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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 351

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations
on 26 MAY 2026

Re: House Bill No. 9464

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3135, 3136, 4249,
and 4250

Sponsors: Representatives Jude A. Acidre, Christopher Sheen P. Gonzales, Mikaela
Angela B. Suansing, and Marcelino C. Libanan

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations, to which were
referred House Bill No. 3135, introduced by Representatives Christopher Sheen P. Gonzales and
Marcelino C. Libanan, entitled:

“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE EASTERN SAMAR STATE
UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALANGIGA, PROVINCE OF
EASTERN SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 3136, introduced by Representatives Christopher Sheen P. Gonzales and
Marcelino C. Libanan, entitled:

“AN ACT
CONVERTING THE ARTECHE CAMPUS OF THE EASTERN SAMAR STATE
UNIVERSITY (ESSU) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARTECHE, IN
THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 4249, introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda
Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre, entitled:

“AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE EASTERN SAMAR
STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARTECHE, PROVINCE OF
EASTERN SAMAR INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”;

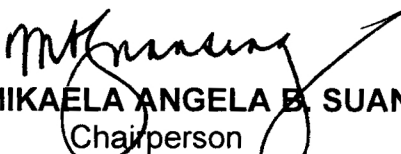
and House Bill No. 4250 introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre, entitled:

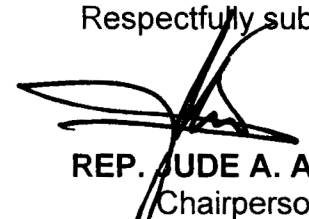
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UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALANGIGA, PROVINCE OF
EASTERN SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9464,
entitled:

“AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUSES OF THE EASTERN SAMAR
STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ARTECHE AND
BALANGIGA, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR INTO REGULAR
CAMPUSES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3135, 3136, 4249, and 4250 with Representatives Christopher Sheen P. Gonzales, Marcelino C. Libanan, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, Jude A. Acidre, Eulogio “Leo” R. Rodriguez, Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, Roman T. Romulo, Henry “Indy” F. Oaminal, Jr., John Tracy F. Cagas, Rhea Mae A. Gullas, Audrey Kay T. Zubiri, Patricia C. Calderon, Walfredo “Arman” R. Dimaguila, Jr., Jorge Daniel S. Bocobo, Karen Hope F. Garcia, Kenneth T. Gatchalian, Mario “Kokoy” O. Salvador, Felimon M. Espares, Edwin L. Cruzado, M.D., King Collantes, Andrian E. Salceda, Johanne Monich G. Bautista, Antonino B. Roman III, Sun Judal Shimura, Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando, Joseph “Jojo” L. Lara, Daphne A. Lagon, Bambi B. Emano, Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III, Rebecca Maria Alcantara Ynares, Lani Mercado-Revilla, Atty. Jennifer “Karen” A. Lagbas, Leonel “Jhong” D. Ceniza, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing as authors thereof.


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Chairperson
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Respectfully submitted,

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Committee on Higher and Technical Education

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House Bill No. 9464

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 3135, 3136, 4249, and 4250)

Introduced by Representatives Christopher Sheen P. Gonzales, Marcelino C. Libanan, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, Jude A. Acidre, Eulogio "Leo" R. Rodriguez, Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, Roman T. Romulo, Henry "Indy" F. Oaminal, Jr., John Tracy F. Cagas, Rhea Mae A. Gullas, Audrey Kay T. Zubiri, Patricia C. Calderon, Walfredo "Arman" R. Dimaguila, Jr., Jorge Daniel S. Bocobo, Karen Hope F. Garcia, Kenneth T. Gatchalian, Mario "Kokoy" O. Salvador, Felimon M. Espares, Edwin L. Cruzado, M.D., King Collantes, Andrian E. Salceda, Johanne Monich G. Bautista, Antonino B. Roman III, Sun Judal Shimura, Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando, Joseph "Jojo" L. Lara, Daphne A. Lagon, Bambi B. Emano, Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III, Rebecca Maria Alcantara Ynares, Lani Mercado-Revilla, Atty. Jennifer "Karen" A. Lagbas, Leonel "Jhong" D. Ceniza, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

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CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUSES OF THE EASTERN SAMAR STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ARTECHE AND BALANGIGA, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR INTO REGULAR CAMPUSES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*Eastern Samar State University-Arteche and Balangiga Campuses Act*".

SEC. 2. *Conversion.* - The Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) shall convert the extension campuses located in the Municipalities of Arteche and Balangiga, Province of Eastern Samar, into regular campuses to be known respectively as the "*ESSU-Arteche Campus and ESSU-Balangiga Campus*".

SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* - The ESSU-Arteche Campus and ESSU-Balangiga Campus shall offer short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competencies and specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Eastern Samar and the Eastern Visayas Region.

1 The ESSU-Arteche Campus and ESSU-Balangiga Campus are
2 also mandated to undertake research, extension services, and production
3 activities in support of the socio-economic development and to provide
4 progressive leadership in these areas.

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6 **SEC. 4. Supervision and Management.** - The ESSU-Arteche Campus
7 and ESSU-Balangiga Campus shall each be headed by a full-time Campus
8 Director. The Board shall appoint the Campus Director based on the
9 recommendation of the ESSU President following the guidelines, qualifications,
10 and standards set by the Board, together with an endorsement from a duly
11 constituted Search Committee.

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13 **SEC. 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on
14 Higher Education (CHED).** - The ESSU shall ensure that the minimum
15 requirements of the CHED for the operation of the ESSU-Arteche Campus
16 and the ESSU-Balangiga Campus, including those related to their course
17 offerings, are fully complied with.

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19 **SEC. 6. Management of Assets, Liabilities, Personnel, and Records
20 of the Campuses.** - All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records
21 of the ESSU-Arteche Campus and the ESSU-Balangiga Campus, as well as the
22 liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the ESSU. The positions, rights,
23 and security of tenure of the faculty and personnel therein employed under
24 existing laws prior to the conversion into regular campuses shall be respected.

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26 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the ESSU-
27 Arteche Campus and the ESSU-Balangiga Campus shall be transferred to the
28 ESSU: *Provided*, That should the campuses or the ESSU cease to exist or be
29 abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by
30 the ESSU, the same shall revert to the local government units concerned or to
31 the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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33 **SEC. 7. Suppletory Application.** - The provisions of Republic Act No.
34 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997",
35 shall form part of this Act.

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37 **SEC. 8. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the
38 provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act
39 (GAA).

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41 **SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within sixty (60) days
42 of the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue
43 rules and regulations to implement its provisions.

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45 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any part or provision
46 of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions
47 not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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49 **SEC. 11. Repealing Clause.** - All other laws, presidential decrees,
50 executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the
51 provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

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53 **SEC. 12. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after

1 its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
2 circulation.

Approved,