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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 526

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Prepared and Submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture and Finance on NOV 29 2018

Re: House Bill No. 7548

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Escudero

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Education, Arts and Culture and Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 7548, introduced by Rep. Zarate, C. I., *et. al.*, entitled:

**"AN ACT CONVERTING THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (WVSU) - EXTENSION IN THE CITY OF HIMAMAYLAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY-HIMAMAYLAN CITY CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

1. ON PAGE 2, LINE 24, SECTION 4, REPLACE "THREE (3)" WITH "**TWO (2)**".
2. ON PAGE 3, LINE 2, SECTION 4, REPLACE "SEVENTY (70)" WITH "**SIXTY-FIVE (65)**".
3. ON PAGE 3, BETWEEN LINES 17 AND 18, INSERT NEW SECTIONS TO BE READ AS FOLLOWS:

**"SEC. 6. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY-HIMAMAYLAN CITY CAMPUS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ITS OPERATION AND PROGRAM OFFERINGS HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH AS DULY PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED).**

**SEC. 7. THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "HIGHER EDUCATION MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997" SHALL FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS ACT AND TOGETHER SHALL SERVE AS THE GOVERNING CHARTER OF THE UNIVERSITY.**

**SEC. 8. ALL OTHER POWERS, FUNCTIONS, PRIVILEGES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIMITATIONS TO STATE UNIVERSITIES AND/OR ITS OFFICIALS UNDER EXISTING LAWS SHALL BE DEEMED GRANTED TO OR IMPOSED UPON THE UNIVERSITY AND/OR ITS OFFICIALS WHENEVER APPROPRIATE.**

4. RENUMBER THE SUCCEEDING SECTIONS ACCORDINGLY.

**Respectfully submitted:**



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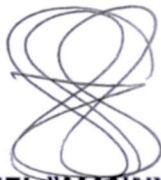
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7548

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CUEVA, ANTONIO, VILLARAZA-SUAREZ, MANALO, LOBREGAT,  
PINEDA, LIMKAICHONG, ARENAS AND MIRASOL, PER  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 729

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AN ACT CONVERTING THE WEST VISAYAS STATE  
UNIVERSITY (WVSU)-EXTENSION IN THE CITY OF  
HIMAMAYLAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL,  
INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE WEST VISAYAS  
STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE WEST  
VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY-HIMAMAYLAN CITY  
CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1           SECTION 1. *Conversion.* – The West Visayas State University  
2 (WVSU)-Extension in the City of Himamaylan, Province of Negros  
3 Occidental, is hereby converted into a regular campus of the West  
4 Visayas State University to be known as the West Visayas State  
5 University-Himamaylan City Campus (WVSU-HCC).

6           SEC. 2. *Curricular Offerings.* – The WVSU-HCC shall offer  
7 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in advanced

1 education, higher technological, professional instruction and  
2 training in the fields of arts, science and technology, education,  
3 short-term technical-vocational education and training (TVET), and  
4 other related and relevant fields of study within its areas of  
5 specialization to meet the needs of the province and of the region. It  
6 shall also undertake research, extension services and production  
7 activities in support of the socioeconomic development of the  
8 province and of the region, and provide progressive leadership in its  
9 areas of specialization: *Provided*, That the WVSU-HCC shall  
10 retain its original primary mandate as an arts and science  
11 institution: *Provided, further*, That the WVSU-HCC shall offer  
12 master's and doctorate degree programs and courses related to food  
13 production.

14       SEC. 3. *Board of Regents.* – The governance of the  
15 WVSU-HCC shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents  
16 (BOR) created under Presidential Decree No. 2019 and Republic Act  
17 No. 8292 that govern the WVSU. All policies, rules and regulations  
18 approved by the WVSU-BOR shall be applied to WVSU-HCC.

19       SEC. 4. *The Campus Administrator.* – The administration of  
20 the WVSU-HCC shall be the responsibility of the Campus  
21 Administrator who shall be appointed by the WVSU President and  
22 confirmed by the BOR.

23       The Campus Administrator shall serve on a full-time basis  
24 and shall hold office for a term of three (3) years and shall be  
25 eligible for reappointment for another term: *Provided*, That the  
26 Campus Administrator shall not be over sixty-two (62) years old at  
27 the time of appointment to qualify for reappointment or term

1 extension: *Provided, further,* That the Campus Administrator shall  
2 not have reached the age of seventy (70) years old. He must have at  
3 least an academic rank of associate professor and at least three (3)  
4 years of experience as Department Chair, Director or Vice President  
5 of a College/Unit.

6 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Campus Administrator  
7 by reason of death, compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for  
8 cause or incapacity to perform the functions of the office, the WVSU  
9 President shall have the authority to designate a new Campus  
10 Administrator.

11 SEC. 5. *Powers and Duties of the Campus Administrator.* –  
12 The powers and duties of the Campus Administrator of the  
13 WVSU-HCC shall be similar to the powers and duties of the  
14 Campus Administrators in other WVSU campuses.

15 The Campus Administrator of the WVSU-HCC shall represent  
16 the WVSU-HCC in the Administrative Council and Academic  
17 Council of the University.

18 SEC. 6. *Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.* – All assets, real  
19 and personal, personnel and records of the WVSU-Extension in  
20 Himamaylan City, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby  
21 transferred to the WVSU-HCC. The positions, rights and security  
22 of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under  
23 existing laws prior to the conversion into a regular campus shall be  
24 respected.

25 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by  
26 the WVSU-Extension in Himamaylan City are hereby transferred to  
27 the WVSU-HCC, and shall be titled under that name: *Provided,*

1 That should the campus or the University cease to exist or be  
2 abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no  
3 longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the local  
4 government units concerned.

5       SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out  
6 the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the  
7 current year's funding of the WVSU-Extension provided by the City  
8 of Himamaylan, Negros Occidental. The City of Himamaylan shall  
9 continue to provide the same funding to the WVSU-Extension  
10 School corresponding to the funding given before the same is  
11 integrated into the WVSU until such time that the full funding  
12 requirement of the WVSU-HCC is included in the annual General  
13 Appropriations Act.

14       SEC. 8. *Development Plan, Management Audit,*  
15 *Organizational/Administrative/Academic Structure.* – Within one  
16 hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the  
17 WVSU-HCC shall accomplish the following:

18       (a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its  
19 corresponding program budget to the Commission on Higher  
20 Education (CHED), for corresponding recommendation to the  
21 Department of Budget and Management (DBM);

22       (b) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the  
23 CHED;

24       (c) Set up its organizational, administrative as well as  
25 academic structure, including the appointment/designation of the  
26 WVSU-HCC officials; and



1 (d) Set in motion the establishment of at least two (2)  
2 separate degree-granting units, one of which is in the arts and  
3 sciences, and another at the graduate level.

4 SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within  
5 ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Board of the  
6 WVSU shall, in consultation with the CHED, promulgate the rules  
7 and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. The  
8 implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this Act  
9 shall take effect thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act.

10 SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act  
11 is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or provisions  
12 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

13 SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All parts of Presidential  
14 Decree No. 2019 and other laws or parts thereof inconsistent with  
15 any provision of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified  
16 accordingly.

17 SEC. 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
18 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper  
19 of general circulation.

Approved,

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