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COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Higher and Technical Education	Committee Report 296 on HB 6596	Rep. Zamora (M.)	Renaming the Compostela Valley State College in the Municipality of Compostela, Province of Davao de Oro into Davao de Oro State College	<p>The Committee, chaired by Baguio City Rep. Mark Go, approved the amendment to Section 1 of the bill.</p> <p>Section 1 will now be read as "The Compostela Valley State College in the Municipality of Compostela, Province of Davao de Oro is hereby renamed as Davao de Oro State College."</p> <p>The amendment was made because the Province of Compostela Valley was renamed to Province of Davao de Oro.</p> <p>The Committee will write a letter to the Committee on Rules to inform the latter of the amendment.</p>
	HB 3738	Rep. Rodriguez	Changing the name of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines into the University of Science and Technology of the Philippines, amending for the purpose RA 10919	<p>The Committee approved HB 3738.</p> <p>Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chair J. Prospero de Vera III expressed his support for the bill.</p>
	HBs 4421, 6403 & 6475	Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.) and Rep. Arroyo (J.M.)	Converting the extension campuses of the Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU) into satellite campuses located in different municipalities in the Province of Pampanga, and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee agreed to consolidate the three bills and thereafter approved the same.</p> <p>De Vera expressed his support for the bills.</p>
	HB 6120	Rep. Chatto	Establishing a field office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in Tagbilaran City, Province of Bohol and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee approved HB 6120 subject to amendment.</p> <p>Rep. Edgar Chatto (1st District, Bohol) agreed to the suggestion of CHED to establish a provincial office of CHED in Tagbilaran City instead of just a field office.</p>
	HB 6195	Rep. Suansing (E.)	Establishing the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST) academic extension campus in the Municipality of Nampicuan, Province of Nueva Ecija and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee approved HB 6195 subject to style and amendment.</p> <p>De Vera asked clarification on whether the bill intends to create a regular campus or an extension program.</p> <p>Rep. Estrellita Suansing (1st District, Nueva Ecija), author of HB 6195, replied that the bill seeks to create a regular campus and assured De Vera that the NEUST will comply with the requirements of CHED for the establishment of such.</p> <p>De Vera suggested that the NEUST Board of Regents should discuss the matter and conduct a feasibility study which will determine the budget required for the hiring of additional faculty members and administrative personnel, and the establishment</p>

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	HB 6414	Deputy Speaker Villafuerte	Converting the Bicol State College of Applied Sciences and Technology (BISCAST) into a state university to be known as the Philippine University of Sciences and Technology and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee approved HB 6414.</p> <p>De Vera expressed his objection to the bill, saying that the BISCAST has not complied with the requirements set by CHED for the conversion to state university.</p> <p>Deputy Speaker Luis Raymund "LRay" Villafuerte Jr. (2nd District, Camarines Sur) and BISCAST President, Dr. Richard Cordial, argued that the BISCAST is compliant with the CHED requirements. However, because of the limitations in movement due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BISCAST could not yet submit the documents to CHED's regional office for certification.</p>
	HB 6500	Deputy Speaker Pichay	Converting the Surigao del Sur State University (SDSSU) in the Province of Surigao del Sur into the North Eastern Mindanao State University (NEMSU) and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee approved HB 6500 subject to style and amendment.</p> <p>De Vera expressed support for the bill and proposed that a representative from the Department of Agriculture (DA) be included as a member of the university's Board of Trustees.</p>
	HBs 1855 & 6449	Reps. Rodriguez and Go (M.)	Strengthening the CHED, amending for the purpose RA 7722, otherwise known as the Higher Education Act of 1994, appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to come up with a substitute bill to the three bills.</p> <p>Rep. Go, who is also the author of HB 6449, and Rep. Rufus Rodriguez (2nd District, Cagayan de Oro City), author of HB 1855, presented the merits of their bills, emphasizing the need to strengthen the powers of the CHED to address the challenges being faced by the higher education sector today.</p>
	HB 1936	Deputy Speaker Romero	Amending RA 7722, by providing additional developmental funding to foster public and private institutions of higher education as well as degree-granting programs in all post-secondary educational institutions, to promote improvements and other similar programs for the advancement of teaching	<p>De Vera expressed his support for the proposed law saying that it will restructure the higher education system, improve the delivery of higher education programs, and promote complementation between and among public and private higher education institutions.</p> <p>Representatives from the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) and Association of Local Colleges and Universities (ALCU) expressed their support for the bills.</p>