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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (TESDA) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE CITY OF DAVAO,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

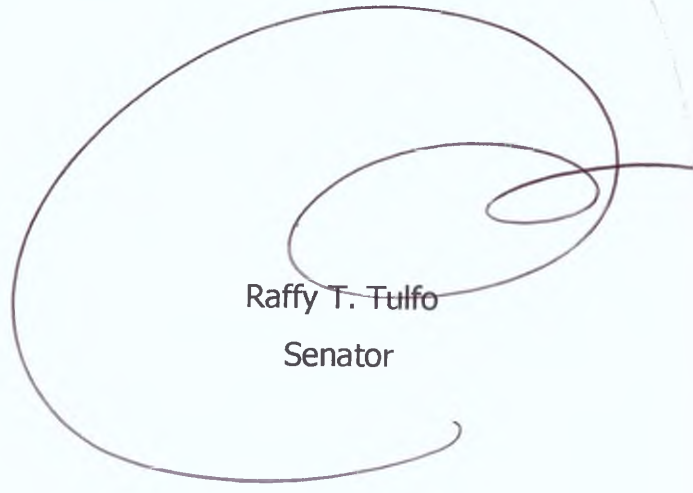
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Davao is a highly urbanized city in the province of Davao del Sur. Davao City is also known as the "King City of the South" or the "Crown Jewel of Mindanao". However, despite the city being highly urbanized, the development is not at par with the development of other highly urbanized cities such as Cebu City and those in Metro Manila.

Republic Act No. 7796, or otherwise known as the Technical Education and Skills Development Act was signed into law in 1994 with the aim to strengthen the quality of the country's technical education and skills development programs in order to achieve world-class competence of our country's workforce by providing quality technical-educational and skills development.

To date, the nearest provincial office of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) from Davao City is in Digos City, Davao Del Sur. And with the increase in population of Davao City, said TESDA provincial office can no longer accommodate all the applicants. Hence, the purpose of this measure is to establish a separate TESDA District Office in Davao City that will provide technical and vocational education training for the people of Davao City.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

1 Section 1. There shall be established a District Office of the Technical Education and
2 Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in the City of Davao to exercise jurisdiction over the
3 city.

4 Sec.2. The Secretary of TESDA shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the
5 effective implementation of this Act.

6 Sec.3. The Secretary of TESDA shall immediately include in the agency's programs the
7 operationalization of the TESDA District Office in the City of Davao. The funding for the
8 operations of the said TESDA district office shall be included in the annual General
9 Appropriations Act.

10 Sec.4. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
11 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall remain
12 in force and effect.

13 Sec.5. *Repealing Clause* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order,
14 letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with provisions of this Act is hereby
15 repealed or modified accordingly.

1 Sec. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
2 complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,