

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4785



Introduced by **HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

**AN ACT
TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Nations often invest in research and development (R&D) to increase economic growth and productivity. Innovations allow for economic development and expansion as they can lead to higher productivity and higher efficiency. R&D also allows an economy to specialize in something and benefit from comparative advantage. As innovations generally take a long time to be developed and usually start small and diffuse across the economy over time, it is important to encourage more R&D projects to experience the full benefits of innovations. Presently, researchers are burdened by duplicative regulations and reporting requirements concerning government-funded research.

In this regard, this measure seeks to improve the efficiency of national research and development by creating a Research and Development Audit Committee under the Office of the President and a Research and Development Support Committee (RDSC) which shall be responsible for streamlining regulations and minimizing regulatory burden on institutions of higher education performing government-funded research.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


REP. GUS S. TAMBUNTING
2nd District, Parañaque City

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4785

Introduced by **HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

AN ACT
TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Research and Development Efficiency Act."

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It shall be the policy of the State to ensure that all efforts towards research and development shall be efficient and effective.

Sec. 3. Research and Development Audit Committee. – There shall be established under the Office of the President a Research and Development Support Committee (RDSC) who shall be responsible for reviewing regulations affecting research and research universities and making recommendations on how to:

- (a) harmonize, streamline and eliminate duplicative regulations and reporting requirements; and
- (b) minimize the regulatory burden on institutions of higher education performing government-funded research while maintaining accountability for expenditures.

Sec. 4. Stakeholder Input. – In carrying out the responsibilities under Section 3, the RDSC shall take into account input and recommendations from stakeholders, including national and local government-funded researchers, institutions of higher education, scientific disciplinary societies and associations, nonprofit research institutions, industry, including small businesses, government-funded research and development centers, and others with a stake in ensuring effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability in the performance of scientific research.

Sec. 5. Report. – Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for 3 years, the Director shall report to the appropriate committees in the Senate

and the House of Representatives on what steps have been taken to carry out the recommendations of the working group established under Section 3.

Sec. 6. Term. – The term of RDSC shall be three (3) years.

Sec. 7. Repealing Clause. – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Sec. 8. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,