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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 166

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations
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Re: House Bill No. 5878

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 623

Sponsors: Representatives Mark O. Go, Isidro T. Ungab, and Carlito S. Marquez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations, to
which was referred:

House Bill No. 623, introduced by Representative Carlito S. Marquez, entitled:

"AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING
CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, PROVINCE
OF AKLAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KALIBO, AKLAN
TESDA PIÑA HANDLOOM WEAVING TRAINING AND
ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR"

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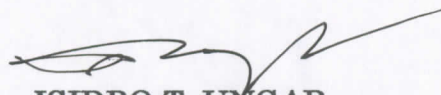
have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 5878,
entitled:

"AN ACT

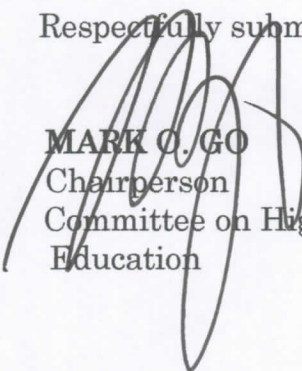
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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 623 and with Reps. Carlito S. Marquez, Mark O. Go, and Isidro T. Ungab as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairperson
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MARK O. GO
Chairperson
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Education

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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House Bill No. 5878

(in substitution of House Bill No. 623)

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES CARLITO S. MARQUEZ, MARK O. GO, AND
ISIDRO T. UNGAB

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING CENTER FOR PIÑA HANDLOOM WEAVING
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, TO BE KNOWN
AS THE KALIBO, AKLAN TESDA PIÑA HANDLOOM WEAVING TRAINING
AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the “*Kalibo, Aklan TESDA*
2 *Piña Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment Center Act*”.

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4 **SEC. 2. Establishment.** - There is hereby established a Technical Education and
5 Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Piña Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment
6 Center in the Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan, under the supervision of the
7 TESDA, to be known as the Kalibo, Aklan TESDA Piña Handloom Weaving Training and
8 Assessment Center. It shall be established in a highly accessible location in the municipality
9 of Kalibo, Province of Aklan, pursuant to the purposes of this Act and to the mutual
10 agreement between the TESDA and the concerned local government units (LGUs).

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12 **SEC. 3. General Mandate.** – The Kalibo, Aklan Piña TESDA Handloom Weaving
13 Training and Assessment Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide
14 technical-vocational education and training (TVET) programs to students, local residents
15 from low-income families, and out-of-school youths, including persons with disabilities and
16 indigenous peoples, in the Municipality of Kalibo and the adjacent localities in the Province
17 of Aklan, to help them become productive, self-reliant and globally competitive labor assets
18 in the art, craft, and trade of handloom weaving, particularly of *piña* fiber.

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20 The Center shall offer training programs on relevant skills competencies,
21 craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities needed to deliver the effective employment
22 interventions that will hasten the development of the Municipality of Kalibo and adjacent
23 localities in the Province of Aklan into human resource and productivity hubs in meeting the

1 manpower qualification standards of both local and international labor markets for piña
2 handloom weaving.

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4 The Center shall serve as TESDA-accredited Assessment Center for acquired
5 competencies in TVET programs for handloom weaving in the Municipality of Kalibo and
6 adjacent localities in the Province of Aklan. It shall also provide teachers' training and
7 curriculum design assistance to the secondary schools offering the technical-vocational
8 livelihood (TVL) track under the K to 12 Program in coordination with the Department of
9 Education (DepEd), TESDA, the Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI), and the
10 National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

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12 **SEC. 4. Training Programs.** – The Center shall offer diverse short-term certificate
13 courses and modular trainings in skills specialization in handloom weaving. To this end, the
14 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI),
15 Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Interior and Local
16 Government (DILG), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), PTRI,
17 NCCA, business-industry partners, and other relevant agencies and instrumentalities, both
18 local and international, shall provide the necessary assistance to enable the Center to develop
19 skilled and competitive manpower to achieve a robust inclusive economy in the host area and
20 adjacent localities in the Province of Aklan.

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22 The Center may establish research and technology hubs, technology development
23 farms, satellite or extension training centers, and promote mobile training programs for
24 handloom weaving technology, skills standardization, design concepts, and product
25 commercialization geared towards the acquisition of practical livelihood, employable skills,
26 gainful employment, and entrepreneurship in priority areas in the municipality of Kalibo and
27 the adjacent localities in the Province of Aklan.

