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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 46

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Re: Senate Bill No. **2274** (Prepared by the Committees)

Recommending its approval in substitution of S. Nos. 140, 639, 1340, 1414 and 2155

Sponsors: Senators Pia S. Cayetano, Cynthia A. Villar, Ralph G. Recto, Antonio F. Trillanes IV, Miriam Defensor Santiago, Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada and Juan Edgardo M. Angara

#### Mr. President:

The Committee on Education, Arts and Culture; Committee on Finance; and Committee on Ways and Means to which were primarily and secondarily referred Senate Bill No. 140, introduced by Senators Cynthia A. Villar and Ralph G. Recto, entitled:

#### **"AN ACT**

TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION THROUGH OPEN LEARNING AND DISTANCE EDUCATION IN POST SECONDARY AND TERTIARY LEVELS IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,"

Senate Bill No. 639, introduced by Senator Antonio F. Trillanes IV, entitled:

#### "AN ACT

STRENGTHENING THE OPEN LEARNING SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,"

Senate Bill No. 1340, introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago, entitled:

## "AN ACT REQUIRING AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS,"

Senate Bill No. 1414, introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada, entitled:

#### "AN ACT

INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPEN LEARNING AND DISTANCE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,"

and Senate Bill No. 2155, introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo M. Angara, entitled:

#### "AN ACT

TO EXPAND ACCESS TO EDUCATION THROUGH OPEN LEARNING AND DISTANCE EDUCATION IN POST-SECONDARY AND TERTIARY LEVELS OF EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, S. No. **2274**, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

#### "AN ACT

# TO EXPAND ACCESS TO EDUCATION THROUGH OPEN LEARNING AND DISTANCE EDUCATION IN POST-SECONDARY AND TERTIARY LEVELS OF EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

be approved in substitution of S. Nos. 140, 639, 1340, 1414 and 2155 with Senators Cynthia A. Villar, Ralph G. Recto, Antonio F. Trillanes IV, Miriam Defensor Santiago, Jinggoy Ejercíto Estrada and Juan Edgardo M. Angara as authors thereof.

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