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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 408

Submitted by the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education and Finance on DEC 15 2021.

Re: House Bill No. 6975

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 6975 with amendments, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2391.

Sponsor: Senator Joel Villanueva

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; and Finance, to which were referred **House Bill No. 6975**, introduced by Representatives Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar, Mark O. Go, and Eric Go Yap, entitled:

"AN ACT

INTEGRATING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PSU-CCRD) EXTERNAL CAMPUSES IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA AS REGULAR CAMPUSES OF PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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taking into consideration, **Senate Bill No. 2391**, introduced by Senator Marcos, entitled:

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have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 6975, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2391, be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, Section 2, line 15, after the word **“the”** and before the word **“Province”**, insert the phrase **“FOLLOWING MUNICIPALITIES OF THE”**;

On the same page, line 17 to 18, delete the phrase **“Campuses, shall be integrated as regular campuses of the Palawan State University (PSU), hereinafter referred to as the University”**;

On the same page, 2nd paragraph, line 20 to 22, delete the phrase **“The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa, Namely”**;

On the same page, line 22, delete the phrase **“and other branches”** and in lieu thereof, insert the following phrases **“PSU-ARACELI, PSU-EL NIDO AND PSU-SAN RAFAEL LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA”**;

Integrate the first and second paragraphs;

Section 2 shall now read as follows:

“SEC. 2. The Palawan State University-College of Community Resources Development (PSU-CCRD) External Campuses in the FOLLOWING MUNICIPALITIES OF THE Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa, Namely, PSU- Narra, PSU-Quezon, PSU-Brooke’s Point, PSU-Roxas, PSU- Taytay, PSU-Coron, PSU-Espanola, PSU-Rizal, PSU-Bataraza, PSU-Balabac, PSU-Dumaran, PSU-San Vicente, PSU-Linapacan, PSU-ARACELI, PSU-EL NIDO AND PSU-SAN RAFAEL LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, shall be integrated as regular campuses of the University.”

2. On page 1, line 27, after the word **“campuses”**, delete the phrase **“and technology branches”**;
3. On page 2, line 25, after the word **“Linapacan”**, delete the phrase **“and Cuyo”** and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase, **“PSU-ARACELI, PSU-EL NIDO, AND PSU-SAN RAFAEL”**;
4. On page 2, line 43, delete the phrase **“and Cuyo”** and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase **“PSU-ARACELI, PSU-EL NIDO, AND PSU-SAN RAFAEL”**; and
5. On page 2, line 44, delete the word **“extension”** and in lieu thereof, insert the word **“EXTERNAL”**.

Respectfully submitted:

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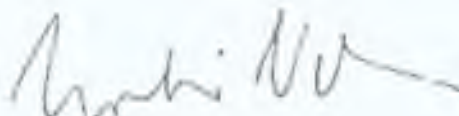
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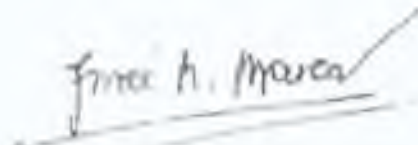
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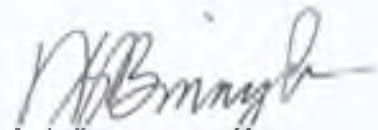


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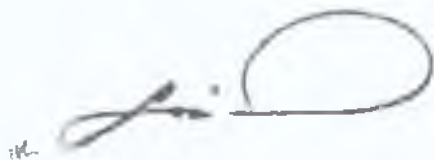
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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 6975
(In substitution of House Bill No. 5885)

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES CYRILLE "BENG" F. ABUEG-ZALDIVAR,
MARK O. GO, AND ERIC GO YAP

AN ACT

1 **INTEGRATING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY**
2 **RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PSU-CCRD) EXTERNAL CAMPUSES IN THE**
3 **PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA AS**
4 **REGULAR CAMPUSES OF PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY (PSU), AMENDING**
5 **FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7818, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**
6 **THEREFOR**

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

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11 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "*Palawan State University-College of*
12 *Community Resources Development (PSU-CCRD) External Campuses Act*".

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14 **SEC. 2.** The Palawan State University-College of Community Resources Development
15 (PSU-CCRD) External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa,
16 namely, PSU-Narra, PSU-Quezon, PSU-Brooke's Point, PSU-Roxas, PSU-Taytay, and PSU-
17 Coron Campuses, shall be integrated as regular campuses of the Palawan State University (PSU),
18 hereinafter referred to as the University.

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20 The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto
21 Princesa, Namely, PSU-Espanola, PSU-Rizal, PSU-Bataraza, PSU-Balabac, PSU-Damaran,
22 PSU-San Vicente, PSU-Linapacan, and other branches shall be integrated as regular campuses of
23 the University.

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25 The PSU Main Campus, The PSU-Cuyo Campus (formerly Palawan College of Arts and
26 Trade) in the Municipality of Cuyo, Palawan, which was integrated into the main campus, and
27 the regular campuses and technology branches of PSU established under this Act shall be
28 collectively referred to as the University.

