



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Sangguniang Panlalawigan



COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES

COMMITTEE REPORT

NO. 2025-___

Re: Review of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-03 of Tanauan, Leyte

Title: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE LICENSURE EXAMINATION REVIEW TO THE TOP FIVE GRADUATES IN COLLEGES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF TANAUAN, LEYTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND SETTING GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF"

Date: September 24, 2025
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Members: BM Wilson Uy, BM Michael L. Cari and BM Martina L. Gimenez

1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

The proposed ordinance seeks to institutionalize a merit-based financial assistance program for the top five graduates of colleges located within Tanauan, Leyte, to support their licensure examination review. This initiative recognizes academic excellence, promotes professional development, and aligns with the municipality's commitment to youth empowerment, inclusive education, and local capacity-building.

The Committee finds that the ordinance is consistent with the constitutional and statutory mandates to promote education and social equity, and is anchored on the following legal and policy foundations:

LEGAL FRAMEWORK:

1. Republic Act No. 7160 – Local Government Code of 1991
 - Section 16 (General Welfare Clause): Authorizes LGUs to promote the general welfare of their constituents, including support for education and youth development.
 - Section 17: Empowers LGUs to provide basic services and facilities, including educational programs and support services.
 - Section 22(c): Allows LGUs to enter into contracts and extend assistance, provided such actions are authorized by ordinance or resolution.
 - Section 335: Prohibits the disbursement of public funds without prior approval and complete documentation. The ordinance itself, once enacted, serves as the legal basis for such expenditure, provided it is supported by proper appropriation and documentation.
2. Local Budget Circular No. 142 (DBM, 2022) - Permits LGUs to use local funds for educational assistance under the Local Government Support Fund–Financial Assistance to LGUs (LGSF-FA), including support for licensure review, subject to local ordinance and budget inclusion.
3. Republic Act No. 11292 – Seal of Good Local Governance Act - Encourages LGUs to institutionalize programs that promote education, transparency, and inclusive development.

II. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: After due deliberation and consultation, the Committee finds the following:

1. The ordinance is legally sound and within the powers of the LGU under the Local Government Code and related issuances;
2. The proposed financial assistance is fiscally feasible, subject to the availability of funds and inclusion in the Annual Investment Plan (AIP) and Local Development Plan (LDP);
3. The ordinance includes clear guidelines for eligibility, documentation, and implementation, ensuring accountability and proper use of public funds; and,
4. The program will incentivize academic excellence, support professional licensure, and contribute to the long-term development of Tanauan's human capital.

As to compliance with Section 335 of R.A. 7160: The Committee affirms that the ordinance does not violate Section 335 of the Local Government Code. On the contrary, it ensures compliance by:

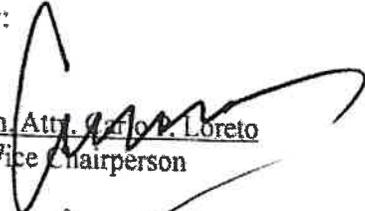
- Providing a clear legal basis for the expenditure;
- Requiring prior approval through ordinance and appropriation;
- Mandating complete documentation and audit compliance;
- Aligning with COA standards for public purpose, transparency, and accountability.

Therefore, the Committee recommends for the approval of the subject ordinance.

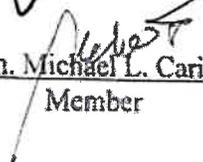
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