



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8449

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BY REPRESENTATIVES MARQUEZ, GO (M.) AND CO (E.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 644

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**  
**AUTHORITY TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF**  
**KALIBO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1       **SECTION 1. *Establishment of a Training and Assessment Center.*** – There is hereby  
2 established a training and assessment center, under the supervision of the Technical Education and  
3 Skills Development Authority (TESDA), to be known as the “Kalibo, Aklan TESDA Piña Handloom  
4 Weaving, Training, and Assessment Center”. It shall be located in a highly accessible area in the  
5 Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan, pursuant to the purposes of this Act and the agreement  
6 between the TESDA and the concerned local government units (LGUs).  
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8       **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** – The Kalibo, Aklan TESDA Piña Handloom Weaving, Training,  
9 and Assessment Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide technical-  
10 vocational education and training (TVET) programs to students and local residents from low-income  
11 families and out-of-school youths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples, to help  
12 them become productive, self-reliant, and globally competitive labor assets in the art, craft, and trade  
13 of handloom weaving, particularly of piña fiber.  
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15       The Center shall provide effective employment interventions through training programs on  
16 relevant skills in trade competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities to help hasten the  
17 development of the host area and its adjacent localities into human resource and productivity hubs in  
18 meeting the manpower qualification standards of both local and international labor markets for piña  
19 handloom weaving.  
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21       The Center, as accredited by TESDA, shall assess the acquired competencies in TVET  
22 programs for handloom weaving in the Municipality of Kalibo and the adjacent localities in the  
23 Province of Aklan. It shall also provide teachers’ training and curriculum design assistance to the  
24 secondary schools offering the technical-vocational livelihood (TVL) track under the K to 12 Program  
25 in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), TESDA, Philippine Textile Research  
26 Institute (PTRI), and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).  
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28       **SEC. 3. *Training Programs.*** – The Center shall offer diverse short-term certificate courses and  
29 modular trainings in skills specialization in handloom weaving. To this end, the Department of Labor  
30 and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and  
31 Technology (DOST), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Economic

1 and Development Authority (NEDA) PTRI, NCCA, business-industry partners, and such other  
2 relevant agencies and instrumentalities, both local and international, shall provide the necessary  
3 assistance to enable the Center to develop skilled and competitive manpower to achieve a robust and  
4 inclusive economy in the host area and adjacent localities in the Province of Aklan.  
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6 The Center may establish research and technology hubs, technology development farms,  
7 satellite or extension training centers, and promote mobile training programs for handloom weaving  
8 technology, skills standardization, design concepts, and product commercialization geared towards the  
9 acquisition of practical livelihood, employable skills, gainful employment, and entrepreneurship in  
10 priority areas in the Municipality of Kalibo and adjacent localities in the Province of Aklan.  
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12 To address the manpower needs for skilled artists, craftsmen, and designers for handloom  
13 weaving, the Center shall offer the following TESDA-registered training programs with competencies  
14 assessment leading to National Certification Levels I-III:  
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- 16 (a) Skills training in handloom weaving through the use of emerging new techniques and  
17 methods, and operation of small and medium-scale handloom weaving machinery and  
18 equipment, especially for piña hand weaving;  
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- 20 (b) Short-term basic skills trainings and seminars focused on the re-introductions of handloom  
21 weaving techniques and designs, funding and infrastructure support for handloom machines  
22 and equipment, and relevant market information on product promotion in both domestic  
23 and international trade exposition;  
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- 25 (c) Practical training methods in the use of natural and synthetic fiber materials, piña fiber,  
26 modern cloth-making technology, and development and production of alternative  
27 handloom weaving materials and sources;  
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- 29 (d) Training programs on handloom weaving design concepts in both indigenous patterns and  
30 modern designs, and product diversification and uses, specifically for piña cloth;  
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- 32 (e) Livelihood trainings and small business literacy programs on the institutionalization and  
33 commercialization of Philippine handloom weaving training, especially for piña cloth and  
34 end products, in all aspects, promoting handloom weaving through research and  
35 development, production and support extension, education and training, fiber processing  
36 and utilization technologies, market promotion and investment facilitation, infrastructure  
37 development, standards implementation and trade regulation, including international  
38 demand benchmarking for handloom-made products;  
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- 40 (f) Strengthening collaboration of the various handloom weaving industry stakeholders and  
41 development of the handloom weaving fiber sector;  
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- 43 (g) Basic business literacy training in financial management and marketing, practical  
44 accountancy, bookkeeping, office procedures, business processes and application  
45 procedures, including registration, licensing, documentation, business patent and  
46 intellectual property regulation, business financing and investment opportunities sourcing,  
47 import-export accreditation, online home-based business operation, and use of social media  
48 business marketing; and  
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- 50 (h) Other relevant trainings that may be needed by the people of the Municipality of Kalibo  
51 and the Province of Aklan specifically focused on handloom weaving to enhance their  
52 capacities for practical livelihood, gainful employment, and entrepreneurial activities.

1           **SEC. 4. Compliance with TESDA Requirements.** – The provisions of this Act notwithstanding,  
2 the Center shall become operational only upon the issuance by the TESDA of a formal  
3 recommendation and certificate of compliance attesting that the Center has satisfactorily complied  
4 with the minimum standards of quality it has prescribed governing the following: (a) standard  
5 procedures and guidelines for the establishment and operation of a Center; (b) operational  
6 sustainability of the Center, in terms of licensed faculty-trainers and personnel, equipment, training  
7 and laboratory facilities, instructional materials, and other standard requirements of a Center; (c)  
8 sustainable funding source and allocation of the budgetary requirement; (d) full alignment of the  
9 training programs offered with the minimum standards of competency-based quality technical-  
10 vocational skills and the technology needs of the host area and adjacent communities served within  
11 the context of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations integration and the Philippine Qualifications  
12 Framework for TVET; and (e) compliance with such other TESDA conditionalities and standards as  
13 may be necessary and applicable in establishing a Center.  
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15           **SEC. 5. Administration of the Center.** – The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational  
16 Administrator who shall render full-time service and be responsible for its administration and  
17 operation, under the supervision of the TESDA.  
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19           The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director General  
20 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the qualification  
21 requirements for such office.  
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23           The Technical-Vocational Administrator may enter into agreements with locally-based private  
24 and public counterpart agencies, instrumentalities or persons, and seek such assistance as may be  
25 necessary to effectively implement this Act, subject to the approval of the TESDA Director General.  
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27           **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** – The Director General of the TESDA shall include in the Authority’s  
28 program the operation of the Center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
29 Appropriations Act.  
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31           The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall set aside from any available local  
32 revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of the  
33 Center herein established.  
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35           **SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days after the approval of  
36 this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST, DA, Department of Budget  
37 and Management, DepEd, DILG, NEDA, PTRI, NCCA, the concerned LGUs, and such other relevant  
38 agencies and industry-business partners of the host locality, prepare and issue rules and regulations for  
39 the effective implementation of this Act.  
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41           **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is declared  
42 unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof shall not be affected and shall  
43 remain in force and in effect.  
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45           **SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and  
46 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are repealed or amended  
47 accordingly.  
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49           **SEC. 10. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
50 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,