

**LEAD DEBATE ON THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES,
OTUKPO (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2020.**

Sponsor: Sen. Moro, Patrick Abba (Benue South)

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, may I humbly seek your consent to lead the debate of this pivotal Bill which seeks to among other things, establish the Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo.

The Bill was read for the first time in this revered Chamber on Tuesday, 26th November, 2019.

Mr. President, respected Colleagues, may I use this opportunity to accentuate some of the objectives and intent of the Bill which certainly will not just furnish justification for this laudable legislative approach, but will also motivate the National Assembly to accelerate the legislative process in passing this Bill into law.

As aforementioned, the Bill seeks to establish the Federal University of Health Sciences Otukpo, (FUHSO), being the first Federal University of Health Sciences in Nigeria, so as to aggrandize access to medical education in Nigeria.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, it is common knowledge that the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) is the Nigerian entrance examination board for tertiary-level Institutions, consequently JAMB conducts entrance Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations for prospective undergraduates into Nigerian Universities.

According to statistics from JAMB 2017, the existing Medical Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria admit less than 20% of candidates desirous and qualified to study Medicine and its Allied Sciences in Nigerian Universities.

The University, when established, will address the dearth in admission of students aspiring to study Medicine and Allied Sciences in Nigeria and the supply of needed manpower in our health services industry.

It is pertinent to mention here that the teeming Nigerian population puts enormous strain and stress on the national infrastructure and available Health Personnel.

The Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, when established, would bridge the gap of the challenges of inadequate health professionals in our country Nigeria.

Mr. President, Respected Colleagues, permit me to bring to your notice the fact that Nigeria has only about 72,000 nationally registered medical doctors, with only 35,000 practicing medical doctors, serving a population approximated to be about Two Hundred million (200, 000, 000) people.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, may I mention further that the Federal University of Health Sciences, Otuokpo Bill is a development that was looked into by the past administration, the Bill was initiated by the then President of the Senate in the 7th and 8th Senate, Senator David Mark GCON, in the 8th Senate, which passed the various stages of law making and received a resounding support from Legislators and Stakeholders across the country. However, the Bill was never transmitted for assent before the end of that Senate.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, may I mention here that His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari has already approved the establishment of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Otuokpo.

In line with Order 77(3) of the Senate Standing Order 2015 as amended, a compendium of the financial implication of the establishment of the University is hereby attached.

I therefore humbly urge you to support this Bill and give it an accelerated passage, to give the institution the requisite legislative backing it needs for proper functioning.

Thank you.

COMPENDIUM OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES,
OTUKPO (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2020 (SB. 216).

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In compliance with Order 77(3) of the Standing Rules of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with respect to the procedure of Bills, Compendium and Consolidation, which states inter alia that "On the introduction of a Bill, a compendium of background information and financial implications of such Bills if passed into Law shall be delivered to all Senators", the following compilation with regard to the aforementioned Bill is herewith presented for the general information of senators.

It is worthy of note that the compilation shown below is a summary of the anticipated recurrent and capital expenditure in the first twelve months immediately following the commencement of this Act.

TOTAL: FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, OTUKPO

TOTAL ALLOCATION:	1,126,529,588.
PERSONNEL COST	737,640,699
SALARY:	655,680,621
SALARIES AND WAGES	655,680,621
CONSOLIDATED SALARY	655,680,621
ALLOWANCES AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION:	81,960,078
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NON REGULAR ALLOWANCES:	32,784,031
FOREIGN SERVICE ALLOWANCE:	49,176,047
TOTAL GOODS AND NON-PERSONAL SERVICES GENERAL	111,111,111
OVERHEAD COST:	111,111,111
TRAVEL& TRANSPORT· GENERAL:	111,111,111
LOCAL TRAVEL & TRANSPORT: TRAINING:	111,111,111
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:	277,777,778
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION:	277,777,778
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF FIXED ASSETS - GENERAL:	277,777,778
CONSTRUCTION / PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE:	277,777,778
TOTAL PERSONNEL:	737,640,699
TOTAL OVERHEAD:	111,111,111
TOTAL RECURRENT:	848,751,810
TOTAL CAPITAL:	277,777,778
TOTAL ALLOCATION:	1,126,529,588