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**Explanatory Note**

The Philippines needs to develop a stable, sustainable, affordable, and reliable energy supply by harnessing the latest research and technology available in order to meet the country's growing demand for energy and the administration's long-term development goals.

The proposed Philippine Energy Research and Policy Institute (PERPI) will serve as an independent body which shall undertake trans-disciplinary research, explore and develop the latest technologies, and provide autonomous policy output or recommendations for the benefit of policy makers as well as private and public energy stakeholders. Under the bill, it will be an independent policy and technology research institution attached to the University of the Philippines headed by an Executive Director who is a recognized expert in energy policy and research.

This bill seeks to bridge the research and policy gap in the energy sector. It recognizes the importance of autonomous and rigorous trans-disciplinary research in formulating sound energy policies and legislation, and thus charges the PERPI to undertake collaborative energy policy research among the academe and energy stakeholders; provide technical assistance to the government on energy planning and energy issues; establish mechanisms for dissemination and utilization of research for technology and policy development, create and administer training programs and provide appropriate fellowship grants for capacity building of the academe and energy stakeholders; and to serve as a medium in bringing together local and international experts in the field of energy through local and international linkages.

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

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

1       SECTION 1. **Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Energy Research  
2 and Policy Institute Act".

3       SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
4 ensure energy security, equity, and sustainability. Towards this end, the State shall  
5 promote the acquisition of knowledge in recent developments and scientific  
6 breakthroughs in the field of energy; identify key policy areas, issues, and challenges in  
7 the country's energy sector; and formulate transdisciplinary research-based policies and  
8 strategies for the cost-effective use of energy resources towards environmentally sound  
9 energy development.

10       SEC. 3. **Establishment of the Philippine Energy Research and Policy**  
11 **Institute.** - Pursuant to the national policy of enhancing the country's capability for energy  
12 research and policy development, there is hereby established in the University of the  
13 Philippines (UP) a Philippine Energy Research and Policy Institute, hereinafter referred  
14 to as the Institute. The Institute shall be under the Office of the UP President.

15       SEC. 4. **Objectives of the Institute.** - The objectives of the Institute shall be:

16       (a) To conduct pertinent policy research on energy issues and ensure the  
17 coordination and timely dissemination of results to key government agencies to guide  
18 policy and decision-making processes;

19       (b) To provide timely technical assistance to the government on energy planning  
20 and energy issues needing policy direction and advice;



1 (c) To provide strategic assistance to the government on energy policy issues and  
2 other related matters;

3 (d) To promote collaborative and transdisciplinary energy research and policy  
4 development among the academe, and public and private stakeholders;

5 (e) To establish mechanisms for the dissemination and utilization of research for  
6 technology and policy development outputs;

7 (f) To create and administer training programs and provide fellowship grants  
8 intended to build the capacity of government agencies, public and private stakeholders,  
9 and the academe, including graduate and postgraduate students; and

10 (g) To serve as a medium in bringing together local and international experts in the  
11 field of energy through local and international linkages.

12 **SEC. 5. Powers and Functions of the Institute.** – The Institute shall have the  
13 following powers and functions:

14 (a) Formulate and conduct research and development on energy technology,  
15 public policy issues in energy markets, and other pressing issues and problems, all  
16 backed by rigorous empirical evidence;

17 (b) Establish research and policy development programs and capacity building  
18 trainings on energy;

19 (c) Provide common research support facilities while maximizing the utilization of  
20 its expert support staff;

21 (d) Enhance the pool of researchers and faculty with masteral and doctoral  
22 degrees in the field of energy by providing research grants within and outside the UP  
23 System;

24 (e) Establish local and foreign linkages in energy research and policy  
25 development;

26 (f) Serve as the repository of all energy-related researches and studies to be  
27 generated by the Institute as well as academic, public, and private groups, organizations,  
28 and institutions;

29 (g) Propose and allocate its annual budgetary resources while optimizing resource  
30 generation and utilization;

31 (h) Invest its funds in such undertaking as it may deem wise or necessary to carry  
32 out its objectives, subject to existing guidelines on investing government funds in  
33 coordination with the Bureau of Treasury;

34 (i) Receive and manages grants, aid, donations or any kind of assistance for  
35 achieving its objectives, in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of the UP;  
36 and

37 (j) Perform other powers and functions as may be given by the UP President:  
38 *Provided, That it shall be in accordance with the objectives of the Institute as stated in*



1 this Act.

