor”, is hereby amended to read as
6 follows:
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8 “SEC. 6. [*The Governing Board*] *THE BOARD OF REGENTS.* – The
9 governing body of the University, shall be the Board of Regents, hereinafter
10 referred to as the Board [, which shall be composed of the following;]. THE
11 CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD SHALL BE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
12 COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) AND THE PRESIDENT
13 OF THE UNIVERSITY SHALL SERVE AS VICECHAIRPERSON. THE
14 BOARD SHALL ADDITIONALLY CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING
15 MEMBERS:

16 [(a) The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),
17 Chairperson;

18 (b) The President of the University, Vice Chairperson;]

19 [(c) The] (A) Chairperson of the Committee on [Education, Arts and Culture]
20 HIGHER, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION of the Senate [,
21 member];

22 [d. The] (B) Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education
23 of the House of Representatives [, member];
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25 [e. The] (C) Regional Director of the [National Economic and Development
26 Authority (NEDA)] DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING AND
27 DEVELOPMENT [, member];
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29 [f. The] (D) Regional Director of the Department of Science and
30 Technology[(DOST), member];
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32 [g.The] (E) President of the federation of faculty associations of the University [,
33 member];
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35 [h. The] (F) President of the federation of student councils of the University [,
36 member];
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38 [i. The] (G) President of the federation of alumni associations of the University [,
39 member];
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41 (H) PRESIDENT OF THE NON-ACADEMIC AND NONTEACHING
42 PERSONNEL OF THE UNIVERSITY; and
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44 [j]. (I) Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished
45 themselves in their professionS or [the] fields of specialization [, members].
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1 The Board shall appoint said members from [among] a list of at least five
2 (5) qualified persons [in] FROM the Province of Leyte, as recommended by [the]
3 A search committee constituted by the University President, in consultation with
4 the Chairperson of the CHED and [the] other members of the Board, based on
5 the [normal standards and] qualifications STANDARDS SET BY THE BOARD
6 for the position. THEY SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS
7 FROM THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
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9 The termS of office of the RESPECTIVE PresidentS of the [United
10 Filipino Seafarers, the President of the] federation of faculty associations, [the
11 President of the] federation of student councils, [and the President of the]
12 federation of alumni associations, AND THE NON-ACACEMIC AND
13 NONTEACHING PERSONNEL shall be coterminous with their [respective]
14 terms of office, as [set forth in] PROVIDED UNDER their respective
15 constitutions and bylaws.
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17 [The two (2) prominent citizens shall serve for a term of two (2) years from
18 the date of appointment.]
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20 IN CASE OF VACANCY AMONG APPOINTIVE POSITIONS IN THE
21 BOARD, THE VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED BY THE BOARD
22 FOLLOWING GUIDELINES SET BY IT AND THE APPOINTEE SHALL
23 HOLD OFFICE ONLY FOR THE UNEXPIRED PORTION OF THE TERM.”
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25 **SEC. 2.** Section 9 of RA 10599, as amended by RA 11309 is hereby further amended to
26 read as follows:
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28 “SEC. 9. The University President. – The University shall be headed by a
29 President [, who shall render full-time service and] who shall be appointed by the
30 Board, subject to [the] ITS guidelines, qualifications, and standards [set by the
31 Board], AND BASED ON THE [upon] recommendation of a [duly constituted]
32 search committee[.] DULY CONSTITUTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
33 SELECTING THE PRESIDENT. The University President shall [have]
34 RENDER FULL-TIME SERVICE FOR a term of four (4) years, and [shall be
35 eligible for reappointment] MAY BE REAPPOINTED [for] TO another term:
36 *Provided*, That in order to effect a smooth transition to a state university, the
37 incumbent President of the Palompon Institute of Technology, if qualified, shall
38 serve as the [interim] FIRST President of the [PPSU] UNIVERSITY [However,
39 within three (3) months from the effectivity of this Act, a new President shall be
40 appointed by the Board.] WHO SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR
41 REAPPOINTMENT.

42 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the
43 [interim] INCUMBENT President of the University, the Board shall constitute the
44 Search Committee for the Presidency (SCP).
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1 In case of vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death,
2 compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause or incapacity of the
3 President to perform the functions of the office, the Board shall designate an
4 Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the University, [within six (6) months from the date
5 of vacancy,] pending the appointment of a new President [. The successor or the
6 Officer-in-Charge]: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE OIC shall serve only DURING the
7 unexpired portion of the term.

8 The powers and duties of the President of the University, in addition to those
9 specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of
10 the President of similar universities, and those delegated by the Board.

11 The salary of the President of the University shall be in accordance with
12 [the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System and shall be
13 comparable to that being received by the Presidents of similar educational
14 institutions.] REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11466, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
15 “SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW OF 2019”, AND SUCH OTHER
16 LAWS AMENDATORY THERETO, WHICH MAY HEREINAFTER BE
17 ENACTED, AND ON THE JOINT CIRCULAR ON LEVELING
18 INSTRUMENTS FOR STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND
19 GUIDELINES OF THE CHED AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND
20 MANAGEMENT.

21 The President of the University shall be assisted by the FOLLOWING
22 OFFICIALS: Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for
23 Administration, PLANNING, AND FINANCE; AND Vice President for
24 Research, DEVELOPMENT, AND Extension [and External Affairs, who]. THEY
25 shall be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the President OF
26 THE UNIVERSITY.

27 **SEC. 3.** The provisions of RA 8292 shall form part of this Act.
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29 **SEC. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in
30 consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to implement its provisions.
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32 **SEC. 5.** All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations
33 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified
34 accordingly.
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36 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the
37 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,