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HB NO. 4635, COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18: EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ADIONG MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE

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. 18, which recommends the approval of House Bill No. 4635, entitled, “An Act Extending the Term of Office of the President of the Adiong Memorial State College from Three (3) Years to Four (4) Years in Accordance with Republic Act No. 8292, Otherwise Known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", Further Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 7935, as Amended by

Republic Act No. 8651.”

This is a simple bill which at its core involves only one word: four, or changing from three years to four years the term of a state college president.

This bill prescribes a four-year term for the President of the Adiong Memorial State College in the great province of Lanao del Sur, thereby aligning it with the CHED standard that a state college or university president’s one term shall be four years, which may be extended by another term.

However, this goes beyond an editorial correction, for the word in question is not a typographical error, but is a policy rectification.

This is akin to creating a city but whose officials have a term of two years.

But we could have been spared of the rigmarole of acting on this measure if due diligence had only been exercised in the past.

There were three missed opportunities.

One, when the bill creating the Adiong Memorial Polytechnic College was deliberated in Congress and became Republic Act No.7935

Second, when its charter was amended by Republic Act No. 8651, when, to reflect its expanded course offerings, it became the Adiong Memorial Polytechnic State College.

Third, and this is most recently when the college was renamed as Adiong Memorial State College by virtue of Republic Act No. 11756, which was signed into law last April.

Either of the three would have been a perfect vehicle of the provision sought in this bill.

As it is true with the production of goods and laws, when oversight is committed, overtime is required.

I move for the approval of this simple bill.