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Sangguniang Panlalawigan



COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES

COMMITTEE REPORT

No. 2025-___

Re: Review of Municipal Ordinance No. 02, S. 2025 of Abuyog, Leyte

Title: "The 2025 Grant of Incentives and Recognition to Board Passers, Topnotchers and the Course Review Team Members of the Teacher Program of Abuyog Community College, Abuyog, Leyte"

Date: September 23, 2025
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I. BACKGROUND

The proposed ordinance aims to institutionalize the granting of incentives and recognition to board passers, topnotchers, and review team members of the Teacher Education Program of Abuyog Community College. While the measure reflects a noble intent to promote academic achievement and community pride, the committee after review finds the ordinance to be lacking in sound operational and implementation mechanism, legal compliance, and fiscal accountability.

II. FINDINGS

After careful deliberation, the Committee identified the following deficiencies:

1. **Absence of Clear Implementation Mechanism** - The ordinance lacks a structured framework for execution, including timelines, responsible offices, and procedural flow.
2. **No Defined Criteria for Selection of Beneficiaries** - There is no articulation of eligibility standards, ranking thresholds, or performance benchmarks for board passers, topnotchers, or review team members. The absence of selection criteria undermines fairness, transparency, and consistency in implementation.
3. **Lack of Verification and Validation Process** - The ordinance does not specify how board results will be authenticated, how topnotcher status will be confirmed, or how review team membership will be validated. This gap exposes the measure to potential abuse and weakens its credibility.
4. **Insufficient Documentation Requirements** - No documentary safeguards are outlined to support claims for incentives or recognition. The ordinance fails to prescribe supporting documents such as PRC board results, certificates of ranking, or institutional endorsements.

5. Ambiguity in Scope and Coverage - The composition and qualifications of the "Course Review Team" is undefined. The coverage or grant of monetary and non-monetary incentives are likewise undefined.

III. CONCLUSION RECOMMENDATION

In light of the foregoing, the Committee respectfully recommends the return of Municipal Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2025 to the SB of origin. The Committee encourages the proponent to revisit the measure and address the following:

- Establish clear and objective criteria for selection of beneficiaries;
- Define a robust verification and documentation process.
- Include provisions that clearly identifies the guidelines of the grants with procedural safeguards.
- Align the incentive structure with COA standards and ensure fiscal transparency.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Committee affirms its support for initiatives that honor academic excellence and community contribution. However, such measures must be grounded in sound governance principles, legal compliance, and operational clarity. The ordinance, in its current form, falls short of these standards and is therefore returned for further review and amendments.

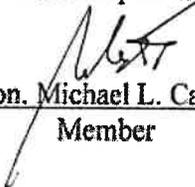
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