



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Financial and Management Service
Strategy Management and Organizational Transformation

The Bureau Director
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 7219 - AN ACT TO IMPROVE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIS) THROUGH THE CRITERIA OF A DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH FUND AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 10 May 2023

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives is inviting the Department to a regular meeting on **29 May 2023 (Monday), 11:00 A.M.**, at Conference Rooms 1 & 2, Ramon V. Mitra Building and via zoom videoconference to discuss House Bill No. 7219 "An act to improve Higher Education Institutions (HEIS) through the Criteria of a Development Research Fund and Appropriating funds therefor" along with other bills stated in the agenda.

In this regard, may we request your **comments/recommendations** on House Bill No. 7219. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s. Kindly send them on or before **May 15, 2023, at 5 PM** via email at denrll@denr.gov.ph.

Attached herewith are the invitation letter, agenda, and a copy of the House Bill for your reference.

ROMIROSE B. PADIN

cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives

Committee on Higher and Technical Education (CHTE)

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May 2, 2023

HON. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear Secretary Loyzaga:

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education (CHTE) will conduct its 19th Regular Committee Meeting on **May 29, 2023 (Monday), 11:00 a.m., Conference Rooms 1&2, RV Mitra Building**, House of Representatives (HRep) Complex, Quezon City and via Zoom (**Meeting ID: 958 7573 9741** **Passcode: 225373**).

In this regard, we would like to invite you, as well as the concerned officials, to participate in the meeting to share your views, comments, and recommendations on measures in the attached agenda which concern your agency/organization/stakeholders. We will appreciate receiving an advance copy of your position paper on or before **May 15, 2023**.

Likewise, please submit in advance the names and designation of confirmed attendees to the meeting, as well as the license plate numbers of the vehicles to be used in entering the HRep Complex, via email (committee.highereducation@house.gov.ph), viber or text (mobile number 09177010374 - Melanie).

Kindly fill out the attached visitor's pass and attach a screenshot/photocopy of a valid ID at least one or two days before the scheduled committee meetings to the committee secretariat (to be submitted to the Legislative Security Bureau for incorporation in the House Pass System for visitors) for the resource persons to be allowed entry into the HRep premises. The guests will receive an email from the House Pass System (containing the link, eQR Code, etc.) once the required information is submitted and approved by the House Security Bureau. The emailed eQR code will have to be presented by the guests at the North Wing gate, buildings and lobbies so they will be allowed to enter the HRep Complex and attend the committee meeting.

Please be informed also that in case there will be a long queue in the regular booths for antigen testing at the lobby of RV Mitra Building, the attendees to the Committee meeting may use the special lane for senior citizens and persons with disabilities to avoid coming late to the meeting.

Thank you and we look forward to your participation in this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE CHTE CHAIRPERSON MARK O. GO:


FRANCES MELANIE U. MAURICIO
Legislative Committee Secretary, CHTE



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19th Congress

First Regular Session

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CHTE)

Nineteenth Regular Meeting

May 29, 2023 (Monday); 11:00 a.m.; Hybrid Set-Up at Conference Rooms 1&2, RV Mitra Building and via Zoom (Meeting ID: 958 7573 9741; Passcode: 225373)

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Prayer

III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the February 13, 2023, February 20, 2023, March 13, 2023, March 20, 2023 and May 15, 2023 CHTE meetings

V. Preliminary Remarks of the Committee Chairperson

VI. Initial Deliberation on House Bill No. 7219 - An Act to Improve Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) Through the Criteria of a Development Research Fund and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. D. Suarez*)

VII. Initial Deliberation on HB No. 7333 - An Act Requiring the Completion of Personal Finance Literacy Course in Technical Vocational Schools and Centers (*Rep. Alba*)

