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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. _____



Introduced by Kabataan Party-List Representative SARAH JANE I. ELAGO

RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING THE UNIFIED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS IN TERTIARY EDUCATION (UNIFAST) BOARD TO SCRAP ITS DEFINITION OF "SIMILAR OR RELATED FEES," WHICH ALLOWS THE ILLEGAL COLLECTION OF REDUNDANT, EXORBITANT, AND DUBIOUS SCHOOL FEES, IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 10931

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines states that "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all";

WHEREAS, included in Section 3. (ww) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10931, known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act of 2017" are the other similar or related fees that can be charged by the SUC or LUC to the budget allocation of the said act;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Chapter 2 of Batas Pambansa bilang 232 states that "The State shall therefore promote and maintain equality of access to education as well as the enjoyment of the benefits of education by all its citizens;"


WHEREAS, the indicated subsection is contrary to the spirit of the law passed by the legislators during the 17th Congress and assault the purpose of the student movement's victory in the removal of fee collection under free education;

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the state, whose mandate is to provide free quality education, still has reservations on the subsidies that it has to cover. If the administration truly believes that education is a right, then it should not come at a price;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Unified Financial Assistance for Students in Tertiary Education (UNIFAST) Board to scrap its definition of "similar or related fees," which allows the illegal collection of redundant, exorbitant, and dubious school fees, in the implementing rules regulations of Republic Act 10931.

Adopted,

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