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HOUSE BILL NO. 2378



Introduced by Representative Florida P. Robes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, poverty incidence in the country can be addressed in two ways: (1) improving educational service to increase the productive potential of marginalized sectors, and (2) providing employment and income opportunities for the poor to afford quality education in order to compete in the labor markets.

The City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan houses at least forty (40) relocation projects constructed by the national government through the National Housing Authority, as well as more than 150 residential subdivisions. However, most of the beneficiaries of the housing project are forced to sell up their properties because there are no employment and income opportunities available to them. As such, they revert back to squatting or worse, sell their houses at a lower price. And the problem continues.

The intent of this legislative proposal is premised on the second way, which is to provide employment and income opportunities by tapping human capabilities. As reported out the Philippines ranks 46th with a score of 71.24 in terms of human capital endowment. Unfortunately, development of human capital locally has been neglected. The skills and capabilities of our people are not put into productive use within our country. Most of our skilled workers prefer to work abroad because of lack of employment opportunities here.

If this proposal is approved, it will entice investments on human resource. Companies will consider establishing their businesses in the district. As a human resource capital, the City will also become a haven to training institutes that will enhance the capabilities of the residents of the City as well from neighbouring towns. As such, its approval is deemed a response to the call to alleviate poverty by tapping human resource as a means to improve the economy.


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AN ACT
DECLARING THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE IN THE PROVINCE
OF BULACAN AS HUMAN RESOURCE CAPITAL

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation through policies that promote full employment and affirm labor as a primary social force.

SEC. 2. The City of San Jose Del Monte in the Province of Bulacan, a preferred government site for human relocation, is hereby declared a human resource capital.

SEC. 3. The Department of Labor and Employment, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and the Department of Trade and Industry, in coordination with the city government of San Jose Del Monte, shall formulate policies and implement plans and programs for the enhancement of the city's human resources such as the establishment of training centers, the delivery of skills and livelihood training programs, and the promotion of quality technical-vocational education. These plans and programs must be aimed at the development and utilization of the manpower resources from the City of San Jose Del Monte, the promotion of their employment, and acceleration of their economic and social growth.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,