VIII. Initial Deliberation on the Following Local Bills Concerning State Universities and Colleges:

- 1. HB No. 1451** – An Act Appropriating the Amount of One Billion Pesos (PHP 1,000,000,000.00) to be Used for the Infrastructure Development of the Alubijid Campus of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (*Rep. R. Rodriguez*);
- 2. HB No. 1457** - An Act Establishing the Techno-Parks Development Fund (TPDF) for the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP), and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. R. Rodriguez*);
- 3. HB No. 2316** - An Act Establishing the Artificial Intelligence Industrial Research Park (AIIRP) in Mindanao State University–Iligan Institute of Technology, Appropriating Funds Therefore and for Other Purposes (*Rep. Regencia*);
- 4. HB No. 2501** - An Act Strengthening and Transferring the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University-South La Union Campus College of Agriculture to

Barangay Alipang, Municipality of Rosario, Province of La Union, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. D. Garcia*);

5. **HB No. 2806** – An Act Strengthening the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University -South La Union Campus College of Fisheries, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. D. Garcia*); and
6. **HB No. 7289** - An Act Converting the Siquijor State College and All its Existing Extension Campuses, All in the Province of Siquijor into a State University to be Known as the State University of Siquijor (SUS), and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. Villa*).

IX. Initial Deliberation on the Following Bills Establishing Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Training and Assessment Centers:

1. **HB No. 7173** – An Act Establishing a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Assessment Center in the City of Sipalay, Province of Negros Occidental, to be Known as the Sipalay TESDA Training and Assessment Center, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. M. Alvarez*);
2. **HB No. 7516** - An Act Establishing a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Municipal Training and Assessment Center in the Municipality of Binalbagan, Province of Negros Occidental, to be Known as the Binalbagan TESDA Training and Assessment Center, and Providing Funds Thereof (*Rep. Yulo*);
3. **HB No. 7570** - An Act Providing for the Establishment of a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Assessment Center in the Municipality of Loon, Province of Bohol, to be Known as the Loon, Bohol TESDA Training and Assessment Center, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. Chatto*);
4. **HB No. 7571** - An Act Providing for the Establishment of a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Assessment Center in the Municipality of Balilihan, Province of Bohol, to be Known as the Balilihan, Bohol TESDA Training and Assessment Center, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. Chatto*);
5. **HB No. 7702** - An Act Establishing the Ormoc Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Center and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. Gomez*); and
6. **HB No. 7746** - An Act Establishing a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Municipal Training and Accreditation Center in the City of General Trias, Province of Cavite, to be Known as the General Trias Training and Assessment Center, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. A. Ferrer*).

X. Other Matters

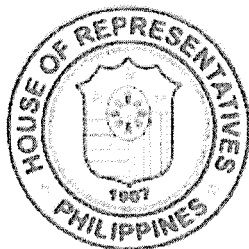
XI. Adjournment

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

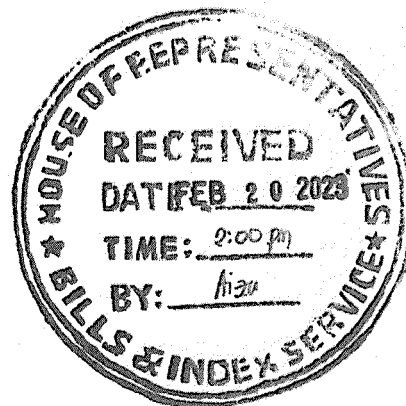
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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 7219

Introduced by Representative DAVID "Jay-Jay" C. SUAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes the importance of science and technology for national development and prioritizes it by mandating the state to support research and development, invention, innovation, and their applications. It also requires the state to provide science and technology education, training, and services and promote self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities.

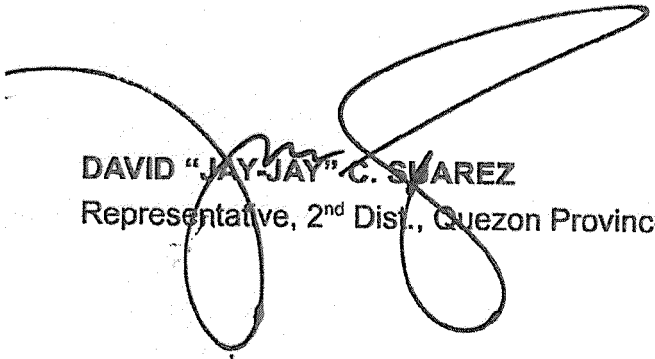
Additionally, the state is responsible for regulating the transfer of technology from all sources for the benefit of the country and promoting the participation of private groups, local governments, and community-based organizations in the generation and utilization of science and technology.

