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Introduced by **KABATAAN PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE  
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**A RESOLUTION TO UPHOLD THE INSTITUTIONAL AUTONOMY OF STUDENT  
GOVERNMENTS/ COUNCILS AND STUDENT PUBLICATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the national budget of P3.757 trillion for 2019 has allocated the bulk of the budget to the Philippine National Police (PNP) despite the growing human rights violations in the country;

**WHEREAS**, in the midst of the onslaught of TRAIN Law that has caused inflation in the country, the proposed 2019 budget will deter the operation of agencies providing frontline services for the people such as the sectors of health and education;

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 proposed budget has made huge cuts on social services and education, with the Department of Education receiving the brunt of the budget cut by P51 billion, from the agency's P580 billion in 2018 to P528 billion in 2019;

**WHEREAS**, despite the legislation of RA 10931 (Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act) which made tertiary free in several state universities and colleges (SUC's) and local universities and colleges (LUC's), there are still structural barriers/schemes that continue to undermine our struggle for a genuinely free education;

**WHEREAS**, the said law has deemed student council fees and student publication fees as redundant, exorbitant, and dubious, contrary to the nature of the said former fees, where they are actually used for the holistic development of the students;

**WHEREAS**, by paralyzing the operations of these student-led institutions, these institutions are now subject to bureaucratic maneuvers and fiscal control of school administrations;

**WHEREAS**, by defunding these student-led institutions with the goal of paralyzing its operations, the regime weakens the youth's tactical victory with the RA 10931, thus preventing the full realization of a national, scientific, and mass-oriented education;

**WHEREAS**, these institutions have been instrumental in fostering militancy amongst the youth, fueling up a sentiment of resistance against any fascist dictatorship and its anti-people policies;

**WHEREAS**, student activists, student journalists, and the critics of the government continue to be subjected to the growing surveillance networks, political vilification and psychological harassment as the administration's forms of suppressing organized dissent;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for all student councils and publications to forge unities and collectively assert their democratic right to student representation and self-organization in pursuit of national liberation and true democracy;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Members of the House of Representatives uphold the institutional autonomy of Student Governments/ Councils and Student Publications.

*Adopted,*

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