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29 To address the manpower needs for skilled artists, craftsmen, and designers for
30 handloom weaving, the Center shall offer the following TESDA-registered training programs
31 with competencies assessment leading to National Certification Levels I-III:

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33 (a) Skills training in handloom weaving through the use of emerging new techniques and
34 methods, and operation of small and medium-scale handloom weaving machinery and
35 equipment, especially for *piña* hand weaving;
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37 (b) Short-term basic skills trainings and seminars focused on the re-introduction of
38 handloom weaving, revival of traditional handloom weaving techniques and designs,
39 funding and infrastructure support for handloom machines and equipment, and
40 relevant market information on product promotion in both domestic and international
41 trade exposition;
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43 (c) Practical training methods in the use of natural and synthetic fiber materials, *piña*
44 fiber, modern cloth-making technology, and development and production of
45 alternative handloom weaving materials and sources;
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47 (d) Training programs on handloom weaving design concepts in both indigenous patterns
48 and modern designs, and product diversification and uses, specifically for *piña* cloth;
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- 1 (e) Livelihood trainings and small business literacy programs on the institutionalization
2 and commercialization of Philippine handloom weaving training, especially for *piña*
3 cloth and end products in all aspects promoting handloom weaving through research
4 and development, production support and extension, education and training, fiber
5 processing and utilization technologies, market promotion and investment facilitation,
6 infrastructure development, standards implementation and trade regulation, including
7 international demand benchmarking for handloom-made products;
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9 (f) Strengthening collaboration of the various handloom weaving industry stakeholders,
10 and development of the handloom weaving fiber sector;
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12 (g) Basic business literacy training in financial management, marketing, practical
13 accountancy, bookkeeping, office procedures, business processes and application
14 procedures including registration, licensing, documentation, business patent and
15 intellectual property regulation, business financing and investment opportunities
16 sourcing, import-export accreditation, online home-based business operation, and use
17 of social media business marketing; and
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19 (h) Other relevant trainings that may be needed by the people of Kalibo and the Province
20 of Aklan specifically focused on handloom weaving to enhance their capacities for
21 practical livelihood, gainful employment and entrepreneurial activities.
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23 **SEC. 5. Compliance with TESDA Requirements.-** The provisions of this Act
24 notwithstanding, the Center shall become operational only upon the determination and
25 certification by the TESDA, through the issuance of a formal recommendation and certificate
26 of compliance, that the Center has satisfactorily complied with the minimum requirements for
27 quality standards prescribed by the TESDA governing the following competency assessment:
28 a) standard procedures and guidelines for the establishment and operation of a Center; b)
29 operational sustainability of the Center, in terms of licensed faculty-trainers and personnel,
30 equipment, training and laboratory facilities, instructional materials, and other standard
31 requirements of a Center; c) sustainable funding source and allocation of the budgetary
32 requirement; d) assurance that the training programs offered are fully aligned with the
33 minimum standards of competency-based quality technical-vocational skills technology and
34 the needs of the host area and adjacent communities served in the context of the Association
35 of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Integration and the Philippine Qualifications
36 Framework (PQF) for TVET; and e) compliance with such other TESDA conditionalities and
37 standards, as may be necessary and applicable in establishing a Center.
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39 **SEC. 6. Administration.** – The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational
40 Administrator, under the supervision of the TESDA, who shall render full-time service and
41 be responsible for the administration and operation of the Center.
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43 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director
44 General in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the
45 qualification requirements for such office.
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47 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into agreements with locally-
48 based private and public counterpart agencies or instrumentalities and persons, subject to the
49 approval of the TESDA Director General, for such assistance as may be necessary to
50 effectively implement this Act.

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2 **SEC. 7. Appropriations.** - The Director General of the TESDA shall include in the
3 Authority's program the operation of the Center, the funding of which shall be included in the
4 annual General Appropriations Act.
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6 The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall set aside from any
7 available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support
8 the operation of the Center herein established.
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10 **SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90) days after the
11 approval of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST,
12 Department of Budget and Management, DILG, NEDA, PTRI, NCCA, concerned LGUs, and
13 such other relevant agencies and industry-business partners of the host locality, prepare and
14 issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
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16 **SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act
17 shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof shall not
18 be affected and shall remain in force and in effect.
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20 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules
21 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed
22 or amended accordingly.
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24 **SEC. 11. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
25 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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27 Approved,