During the recent National Science and Technology Week, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. expressed his support for research and development and urged the Department of Science and Technology to provide more support to students through scholarships. The administration has also pledged to retain and support the country's scientists and experts in the field through funding.

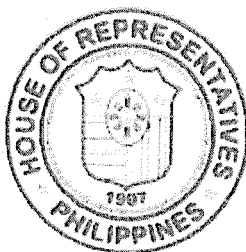
While there are currently various sources of funding through the DOST and international and private groups, the proponents of the bill aim to drive more opportunities to students in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). This will incentivize the youth to pursue their ideas and foster a research-based and data-driven culture in tertiary education. Unfortunately, research and development is not a popular or attractive option for many students, and the bill aims to encourage them to become important innovators and contributors to society.

Through the Development Research Fund that this bill seeks to establish, we are putting the resources firmly in the hands of deserving students and enable them to pursue and realize their projects. In addition, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) will be given an opportunity to strengthen their research programs through this much needed funding.

Lastly, support for worthwhile causes must be made more accessible and easier, especially in cases where a study seeks to address pressing issues whether local or national in nature, be it food security, improving transparency in governance, water shortage, or even climate change. This bill will also allow local government units and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to guide these learners in identifying problems that need particular attention.



DAVID "JAY-JAY" C. SUAREZ
Representative, 2nd Dist., Quezon Province



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 7219

Introduced by Representative DAVID "Jay-Jay" C. SUAREZ

AN ACT
TO IMPROVE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) THROUGH THE CRITERIA OF A
DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH FUND AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Higher Education Institutions' Development Research Fund Act of 2023".

Sec. 2. *Objectives.* - It shall be the objective of this Act to provide Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with the necessary resources to improve their facilities, services, and research capabilities for the betterment of the students, faculty, and the wider community, and to prioritize state universities and colleges in the grant of research funds by the Philippine government.

Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* - For the purposes of this Act:

a. **Higher Education Institution (HEI)** refers to an educational institution designed for instruction, examination, or both, of students in many branches of advanced learning, conferring degrees in various faculties, and often embodying colleges and similar institutions.

b. **Development Research Fund** refers to the fund established by this Act to finance the development, improvement, and upgrading of HEI's research facilities.

Sec. 4. Creation of the Development Research Fund. - The Development Research Fund is hereby created which shall be taken from the annual budget of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in the General Appropriations Act of the current year.

Sec. 5. Use of the Development Research Fund. - The Development Research Fund shall be used to finance the following:

- a. Upgrading and improvement of existing HEI's facilities and services.
- b. Development of new HEI's facilities and services.
- c. Expansion of HEI's research capabilities.
- d. Improvement of HEI's faculty and staff training programs.
- e. Any other purpose that will contribute to the improvement of HEI's as determined by the CHED, DOST, DPWH, DENR, DoE and DA.

Sec. 6. Grant of Research Funds. - The Philippine government shall prioritize state universities and colleges in the grant of research funds. The CHED shall submit an annual list of private and state universities and colleges with research capabilities in each development area to the government for consideration.

Sec. 7. Protocol for the grant of the Research Fund. - HEIs' in need of funds for its Research and Development shall course its request to the DOST's Special Projects Division (SPD). The SPD shall then endorse the proposal to the appropriate Sectoral Council for evaluation and approval aligned with the National R&D Agenda.

