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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 460

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations on June 22, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 9901

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2046

Sponsors: Representatives Jude A. Acidre, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and Carl Nicolas C. Cari

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 2046 by Representative Carl Nicolas C. Cari, entitled:

“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE VISAYAS STATE
UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS, PROVINCE OF
LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9901, entitled:

“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE VISAYAS STATE
UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS, PROVINCE OF LEYTE,
TO BE KNOWN AS THE “VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY-HILONGOS
CAMPUS”, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2046 and with Representatives Carl Nicolas C. Cari, Jude A. Acidre, Patricia C. Calderon, Antonio L. Tinio, Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando, Dimszar M. Sali, Antolin A. Oreta III, Jaime R. Fresnedi, Jose Manuel Tadeo “Chel” I. Diokno, Mario “Kokoy” O. Salvador, De Carlo L. Uy, Walfredo “Arman” R. Dimaguila, Jr., Kenneth T. Gatchalian, Atty. Jennifer “Karen” A. Lagbas, Wilton “Tonton” T. Kho, Anna York P. Bondoc, M.D., Ma. Cristina Talavera Lopez, Christopherson “Coco” M. Yap, Johanne Monich G. Bautista, Roman T. Romulo, Florabel C. Yatco, King Collantes, Joseph “Jojo” L. Lara, Felimon M. Espares, Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai, Rebecca Maria Alcantara Ynares, Edwin L. Cruzado, M.D., and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


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House Bill No. 9901
(In substitution of House Bill No. 2046)

Introduced by Representatives Carl Nicolas C. Cari, Jude A. Acidre, Patricia C. Calderon, Antonio L. Tinio, Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando, Dimszar M. Sali, Antolin A. Oreta III, Jaime R. Fresnedi, Jose Manuel Tadeo “Chel” I. Diokno, Mario “Kokoy” O. Salvador, De Carlo L. Uy, Walfredo “Arman” R. Dimaguila, Jr., Kenneth T. Gatchalian, Atty. Jennifer “Karen” A. Lagbas, Wilton “Tonton” T. Kho, Anna York P. Bondoc, M. D., Ma. Cristina Talavera Lopez, Christopherson “Coco” M. Yap, Johanne Monich G. Bautista, Roman T. Romulo, Florabel C. Yatco, King Collantes, Joseph “Jojo” L. Lara, Felimon M. Espares, Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai, Rebecca Maria Alcantara Ynares, Edwin L. Cruzado, M.D., and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

AN ACT
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AS THE “VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY-HILONGOS CAMPUS”, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Visayas State*
2 *University-Hilongos Campus Act*”.

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4 **Sec. 2. Establishment.** - There is hereby established a regular campus of the
5 Visayas State University (VSU), to be located in the Municipality of Hilongos,
6 Province of Leyte, which shall be known as the “Visayas State University-Hilongos
7 Campus”.

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9 **Sec. 3. General Mandate.** - The VSU-Hilongos Campus shall primarily provide
10 short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its
11 areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the VSU, and
12 according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the
13 Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resource development needs
14 of the Province of Leyte and the Eastern Visayas Region.

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16 It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, in support of
17 the socio-economic development of the Province of Leyte and the Eastern Visayas
18 Region and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

19 **Sec. 4. Supervision and Management.** – The VSU-Hilongos Campus shall be
20 headed by a full-time Campus Director, to be appointed by the Board, subject to its
21 guidelines on qualification standards, and upon the recommendation of a Search
22 Committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Director.

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2 **Sec. 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher**
3 **Education (CHED).** - The VSU shall ensure the compliance of the VSU-Hilongos
4 Campus with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for the operation
5 of the said campus, including those related to the offering of courses and the
6 introduction of new or revised courses and programs prior to its establishment.
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8 **Sec. 6. Management of Assets, Liabilities, Personnel, and Records of the**
9 **Campus.** - All appropriations, assets, both real and personal, personnel, and
10 records of the VSU-Hilongos Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall
11 be titled under or named after the VSU.
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13 All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the
14 VSU-Hilongos Campus shall be the property of the VSU and titled under its name:
15 *Provided*, That should the said campus cease to exist or be abolished or should
16 such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the VSU, the same
17 shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the
18 Philippines, as the case may be.
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20 **Sec. 7. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
21 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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23 **Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within sixty (60) days from
24 the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules
25 and regulations to implement its provisions.
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27 **Sec. 9. Supplementary Application.** - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
28 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form
29 part of this Act.
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31 **Sec. 10. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
32 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not
33 affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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35 **Sec. 11. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
36 rules and regulations, and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with the
37 provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.
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39 **Sec. 12. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
40 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,