

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESSFirst Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO.



Introduced by Rep. Diego "Nonoy" C. Ty

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In Northern Mindanao (Region X)—the country's eighth (8th) most populous region based on the 2015 census—the CHED Regional Office is situated in Cagayan de Oro City. With the provinces of Bukidnon, Camiguin, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, and Lanao del Norte under its jurisdiction, the area of coverage of CHED Region X is fairly vast, coupled with unique topography composed of plains, rolling hills, mountains and coastal areas. Relative to this, when the stakeholders of institutions of higher learning need to access the services of CHED that require their physical appearance, they would have to travel far and spend more time and money for transportation and even accommodation in order to make their transaction with the said regional office.

In the Province of Misamis Occidental where this representation comes from, it would take more than five (5) hours of combined land and sea travel from the provincial capital of Oroquieta City before one could reach Cagayan de Oro City. When coming from the relatively closer Ozamis City, more than four (4) hours of travel would be needed to reach the CHED Regional Office. The time, money and other important resources spent by our students, teachers, parents, staff and school administrators for this purpose would have been channeled to something else should CHED is located closer to home or has an office in Misamis Occidental.

For the above reason, this representation proposes the establishment of the CHED Field Office in the Province of Misamis Occidental to be located in the City of Oroquieta. This proposed measure will surely lessen the burden of our constituents in the province whenever they need to transact with CHED for any education-related purposes that serve them best

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

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Republic of the Philippines **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**Quezon City

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A FIELD OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCTION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, 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 a Field Office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the Province of Misamis Occidental, which shall exercise jurisdiction over the said province. The CHED Field Office in the Province of Misamis Occidental shall be known as the CHED-Misamis Occidental Field Office. It shall be located in the City of Oroquieta, Province of Misamis Occidental.
- **SEC. 2.** The CHED-Misamis Occidental Field Office shall be headed by a Provincial Director.
- **SEC. 3.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the CHED, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall formulate an organizational structure, staffing pattern and plantilla positions for CHED-Misamis Occidental Field Office. The said organizational structure, staffing pattern and plantilla positions shall be finalized by the CHED Chairperson and the DBM Secretary.
- **SEC. 4.** The CHED Chairperson shall immediately include in the CHED's programs the operationalization of the CHED-Misamis Occidental Field Office.
- **SEC. 5.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.
- **SEC. 6.** The CHED shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
- **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,