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**AUTHORITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE CITY OF DAVAO, APPROPRIATING**  
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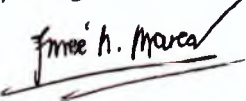
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9976 also known as the Technical Education and Skills Development Act of 1994 was created to manage and supervise technical education and skills development in the country. TESDA has implemented various reforms on industry-based training programs, and provided assistance on apprenticeship, dual training system and other similar services. Under its "TESDA Abot Lahat" program, TESDA is determined to reach out and serve more clients that may not be effectively achieved in certain areas due to its geographical size and large population growth rate.

In Region XI, the TESDA Provincial Office of Davao del Sur also covers the City of Davao, to date, there are 113 registered Private Technical Vocational Institutions (TVIs) and 3 Public TESDA Training Institutions (ITIs) with 504 registered programs/ qualifications, and 33 accredited Assessment Centers (ACs) with 224 accredited programs/ qualifications. However, due to the increasing population of Davao, TESDA cannot accommodate all its clients due to lack of personnel, sheer volume of clients and the geographical size of the service area of provincial offices.

To address this, the bill seeks to establish a separate TESDA District Office in Davao City which shall provide TVET services for the people of the City of Davao. Davao City is now a highly urbanized city, which needs to be catered separately from the Provincial Office based in Digos, Davao del Sur.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** There shall be established a District Office of the Technical  
2 Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in the City of Davao to exercise  
3 jurisdiction over the City.

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5           **SEC. 2.** The Secretary of the Technical Education and Skills Development  
6 Authority (TESDA) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective  
7 implementation of this Act.

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9           **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of the Technical Education and Skills Development  
10 Authority (TESDA) shall immediately include in the agency's programs the  
11 operationalization of the TESDA District Office in the City of Davao; the funding of  
12 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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14           **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
15 Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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*Approved,*