2 SEC. 6. **Organizational Structure.** - The Institute shall be headed by an Executive  
3 Director who shall report directly to the UP President. The Institute shall be supported by  
4 a Management Committee and a pool of research fellows in carrying out its functions.

5 SEC. 7. **The Executive Director.** - The Executive Director shall be a recognized  
6 expert in energy research and policy development with at least three (3) years' experience  
7 in energy, and shall have a strong organizational management background. The  
8 Executive Director shall be appointed by the UP President, upon the recommendation by  
9 the Advisory Council, within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act. The Executive  
10 Director shall serve for a term of five (5) years which may be renewed once for another  
11 five (5) years.

12 SEC. 8. **Powers and Functions of the Executive Director.** - The Executive  
13 Director shall:

14 (a) Implement and enforce policies, decisions, orders, rules and regulations  
15 adopted by the Institute;

16 (b) Exercise administrative and supervisory functions over the planning,  
17 implementation, and evaluation of the policies, programs, and projects of the Institute;

18 (c) Recommend to the UP President the organizational structure of the Institute,  
19 including the position classification and compensation of employees, in coordination with  
20 the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), subject to Section 11 of this Act;

21 (d) Recommend to the UP President the appointment of research fellows, officers  
22 and employees of the Institute;

23 (e) Recommend to the UP President the overall budget of the Institute;

24 (f) Submit to the UP President regular reports on the Institute;

25 (g) Regularly apprise the Advisory Council on the programs and projects of the  
26 Institute;

27 (h) Within the limits of the authority delegated to the Executive Director by the UP  
28 President, execute contracts, incur obligations, and deliver documents on behalf of the  
29 Institute; and

30 (i) Exercise such other powers and functions and perform such other duties as  
31 may be authorized or assigned by the UP President upon the concurrence of the Advisory  
32 Council and in accordance with the objectives of this Act.

33 SEC. 9. **Advisory Council of the Institute.** - There shall be an Advisory Council  
34 to be composed of nine (9) members, which shall include the Secretary of the Department  
35 of Energy, the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology and the Director  
36 General of the National Economic Development Authority as *ex-officio* members. The  
37 remaining six (6) members shall be selected by the UP President each representing any  
38 of the fields of engineering, law, science, statistics, economics, social science, and public



1 health: *Provided*, That the three (3) members shall come from the academe and the other  
2 three (3) members shall come from the private sector: *Provided further*, That the  
3 members from the private sector shall be selected by the UP President from a short list  
4 prepared by the ex-officio members and the members from the academe.

5 All members of the Council so appointed, except for the *ex-officio* members, shall  
6 serve for a term of seven (7) years; *Provided*, That for the first appointees, the members  
7 from the academe shall serve for four (4) years, and the members from the private sector  
8 shall serve for three (3) years: *Provided further*, That any person appointed to replace a  
9 member who has resigned, died, or was removed for cause shall serve only for the  
10 unexpired portion of the term.

