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SENATE BILL NO. <u>1470</u>

Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Public Works; and Finance with Senators Cayetano (P.), Cayetano (A.), Revilla, Jr., Escudero and Angara as authors thereof

AN ACT

STRENGTHENING THE MECHANISM FOR LAND USE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND BUDGETING FOR STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11396, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SUCS LAND USE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LUDIP) ACT"

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

Section 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 11396 is hereby amended to read as
 follows:

3 "Sec. 3. Preparation and Implementation of the LUDIP in SUCs. - All state universities and colleges (SUCs), through their governing 4 boards, shall be required to prepare and implement a LUDIP designed 5 to improve and optimally utilize their resources. All land use [or] AND 6 PRIORITY infrastructure projects [of] TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY 7 the SUCs [shall also be required to follow the LUDIP, which] WITHIN 8 A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THEIR 9 **RESPECTIVE LUDIP:** *PROVIDED*, THAT THE LUDIP shall be 10 linked with the land use plan and practice of the local government 11 units HAVING TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OVER THE SUC 12

CONCERNED to ensure complementation of activities across
 geographical boundaries.

"The LUDIP shall be submitted by the SUCs to the Commission 3 on Higher Education (CHED) within two (2) years after the approval of 4 this Act: Provided, That it shall be REVIEWED AND updated 5 [periodically as the need arises] EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS BY THE 6 GOVERNING BOARDS OF THE SUCS[: Provided, further, That the 7 CHED shall be informed of changes made thereof: Provided, finally, 8 That it should be reviewed by the governing board ten (10) years after 9 10 its approval] to ensure that it remains relevant and in consonance with 11 current conditions and realities.

"The preparation and implementation of the LUDIP shall be 12 made a requirement for the approval of infrastructure projects in 13 SUCs. No new infrastructure project shall be approved and 14 implemented in any SUC unless the LUDIP has been implemented and 15 submitted to the CHED. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAND USE 16 AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OF THE SUCS SHALL BE 17 MONITORED BY AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE TO BE 18 COMPOSED OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CHED, AND THE 19 SECRETARIES OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC 20 WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, AND SOCIOECONOMIC PLANNNING, 21 OR THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. 22

"THE CHED SHALL INCLUDE THE LUDIP OF EACH SUC IN 23 24 A FIVE- (5-) YEAR COMPREHENSIVE LUDIP FOR ALL 25 **COMPLIANT SUCS WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE RECEIPT** THEREOF. THE COMPREHENSIVE LUDIP SHALL CONTAIN, 26 27 AMONG OTHERS, Α LISTING OF LAND USE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE 28 SUCS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS. THE 29 CHED SHALL SUBMIT THE COMPREHENSIVE LUDIP TO 30 31 CONGRESS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED

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TO GUIDE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE LAND USE
 AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OF THE SUCS ON AN
 ANNUAL BASIS.

Sec. 2. A new Section 7 shall be inserted after Section 6 of Republic Act No.
11396 to read as follows:

6 "SEC. 7. APPROPRIATIONS. - THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAND 7 USE AND **INFRASTRUCTURE** 8 PROJECTS **INCLUDED** IN THE **COMPREHENSIVE LUDIP AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 3 OF THIS** 9 ACT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL 10 **APPROPRIATIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE SUCS."** 11

12 The succeeding sections of Republic Act No. 11396 are hereby renumbered 13 accordingly.

Sec. 3. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11396 is hereby renumbered as Section8 and amended to read as follows:

"Sec. [7.] 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within 16 17 [sixty (60)] THIRTY (30) days after the effectivity of this Act, the CHED, in coordination with the Philippine Association of State 18 Universities and Colleges, [the]THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET 19 AND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS 20 AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, the DPWH, [HLURB,] NATIONAL 21 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, LMB-DENR and other 22 relevant government agencies and stakeholders, shall formulate the 23 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this 24 Act." 25

Sec. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders,
 issuances, and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and
 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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Introduced by Senators PIA S. CAYETANO and ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Studies show that quality infrastructure facilitates better instruction and leads to the improvement of student outcomes.¹ However, our State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in a great number of areas grieve for educational infrastructure and facilities. During the annual deliberations on the budget, SUCs lament the dismal funding given to them and lobby for additional capital outlay for the construction or improvement of their facilities, such as classrooms, dormitories, libraries, laboratories, and sports facilities. Without such facilities, the conditions in which the youth are expected to learn the skills that will allow them to thrive and actively participate in designing their futures is not optimal for knowledge and skills acquisition. In fact, poor educational infrastructure is believed to impede learners' holistic growth and overall well-being.

This proposed measure, thus, aims to establish a five- (5-) year priority infrastructure plan for SUCs, which shall be consistent with the national priorities, goals, and objectives as well as regional needs as determined by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), and the Land Use Development and

¹ Navarro, A. (2020, March). *School infrastructure in the Philippines: Where are we now and where should we be heading?*. https://pidswebs.pids.gov.ph/CDN/PUBLICATIONS/pidsdps2210.pdf

Infrastructure Plan of each SUC. This bill also provides a fixed annual budget of twenty-five billion (25,000,000,000) pesos for the next five years for the implementation of this priority infrastructure plan.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of the bill and approval of the same is earnestly sought.

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