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AN ACT
AMENDING ACT NO. 4120, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT CREATING A
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS FOR THE
PROMOTION OF RESEARCH WORK ALONG SCIENTIFIC LINES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 17, provides:

SEC. 17. The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Effective management of projects dictates that the managers establish goals that are measurable. Bereft of such aspect, projects end up useless and ultimately a waste of taxpayers' money.

However, the 2013 COA Report on the National Research Council of the Philippines (NCRP) revealed the following:

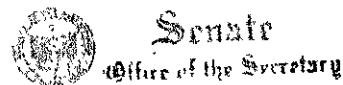
The Agency has no standard operating procedure to assess if the objectives and expected results of completed research projects were attained nor to evaluate their impact and potential benefits, hence, research outputs were not endorsed to the appropriate government agencies for possible use, adoption or further study, thus creating gaps in fully realizing the objectives of the research projects and, ultimately, in the achievement of the Agency's mission. (Emphasis supplied)

Not only does this finding show the ineffectiveness of the NRCP, it puts the whole existence of the 80-year old agency into question. Corrective legislation must be made to ensure that only measurable research projects can be undertaken through the NRCP.

This bill seeks to mandate the NRCP to establish a process of assessing the success of research projects and evaluating their impact and potential benefits. It also prohibits the initiation or continuation of projects which do not have an approved method of determining success.


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

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4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as “Research Evaluation
5 Process Establishment Act.”

6 SECTION 2. An additional paragraph shall be added in Section 3 of Act No.
7 4120, otherwise known as the “An Act Creating a National Research Council of the
8 Philippine Islands for the Promotion of Research Work Along Scientific Lines,” so that
9 the same shall read as follows:

10 Section 3. The National Research Council of the Philippine Islands
11 shall, aside from the charter members mentioned in Section 1 hereof,
12 consists of members duly elected by the incorporators thereof in accordance
13 with its Constitution and By-Laws and the said corporation shall have
14 power to make its own organization, including constitution, by-laws, and
15 rules and regulations; to fill vacancies created by death, resignation, or
16 otherwise; to provide for the election of members, division into classes, and
17 other matters needful or usual in such institution.

1 **THE COUNCIL SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS OF**
2 **ASSESSING THE SUCCESS OF RESEARCH PROJECTS AND**
3 **EVALUATING THEIR IMPACT AND POTENTIAL BENEFITS. TO**
4 **SUCH END, NO RESEARCH PROJECT MAY BE INITIATED OR**
5 **CONTINUED WITHOUT AN APPROVED METHOD OF**
6 **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THE OBJECTIVES AND**
7 **EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE PROJECTS WERE ATTAINED.**

8 **THE COUNCIL SHALL LIKEWISE ENSURE THAT THE**
9 **FINDINGS OF RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE ENDORSED TO THE**
10 **PROPER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND/OR NON-**
11 **GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS.**

12 SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
13 unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the Act which is not affected thereby shall
14 continue to be in full force and effect.

15 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations,
16 or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
17 amended, or modified accordingly.

18 SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
19 following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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