11 SEC. 10. ***Powers and Functions of the Advisory Council.*** - The Advisory  
12 Council shall:

13 (a) Provide the general direction and priorities of the Institute in accordance with  
14 this Act;

15 (b) Provide policy research areas for study and investigation by the Institute based  
16 on its evaluation of the energy policy landscape including the needs and demands of the  
17 country and the people;

18 (c) Provide advice to the Institute on any matter relating to the development of a  
19 policy or research area and the administration of policy research programs;

20 (d) Assist in generating resources and obtain logistical and financial support for  
21 the programs and component units of the Institute: *Provided*, That in so doing, no conflict-  
22 of- interest exists against the objectives of this Act and the mandates of the Institute; and

23 (e) Monitor and review the programs and projects undertaken by the Executive  
24 Director to implement and enforce research and policy direction and priorities.

25 SEC. 11. ***Organization of Human Resource Complement.*** - The human  
26 resource complement of the Institute shall be organized and set-up by the Executive  
27 Director subject to Section 8(c) of this Act and the existing rules and regulations of the  
28 UP.

29 SEC. 12. ***Public Access.*** - The public and other energy institutions shall have  
30 access to the research findings, facilities, and other resources of the Institute in a manner  
31 as may be provided in the implementing rules and regulations of this Act subject to the  
32 requirements of Section 13 of this Act.

33 SEC. 13. ***Confidentiality.*** - The Institute shall not disclose any proprietary or  
34 confidential data and other resources unless prior consent of the source or owner of such  
35 data and resources has been obtained by the requesting party.

36 SEC. 14. ***Endowment Fund.*** - An Endowment Fund is hereby established to be  
37 managed and maintained by the Institute to finance the operations of the Institute,  
38 including the purchase of research equipment and facilities, compensation and honoraria



1 of researchers, whether in government service or otherwise, and such other expenses  
2 necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

3 The Institute is hereby authorized to accept into its Endowment Fund contributions,  
4 donations, bequests, grants, and loans from domestic and/or foreign sources,  
5 government appropriations and other incomes accruing from the operations of the  
6 Institute, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations, for purposes  
7 of effectively executing its mandate and functions: *Provided*, That in so doing, no conflict-  
8 of-interest exists against the objectives of this Act and the mandates of the Institute.

9 In order to support the Institute, an additional amount of one percent (1%), but in  
10 no case lower than Ten pesos (P10.00), of each energy related fee and charge imposed  
11 by the Department of Energy, Energy Regulatory Commission, and National  
12 Electrification Administration shall be collected by the respective agencies and units for  
13 each application, registration, renewal, endorsement, processing and other related  
14 services for which the collection of fees and charges are allowed by law and rules and  
15 regulations. Such additional amounts shall, upon collection, be remitted immediately to  
16 the UP and shall form part of the Endowment Fund.

17 SEC. 15. **Appropriations.** - The sum of Two hundred million (P200,000,000.00)  
18 pesos necessary for the initial operationalization of the Institute shall be appropriated out  
19 of the General Fund. In case such amount is not sufficient to cover the operational  
20 expenses of the Institute, the deficit shall be charged against the appropriation of the  
21 current fiscal year and other internal funds of the UP System. Thereafter, the amount  
22 necessary for the continued operation of the Institute shall be assessed annually, and  
23 increased if necessary, based on the annual financial plan and included in the annual  
24 budget proposal of the UP System.

25 SEC. 16. **Tax Exemptions.** - The Institute shall be entitled to all the tax exemptions  
26 enumerated under Section 25 of Republic Act No. 9500, otherwise known as the  
27 "University of the Philippines Charter of 2008", as amended by Section 13 of Republic Act  
28 No. 10963, otherwise known as the "Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN)".

29 SEC. 17. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within sixty (60) days from the  
30 effectivity of this Act, the University of the Philippines shall, in consultation with the  
31 Department of Energy, the Department of Science and Technology, the National  
32 Economic Development Authority, the academe, and other public and private  
33 stakeholders, promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations of this Act,  
34 subject to the approval of the Board of Regents.

35 SEC. 18. **Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is  
36 declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected  
37 thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

38 SEC. 19. **Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or

1 parts thereof which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are  
2 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

3 SEC. 20. **Effectivity.** -This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
4 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

5 *Approved,*