1 **SEC. 3.** The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of
2 Puerto Princesa shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational courses, undergraduate,
3 and graduate programs within its competency and areas of specialization pursuant to its mandate,
4 and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents, may deem necessary to carry out its
5 objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of
6 Palawan and the Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan (MIMAROPA) Region.

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8 The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto
9 Princesa are also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide
10 progressive leadership in these areas.

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12 **SEC. 4.** The governance of the Campuses shall be vested exclusively in the Board of
13 Regents of the PSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board

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15 **SEC. 5.** The University President shall exercise overall supervision and management of the
16 campuses. The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of
17 Puerto Princesa shall each be headed by Campus Administrator who shall render full-time
18 service and be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search
19 committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the
20 Board. *Provided*, That, upon the effectivity of this Act, the incumbent Campus Directors of the
21 existing campuses of the PSU shall continue to serve as such

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23 **SEC. 6.** All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the PSU-CCRD External
24 Campuses located in the Municipalities of Narra, Quezon, Brooke's Point, Roxas, Taytay,
25 Coron, Espanola, Rizal, Bataraza, Balabac, Dumaran, San Vicente, Linapacan, and Cuyo, as well
26 as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The positions, rights, and
27 security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior
28 to their conversion into regular campuses shall be respected. *Provided*, That the incumbents
29 occupy the positions shall remain in the same status until otherwise provided by the Board.
30 *Provided*, further, That the University shall also accordingly upgrade or increase its human
31 resource component as may be deemed appropriate by the governing Board.

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33 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the PSU-CCRD External
34 Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa are hereby transferred to
35 the University, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the campuses or the
36 University cease to exist or be abolished, or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no
37 longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the local government units concerned.

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39 **SEC. 7.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in
40 the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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42 The municipalities of Narra, Quezon, Brooke's Point, Roxas, Taytay, Coron, Espanola,
43 Rizal, Bataraza, Balabac, Dumaran, San Vicente, Linapacan, and Cuyo shall provide the same
44 financial support to the respective extension campuses until such time that the amount necessary
45 for the continued operation and maintenance of the campuses shall be included in the annual
46 GAA.

1 SEC. 8. The provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher
2 Education Modernization Act of 1997", and RA Nos. 9832 and 11169 shall form an integral part
3 of this Act, and shall serve as part of the governing charter of the University.
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5 SEC. 9. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or
6 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force
7 and effect.
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9 SEC. 10. All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations
10 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.
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12 SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
13 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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15 *Approved,*

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
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SENATE

S.B. No. 2391



Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 17 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that: *"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."*

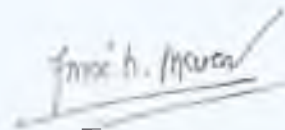
The Palawan State University (PSU) is an internationally recognized university that provides relevant and innovative education and research for lifelong learning and sustainable development.

PSU was founded on 19 June 1965 through Republic Act 4303 and has started operating since 02 March 1972 as Palawan Teacher's College (PTC). In 1984, PTC was recognized as Palawan State College by virtue of Batas Pambansa 797 which authorized the school to offer other undergraduate degrees in the Arts, Sciences and Technology. On 12 November 1994, through Republic Act 7818 PTC was converted into a state university.

As of today, PSU has 19 campuses all-over the province and the main campus is situated in Tiniguiban, Puerto Princesa City. A number of extramural studies and programs are being offered in the Palawan State University's College of Community Resources and Development (CCRD) in rural campuses of Rizal, Narra, Quezon, Araceli, Brooke's Point, San Vicente, Cuyo, Coron, Balabac, Roxas, Taytay, El Nido, Linapacan, San Rafael, Sofronio Española, Dumaran and Bataraza.

This bill seeks to integrate the Palawan State University – College of Community Resources Development (PSU-CCRD) external campuses in the province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa as regular campuses of Palawan State University (PSU) to enable the university to fulfill its commitment to upgrade the quality of life of the people by providing higher education opportunities through excellent instruction, research, extension, production services and transnational collaboration and innovations.

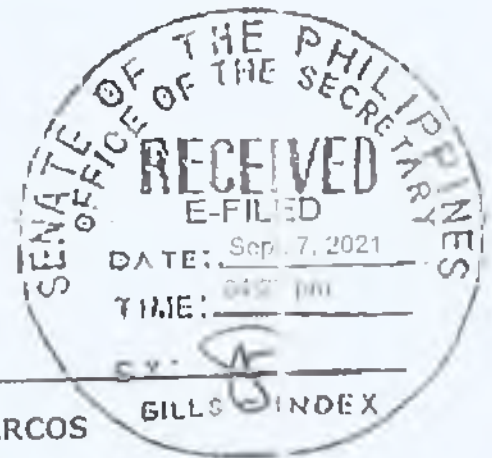
In view of the foregoing, the expeditious passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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