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HOUSE BILL No. 1515



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES ALFREDO A. GARBIN, Jr. and
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to require state universities and colleges to prepare and implement a land use development and infrastructure plan, which includes the construction of dormitories for students and housing sites for employees.

The land use development and infrastructure plan is envisioned to utilize idle lands and assets within the compound of the state university or college. It must include a site specifically intended for dormitories for students and housing sites for employees.

The proposed bill addresses the constitutional mandate that the State must give priority to education, which is relevant to the needs of the people and society. This bill aims to provide an effective land use and development plan of state universities and colleges to optimize resource utilization and maximize resource generation for, but not limited to, dormitories for students and housing sites for employees.

Students of state universities and colleges come from remote areas, neighboring cities and municipalities and some from different parts of the country. It is also observed that some students, especially from poor families, drop out from school because they cannot afford to pay for the high cost of board and lodging near the school or university. In order to ensure their well-being and continuing education, it is important to provide them with decent living quarters or dormitories.

On the other hand, the faculty and staff of schools should also be assisted by providing housing units for their families while they are employed in the state university or college. This added benefit will guarantee the quality of education the faculty gives to their students. Travel time will also be lessened and prompt administration of school matters will be effectively delivered by its employees.

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


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1 infrastructure plan. For this purpose, all government departments, agencies and
2 instrumentalities are hereby instructed to extend all possible assistance and cooperation
3 to any state university or college in the preparation of its land use development and
4 infrastructure plan.

5 SEC. 4. The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education shall, in
6 coordination with the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, promulgate the necessary
7 rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

8 SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or
9 parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
10 amended or modified accordingly.

11 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
12 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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14 Approved,