Sec. 8. Criteria in Assessing R&D Protocols. - Proposals on R&D projects and/or activities selected by the Sectoral Council shall be based on the following criteria:

- a. Capacity of the Proponent - the competence of the HEI to undertake the project;
- b. Scientific Merit - the commitment of the HEI to create new knowledge or innovatively apply existing ones;
- c. Feasibility - the tenability of the undertaking, project, program or activity both, financially and technically;
- d. Implementation Strategy - the efficiency of the design, methodology, or strategy in implementing the project, program or activity to attain its objective;
- e. Socio-economic Impact - capability to provide employment, increase income, or address any current national problem;
- f. Environmental Impact - the project, program, or activity should not have any adverse effect to the environment;
- g. Time Frame - project, program or activity shall be within a reasonable time limit;
- h. Adopters - Utilization Plans - inclusion of plans on how the results will be utilized by the target end users;
- i. Institution Capacity - commitment to upgrade S&T facilities and database infrastructures; and

- j. Cultural Sensitivity - adaptability of the project to Philippine culture and tradition

Sec. 9. **DOST Sectoral Council** - The Sectoral Council, which shall evaluate and approve endorsed R&D proposals of the HEI, shall be composed of:

- a. **Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD)** - The PCAARRD is aimed to strengthen the development of research and development (R&D) in the agriculture, forestry, aquatic, and natural resources sectors, as well as optimize human and physical resources to develop these sectors;
- b. **Philippine Council for Health Research and Development Council (PCHRD)** - the lead council that creates and sustains an enabling environment for health research in the country; and
- c. **Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD)** - the central agency in the development of policies, plans and programs as well as in the implementation of strategies in the industry, energy, and emerging technology sectors.

Sec. 10. **Monitoring and Evaluation of R&D Activities**. - The DOST-SPD shall maintain a database of the projects approved for funding. The database shall have complete information including but shall not be limited to the expected outcomes of the R&D project, program or activity.

Sec. 11. **Alignment with Economic Agenda** - The Development Research Fund shall fund research priorities that are in line with the development and economic agenda of the current administration, particularly in the areas of:

- a. Agriculture and Food;
- b. Disaster Mitigation and Management;
- c. Environment and Natural Resources;
- d. Health and Health Products;
- e. Energy; and
- f. Information and Communications Technology

Sec. 12. **Development-Oriented and Impactful Research** - The CHED, DOST, DPWH, DENR, DoE and DA shall ensure that the research projects funded by the Development Research Fund are development-oriented and have the potential to have a positive impact on the economic, scientific, and social concerns of the country.

Sec. 13. **Monitoring, Evaluation and Implementation of this Act** - The CHED, DOST, DPWH, DENR, DoE and DA shall conduct regular monitoring and evaluation of the utilization of the Development Research Fund to ensure that the Fund is being used efficiently and effectively.

The DOST, CHED, DPWH, DENR, DoE DA and other concerned agencies in consultation with all HEIs shall within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

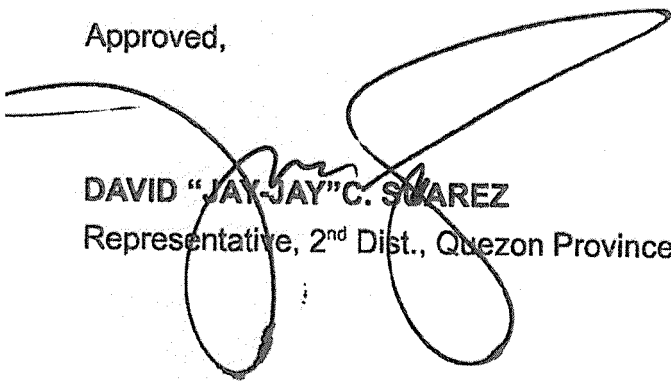
Sec. 14. *Annual Report.* - The CHED, DOST, DPWH, DENR, DoE and DA shall submit an annual report to Congress on the status of the Development Research Fund and the utilization of its resources.

Sec. 15. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 16. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 17. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,



DAVID "JAY-JAY" C. SUAREZ
Representative, 2nd Dist., Quezon Province