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House Resolution No. 1240

Introduced by Representatives FRANCISCO JOSE "BINGO" F. MATUGAS II and LUIS N. CAMPOS JR.

A RESOLUTION
STRONGLY URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INCREASE THE FUNDS TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 FOR THE BENEFIT OF FILIPINO WORKERS

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 5(5) of the Constitution provides that the State "shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education." Technical and vocational education is one of the important categories of education in the country as it equips the middle level manpower of the country for employment;

WHEREAS, on 17 June 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Executive Order No. 83 *Approving and Adopting the National Technical Education and Skills Development Plan 2018-2022* which aims to assure industries with high economic and employment growth potential the provision of required quantity of quality workforce and directly and more vigorously address the workforce needs of the basic sectors and the disadvantaged;

WHEREAS, with TESDA's continued efforts to address the needs of the Philippine workforce, since 2016 there has been 8.9 Million TVET graduates with an average Certification Rate of 92.9%. In 2018, 84.1% of TESDA graduates found employment;

WHEREAS, this year TESDA faced several challenges in the delivery of technical and vocational education and training due to the Covid-19 pandemic. At the moment, the agency is in the process of shifting to flexible learning. In response to the pandemic, it is also registering health-related qualifications and a contact-tracing program;

WHEREAS, the services of TESDA are needed now more than ever because as of July 2020, 7.1 Million Filipinos are underemployed and 4.6 Million are unemployed which is equivalent to an unemployment rate of 10.0%. The pandemic has affected 400,000 Overseas Filipino Workers as of July 2020 and as of August 2020, 170,000 OFWs have returned to the country. All of these underemployed and unemployed countrymen need skills training, re-training and re-tooling so that they can, again, be productive members of society and contribute to the country's recovery from the pandemic;

WHEREAS, despite the foregoing, the Department of Budget and Management ("DBM") proposes to give TESDA only Php13,705,721,000 in the 2021 National Expenditure Program which is way below the budget needed by the agency to shift to flexible learning and reach more of our underprivileged countrymen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the House of Representatives is urged to increase the funds to be appropriated to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority for Fiscal Year 2021 by **Php14,186,536,000** for the benefit of all Filipino workers who are unemployed and who lost their source of income due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in particular:

Programs and Projects	Proposed 2021 Budget	2021 NEP	Proposed Additional Budget
1. TESDA Scholarship Programs, particularly:	**11,114,250,000**	**5,003,000,000**	**6,111,250,000**
1.1. TWSP	2,046,330,000	875,000,000	1,171,330,000
1.2. STEP	931,050,000	203,000,000	728,050,000
1.3. UAQTEA	6,636,870,000	2,910,000,000	3,726,870,000
1.4. Tulong Trabaho	1,500,000,000	1,015,000,000	485,000,000
2. Implementation of E.O. 70	1,827,000,000		1,827,000,000
3. Balance from the Cabinet- Approved	4,144,100,000	797,277,000	3,346,823,000
4. Legislation-Related	459,433,000		459,433,000
5. Hosting of Skills Competition (ASEAN Skills Competition and World Skills)	693,158,000		693,158,000
6. MITHI Programs, Activities and Projects	167,393,000	55,522,000	111,871,000

7. Operationalization of 60 Provincial Training Centers	165,000,000		165,000,000
8. Building Construction	128,106,000		128,106,000
9. Purchase of Equipment	14,711,000		14,711,000
10. Purchase of Motor Vehicles	51,477,000		51,477,000
11. Additional Plantilla Positions	1,277,707,000		1,277,707,000
TOTAL	**20,042,335,000**	**5,855,799,000**	**14,186,536,000**

For the Balance from Cabinet Approved, the particulars are as follows:

Programs and Projects	Proposed 2021 Budget	2021 NEP	Proposed Additional Budget
Implementation of EO 70			
a) 63 Mobile Training Laboratory Trucks complete with training equipment @ (Php8.5 Million each)	536,000,000	50,000,000	486,000,000
b) 63 units of Motor Vehicles (4x4 pick-up) for Operations @ (Php2.5 Million per unit)	158,000,000		158,000,000
c) Operating Expenses for 63 priority areas (46 provinces plus 17 regions) @ Php2.7 Million per area	124,100,000	47,277,000	76,823,000
Modernization and Upgrading of TESDA Technology Institutions			
a) Establishment of TESDA Learning Center 4.0 Ready	1,500,000,000	500,000,000	1,000,000,000
b) Establishment of additional 20 Innovation Centers	800,000,000	200,000,000	600,000,000
c) Acquisition of learning systems for 23 Innovation Centers	1,026,000,000		1,026,000,000
TOTAL	**4,144,100,000**	**797,277,000**	**3,346,823,000**

Adopted,

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