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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

RESOLUTION

SCRAPPING A PORTION OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS RESTRICTING THE COVERAGE OF FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE UNIFAST BOARD'S DEFINITION OF "(WW.) OTHER SIMILAR OR RELATED FEES"

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, 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 is to cover. If the administration truly believes that education is a right, then it should not come with a price;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Commission on Higher Education scrap the portion in the Implementing Rules and Regulations restricting the coverage of free public education through the UniFAST Board's definition of "(ww.) Other similar or related fees" which is contrary to the spirit of the law.

Adopted,


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