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HOUSE BILL NO. 3188



Introduced by **HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO**
First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Skills development is a domain with full potential of contributing to the improvement of the local economy. With the emergence of the global market of skills, equipping the local constituents is, thus, a necessary requirement to meet the demands of the domestic and international labor markets.

It is in this context and for the purpose of developing and enhancing the competencies of the local constituents in the First District of the Province of Bohol that the establishment of a specialized Training Center, under the direct supervision and control of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and specifically for the Municipality of Balilihan, Province of Bohol, becomes imperative.

Bohol caters five (5) TESDA Centers located in the Municipalities of Tubigon in the first district, Bilar and Inabanga in the second district, and Pilar and Jagna in the third district. Of the three districts, the first district is the only one with a single TESDA center.

While there is a Balilihan TESDA Center in the first district, it is currently annexed to the existing Tubigon TESDA Center which is some 45 kilometers away. The building for the center has already been provided by the local government unit of Balilihan. It is only unfortunate that since its establishment in 2010, it remains an annex which shares personnel as well as trainers from the Tubigon TESDA Center.

Hence, making the Balilihan TESDA Center independent would allow it to expand the courses it offers, add classes and improve its facilities and equipment. Ultimately, the goal is to serve more learners not only in Balilihan but in adjacent municipalities as well.

Thus, the support for the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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“AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL
EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)
TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BALILIHAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Balilihan TESDA Training and Accreditation Center Act.”

SECTION 2. Conversion and Establishment. – There is hereby established a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Accreditation Center in the Municipality of Balilihan in the Province of Bohol under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority to be known as the “Balilihan TESDA Training and Accreditation Center”.

SECTION 3. General Mandate. – The Balilihan TESDA Training Center shall primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills development program to students from low-income families and out-of-school youth in the Municipality of Balilihan and adjacent municipalities in the Province of Bohol. It shall also play a pivotal role in helping the students become productive, self-reliant and to develop into middle-level skilled labor force so as to hasten the social and economic development of Bohol as well as meet the needs of both local and international labor markets.

The Balilihan TESDA Training Center shall also serve as the assessment center for acquired competencies in technical-vocational skills in the whole Province of Bohol. Further, as deemed necessary and practicable, in coordination with the Department of Education, it shall render relevant teacher’s training assistance and curriculum design to the junior and senior high schools offering technical vocational education under the K-12 Program of the DepEd.

SECTION 4. Curriculum Offerings. – The Balilihan TESDA Training and Accreditation Center shall offer short-term courses in preferred market-driven and relevant technical vocational courses within its areas of specialization in consultation with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and such other relevant agencies, both local and international.

SECTION 5. Training Center Site. – The Balilihan Training and Accreditation Center shall be established in the existing Balilihan TESDA Training Center located at the Municipality of Balilihan, Province of Bohol, a location highly accessible pursuant to the purposes of this Act and to the mutual agreement between the TESDA and the local government unit (LGU) concerned.

SECTION 6. Administration. – The Balilihan Training and Accreditation Center shall be headed by a Technical Vocational Administrator under the supervision of the TESDA. The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director-General in accordance with civil service rules and regulations as well as the qualification requirements of TESDA.

The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall render full-time services and shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the Balilihan TESDA Training and Accreditation Center. The duties and responsibilities of the Technical-Vocational Administrator, including the appropriate compensation schedule, shall follow the position qualification standard of TESDA for such office, in consultation with the DBM.

As necessary and practicable, and subject to approval by the TESDA Director general, the Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into mutual agreements with local-based counterpart agencies or instrumentalities and persons, both private and government, for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.

The academic and administrative staff of the Balilihan TESDA Training and Accreditation Center shall be organized following the staffing pattern of the TESDA for such type of center pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 7. Appropriations. The amount needed to initially implement the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of TESDA and the Balilihan LGU. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation of the Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. TESDA, in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the concerned LGU, and such other relevant agencies shall,

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, rules and regulations contrary or inaccurate with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,