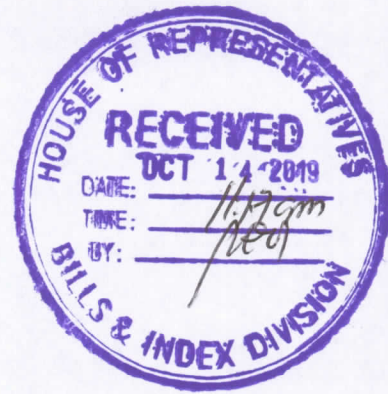




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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5134

Introduced by **HON. MUJIV S. HATAMAN** of the Lone District of Basilan and
HON. AMIHILDA J. SANGCOPAN of Anak Mindanao Party-List

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority technical-vocational education and training center in Isabela City in Basilan to be known as Isabela City TESDA Training Center.

Since the establishment of TESDA in 1994 by virtue of Republic Act No. 7796, it has promoted technical-vocational education and training (TVET) throughout the country. It has enhanced the global competitiveness of Filipinos and improved an already excellent reputation of the Filipino as one of the most skilled workers in the world today.

At present, there are 118 TESDA public training centers and facilities across the nation. These institutions provide TVET courses and scholarships not only to students, but to ordinary citizens in need of livelihood such as informal workers, indigenous peoples, farmers, fisher folks, drug dependents, rebel returnees, women victims of abuse and human trafficking, returning OFWs, and persons with disabilities, among others.

Currently, there is a TESDA PTC-Basilan that caters to residents in the Basilan-Sulu-Tawi-Tawi (BASULTA) area. It is situated in Isabela City, one of the two components cities of the province of Basilan in Region IX. With the recent ratification of the Bangsamoro

Organic Law , the TESDA PTC-Basilan has been placed under the supervision of the TESDA - Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Unfortunately, Isabela City is one of the local government units that voted "No" to inclusion in the newly established BARMM. The city, which has a population of 112,788 according to a 2015 census, found itself in a precarious situation when it comes to training and scholarship with TESDA PTC-Basilan or even the TESDA regional office.


TESDA BARMM now has limitations when it comes to providing skills training to residents of Isabela City. TESDA PTC-Basilan now prioritizes BARMM residents over those from Isabela City in terms of scholarship grants. The TESDA Regional Training Center - IX can accommodate a few Isabela City residents when it conducts community-based training in the city.

Without its own training center, TESDA cannot fully address the TVET needs of the people of Isabela City. And given that Basilan has one of the highest incidences of poverty and has one of the most inequitable distributions of wealth in the country today, the creation of the Isabela City TESDA Training Center is now of utmost importance. This measure also seeks to expand the course offerings of TESDA to include the needs of the growing Agri-Fishery Industry in the province.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN ISABELA
CITY, PROVINCE OF BASILAN

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Accreditation Center in Isabela City, Province of Basilan.

SEC. 2. The amount for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) following the approval of this Act and in every year thereafter.

SEC. 3. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall formulate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,