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HB NO. 1456, COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 27: RENAMING THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES AS THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE PHILIPPINES,

Mr. President, Honorable Colleagues of this august Chamber:

​As Chairperson of the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education, I rise to sponsor Committee Report No. 27, which recommends the approval of House Bill No. 1456, entitled, “An Act Changing the Name of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines into the University of Science and Technology of the Philippines, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10919”.

Mr. President, this bill is quite simple as it seeks to rename a state university established under R.A. No. 10919.

As explained by the bill’s author in the House of Representatives, Rep. Rufus Rodriguez, the creation of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines was meant to bring the Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST) and the Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology (MOSCAT) together into one University dedicated to science and technology in the entire Philippines.

However, in the name of that University, Philippines was qualified with Southern and this has given the impression that the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines is limited only to learners from the south.

Hence, to correct the impression and to manifest the true intention of R.A. No. 10919, this bill seeks to correct the name of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines by deleting the word “Southern”– making it the University of Science and Technology of the Philippines.

I respectfully submit, Mr. President.