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Introduced by **HONORABLE MELECIO J. YAP, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill seeks to establish a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training Center in the First District of the Province of Negros Occidental to be located in the City of Escalante, province of Negros Occidental.

Geographically, it must be noted that the First District of Negros Occidental which is comprised of 2 cities namely Escalante City and San Carlos City, and 3 other municipalities, namely: Toboso, Calatrava and Salvador Benedicto, is situated more or less 146 kilo meters away from the Metro Bacolod, the provincial capital which results to limited options for skills training centers and the like.

The increasing number of drop outs among school children in the secondary level must also be duly considered attributed mostly to poverty despite national program interventions such as the Pantawid Program. Most of our youths being confronted with such predicament would opt to work rather than pursue academic degree to help provide for their impoverished family. Economic constraints have truly lessened their chances of acquiring quality education that will eventually lead to adverse effects on their growth and development.

As our educational system is on its full swing in the implementation of the K to 12 program, there is a need for us to provide windows of opportunities for our out-of-school youth and those constituency who would opt to acquire additional vocational and technical skills to be more competitive and to keep up with the increasing demands of working skills both locally and abroad.

Through this undertaking, there would be activities that will strengthen manpower education and training that will improve our youth's competency thereby empowering them with new skills and knowledge for better employment possibility.

Gender equality must also be taken into consideration as there should be an equal opportunity to advance knowledge and skills suitable both for men and women alike.

Through this measure, we are paving the way for our youth, particularly the out-of-school to be productive citizens.

Henceforth, immediate approval of this bill is fervently prayed for.



MELECIO J. YAP, JR.

Representative

1st District of Negros Occidental

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING CENTER IN THE FIRST
DISTRICT OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
ESCALANTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), A Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training Center in the First District of the Province of Negros Occidental to be located in the City of Escalante.

SECTION 2. The Training Center shall provide technical and vocational training and skills development programs to low income families and out-of-school youth in the First District of Negros Occidental being comprised by the Cities of Escalante and San Carlos, Municipalities of Toboso, Calatrava, and Salvador Benedicto.

SECTION 3. TESDA, in close coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment, shall formulate the needed Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) that shall govern the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. The funding necessary in the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) on the year following the approval of this Act and in every year thereafter.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. Should there be any section of this Act that is deemed unconstitutional or in contrast with any existing laws and regulations, the other sections or provisions thereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations, contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved.