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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109



Introduced by **KABATAAN PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE**
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RESOLUTION
URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO
CONDEMN, CALL FOR REFUND, AND INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF OTHER SCHOOL FEES IN SEVERAL STATE
UNIVERSITIES VIOLATING REPUBLIC ACT 10931, ALSO KNOWN AS THE
"UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION"

WHEREAS, this representation recognizes the victory of the decades-long struggle of the student and youth movement for free tertiary education in the passage of the Republic Act No. 10931 or Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA);

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10931 or Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA) upholds the constitutionally guaranteed right to education of every Filipino;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10931 or Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (UAQTEA) specifically mandates free higher education for all qualified undergraduate students in State Universities and Colleges, Commission on Higher Education-Accredited Local Universities and Colleges and government-run Technical Vocational Institutions;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of UAQTEA clearly prohibits SUCs, CHED-Accredited LUCs and government-run TVIs from collecting tuition and other school fees from qualified students except for those who voluntarily opt out of the exemption from payment of tuition and other school fees or make a contribution to the school;

WHEREAS, the law provides that UAQTEA shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation;

WHEREAS, however, several grievances and concerns were collected by the National Union of Students of the Philippines--the broadest alliance of student councils in the Philippines--through personal interactions with SUCs Student Regents, summits, and assemblies of students regarding continued collection of other schools which is already prohibited by RA 10931;

WHEREAS, in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), students are still paying other school fees namely, Certification of Grades: 150 PHP; Certification of Documents: 150 PHP; Documentary Stamp: 60PHP; Insurance: 50PHP; Participation in Sports Competitions: 50 PHP; SC fee: 15 PHP; and SIS fee: 225 PHP;

WHEREAS, in Kalinga State University, 500PHP is still being collected for modernization fee and 100PHP for testing fee;

WHEREAS, in Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology and Pangasinan State University, 100PHP late enrollment fee is being charged to qualified late enrollees;

WHEREAS, 30PHP is being collected from Catanduanes State University students for their True Copy of Grades;

WHEREAS, Don Mariano Marcos State University bills late enrollment fee and a garbage collection fee of 50PHP;

WHEREAS, Sorsogon State College students are being billed with 500PHP as On-the-Job-Training (OJT) Fee;

WHEREAS, Pangasinan State University collects 45-60PHP for document stamp;

WHEREAS, with all these above mentioned cases, it is not far to think that there are still other unreported concerns and illegal collection of other school fees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education and Commission on Higher Education condemn, call for refund, and investigate, in aid of legislation, the continued collection of other school fees in several SUCs violating RA 10931.

Adopted,

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