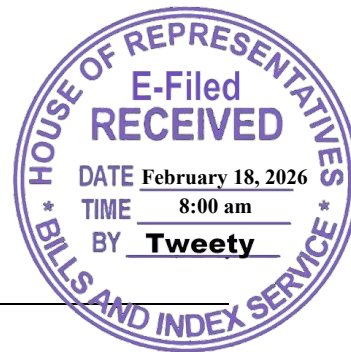


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 120

Submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on February 18, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 7830

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2690

Sponsors: Representatives Jude A. Acidre and Jaime Eduardo Marc D. Cojuangco

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education to which was referred House Bill No. 2690, introduced by Representative Jaime Eduardo Marc D. Cojuangco, entitled:

“AN ACT

RENAMING THE TARLAC AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY (TAU) TO TARLAC SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY (TSTAU), REORGANIZING ITS GOVERNING BOARD, ENHANCING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT (R.A.) NO. 10800, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT CONVERTING THE TARLAC COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE (TCA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAMILING, PROVINCE OF TARLAC INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE TARLAC AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR” AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 7830, entitled:

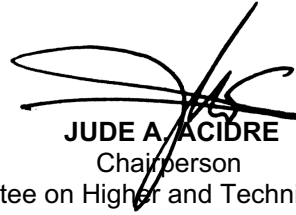
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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2690 and with Representatives Jaime Eduardo Marc D. Cojuangco, Jude A. Acidre, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Salvador A. Pleyto, Ma. Cristina Talavera Lopez, Joseph “Jojo” L. Lara, 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 Collantes, Edsel A. Galeos, Agatha “Agay” A. 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 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

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jude A. Acidre', is written over the printed name and title.

JUDE A. ACIDRE
Chairperson
Committee on Higher and Technical Education

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as “Tarlac Science, Technology, and Agricultural
2 University Charter”.

3 **SEC. 2.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10800 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 “SECTION 1. [Conversion] RENAMING THE TARLAC AGRICULTURAL
5 UNIVERSITY. - The [Tarlac College of Agriculture (TCA)] TARLAC AGRICULTURAL
6 UNIVERSITY in the Municipality of Camiling, Province of Tarlac is hereby [converted into a
7 state university to be known as the Tarlac Agricultural University, hereinafter referred to as the
8 University] RENAMED AS THE “TARLAC SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND
9 AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY.”

10 **SEC. 3.** Section 2 of RA 10800 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 “SEC. 2. *General Mandate.* – The TARLAC SCIENCE,
12 TECHNOLOGY, AND AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY,
13 HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE University, shall primarily
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1 provide advanceD education, higher technological and professional
2 [instruction] COURSES and training PROGRAMS in the fields of
3 agriculture, [agribusiness management] BUSINESS AND
4 ENTREPRENEURSHIP, ARTS AND HUMANITIES, science and
5 technology, engineering, teacher education, [nontraditional courses],
6 VETERINARY MEDICINE, ALLIED MEDICAL PROGRAMS, and
7 other relevant fields of study. It shall also undertake research,
8 extension services, and production activities, AND BRING FORTH
9 PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP IN ITS AREAS OF
10 SPECIALIZATION in support of the SOCIO-ECONOMIC
11 development of the Province of Tarlac [and provide progressive
12 leadership in its areas of specialization] AND THE CENTRAL
13 LUZON REGION.”

14 **SEC. 4.** Section 4 of RA 10800 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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16 “SEC. 4. *Curricular Offerings.* - The University shall offer
17 undergraduate and graduate courses, ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL
18 AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING in the fields of
19 agriculture, [agribusiness management,] BUSINESS,
20 ENTREPRENEURSHIP, ARTS AND HUMANITIES,
21 VETERINARY MEDICINE, TEACHER EDUCATION, science,
22 [and] technology, [agricultural and other branches of] engineering, and
23 other courses within its areas of specialization, and according to its
24 capabilities as the Board OF REGENTS may deem necessary to carry
25 out its objectives, [particularly in meeting the] AND THOSE WHICH
26 RESPOND TO THE HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT needs
27 of the Province of Tarlac and [Region III] THE CENTRAL LUZON
28 REGION: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE UNIVERSITY SHALL
29 COMPLY WITH THE POLICIES, STANDARDS, AND
30 GUIDELINES OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
31 (CHED) FOR THE OFFERING OF COURSES AND THE
32 INTRODUCTION OF NEW AND REVISED PROGRAMS.”
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36 **SEC. 5.** Section 6 of RA 10800 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 “SEC. 6. *The [Governing] Board OF REGENTS.* – The governing
38 board of the University shall be the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred
39 to as the Board, which shall be [composed of] CHAIRED AND VICE-
40 CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CHED AND THE
41 PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY, RESPECTIVELY, AND WITH
42 the following, AS MEMBERS:

43 [(a) The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),
44 Chairperson;]

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46 [(b) The President of the University, Vice Chairperson;]
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48 [(c) The] (A) Chairperson of the Committee on [Education, Arts and Culture]
49 HIGHER, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION of the Senate
50 [, member];
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52 [(d) The] (B) Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical
53 Education of the House of Representatives [, member];
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55 [(e) The] (C) Regional Director of the [National Economic and Development
56 Authority (NEDA), member] DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING
57 AND DEVELOPMENT;
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2 [(f) The] (D) Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture (DA)[,
3 member];

4 (E) REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND
5 TECHNOLOGY;

6 [(g) The] (F) President of the federation of faculty associations of the
7 University[, member];

8 [(h)] (G) President of the federation of student councils of the
9 University[, member];

10 [(i) (H) President of the federation of alumni associations of the University
11 [, member];

12 (I) REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NONTEACHING PERSONNEL
13 ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY; and

14 (j) Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have
15 distinguished themselves in their profession or fields of specialization[,
16 member].
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18 The Board shall appoint the two (2) prominent citizens who shall be
19 selected from [among] a list of at least five (5) qualified persons from the
20 Province of Tarlac, as recommended by a Search Committee
21 CONSTITUTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY, in
22 consultation with the Chairperson of the CHED and [the] other members of
23 the Board, based on the GUIDELINES, standards and qualifications [and
24 standards] for the position SET BY THE BOARD. THEY SHALL SERVE
25 FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF
26 APPOINTMENT.
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28 The TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE Presidents of the federationS of
29 faculty associations, [federation of] student councils, [and the federation
30 of] alumni associations, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
31 NONTEACHING PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION shall [serve in the
32 Board only for the duration of their respective] BE COTERMINOUS
33 WITH THEIR terms of office, as [set forth in] PROVIDED UNDER their
34 respective constitution and bylaws.
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36 The two (2) prominent citizens shall serve for a term of two (2) years
37 from the date of appointment.”
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39 **SEC. 6.** The provisions of RA 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education
40 Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act and shall serve as part of the governing
41 charter of the University.

42 **SEC. 7.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to
43 or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

44 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its COMPLETE publication in the
45 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,