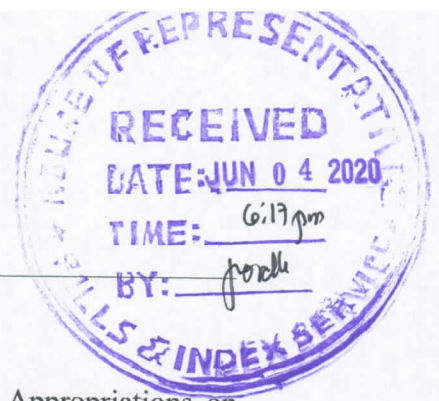


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 369

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations on

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Re: House Bill No. _____

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4293

Sponsors: Representatives Mark O. Go, Eric Go Yap, and Divina Grace C. Yu

Mr. Speaker:

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

House Bill No. 4293, introduced by Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu, entitled:

“AN ACT
FAST TRACKING COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT BY
STRENGTHENING THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGH
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
IN JH CERILLES STATE COLLEGE IN THE CAMPUSES OF MATI, SAN
MIGUEL AND DUMINGAG, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6968, entitled:

“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT
OFFICES AT THE J.H. CERILLES STATE COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN
THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN MIGUEL AND DUMINGAG, ALL IN
THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 4293 and with Reps. Divina Grace C. Yu, Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr., Mark O. Go, and Eric Go Yap as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIC GO YAP

Chairperson

Committee on Appropriations

MARK O. GO

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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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House Bill No. 6968
(In Substitution of House Bill No. 4293)

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DIVINA GRACE C. YU, LEONARDO L. BABASA, JR., MARK O. GO, AND ERIC GO YAP

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT OFFICES AT THE J.H. CERILLES STATE COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN MIGUEL AND DUMINGAG, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*Research and Extension Development Offices Act*".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the duty and policy of the State to give priority to science and technology to enhance countryside development;

Pursuant to this policy, the state universities and colleges (SUCs) are mandated to carry out research and development (R&D) to fast track countryside development. The establishment of permanent Research and Extension Development Offices (REDOs) at the J.H. Cerilles State College (JHCSC) will strengthen the research and development capabilities of the state college, enhance the conduct of R&D in the country, especially in Mindanao, and spur countryside development.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of Research and Extension Development Offices (R&D Office).* - There are established the Research and Extension Development Offices (REDOs) at the JHCSC-Main Campus in Barangay Mati, Municipality of San Miguel, and at the JHCSC-Dumingag Campus in the Municipality of Dumingag, all in the Province of Zamboanga Del Sur. The REDOs shall be under the Office of the Vice President for Research and Extension of the JHCSC and with the following functions:

Identify and implement research and development priority areas according to the harmonized national R&D agenda;

Implement Department of Science and Technology (DOST) identified R&D program such as Science for Change and others;

Strengthen Intellectual Property Rights;

Formally and legally organize the inventors, researchers, and innovators organization;

Take the lead in organizing inventions, researches, and innovations contests and exhibits; and

Develop institutional linkages with the other R&D Offices of other SUCs, government agencies and public and private organizations.

SEC. 4. *Research and Extension Development Director.* – The REDOs shall be headed by a Research and Extension Development (RED) Director, who shall hold office at the JHCSC Main Campus and be directly under the Vice-President for Research and Extension, the RED Director shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

Formulate R&D plans, programs and projects designed to fast track the conduct of R&D for countryside development;

Implement and monitor the conduct of R&D projects;

Conduct in-house R&D evaluation and review of proposals;

Strengthen protection of Intellectual Property Rights;

Develop linkages and network with other R&D institutions;

Develop a package of technologies generated out of the researches;

Conduct field trials/technology piloting to verify R&D results;

Present the results of R&D at various fora or to various agencies for funding of research projects;

Develop R&D information materials;

Transfer to clients matured R&D technologies; and

Perform other related functions as maybe assigned by higher authorities

SEC. 5. *Qualifications of the RED Director.* – The RED Director shall occupy a permanent position with a salary grade of twenty-four (SG-24) in government service. The JHCSC, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), shall formulate the necessary qualification standards commensurate to Salary Grade-24.

The current RED Director designated and functioning as such shall be given preference in the selection of the R&D Director, if qualified, based on CSC rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. *Remuneration and other benefits of the RED Director.* – The RED Director shall be entitled to representation and transportation allowance commensurate to the office as well as, other benefits prescribed by law.

SEC. 7. *Staff of the REDOs Office.* – There shall be a minimum of six (6) technical staff of the RED offices in addition to the RED Director and one non-technical officer in each of the REDOs at the JHCSC-Main Campus in Barangay Mati, Municipality of San Miguel and at the JHCSC-Dumingag Campus in the Municipality of Dumingag, all in the Province of Zamboanga del Sur. The JHCSC President shall determine the level of these positions: *Provided, That*, the prescribed qualifications shall be in accordance with CSC rules and regulations and approved by the DBM.

SEC. 8. *Coordination of REDOs Office.* – The JHCSC REDOs shall coordinate and seek alliances with other State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Department of Science and Technology, Department of Agriculture, and other research- conducting agencies to determine researchable areas and implement the priority and harmonized research agenda.

SEC. 9. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the continuous and effective operation of the various offices established under this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

All fees and services rendered by the REDOs shall be aligned with Republic Act No. 10055, otherwise known as the “Philippine Technology Transfer Act of 2009”.

SEC. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the JHCSC, in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education and other relevant government agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 11. *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 shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,