

LEAD DEBATE ON THE UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITALS (RECONSTITUTION OF BOARDS, Etc) ACT No.10 1985 (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021 (SB. 617).

Sponsor: Sen. Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko (Nasarawa South)

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, I am delighted to lead the debate on the general principles of the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc) Act No.10 1985 (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

This Bill was read for the first time on the Thursday, 11th February, 2021.

The objective of this Bill is to amend the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc) Act No.10 1985 (In this Bill referred to as the " Principal Act"), to include an additional Teaching Hospital, the "Federal University Lafia Teaching Hospital" thereby giving full recognition to the Teaching Hospital sought to be included in the Principal Act through this Bill. .

In particular , the Bill seeks to amend the First Schedule to the Principal Act by -

(a) inserting after the existing item " O" , new item " P" , - to read -

" P" the Federal University Lafia Teaching Hospital"

Essentially, the proposed amendment when passed will complete all the required legislative enactments to bring the Federal University Lafia Teaching Hospital into full operation.

I wish to state that in compliance with **Order 77(3) of the Senate Standing Orders, 2015** as amended, this Bill when passed will have no immediate financial burden on the Federal Government treasury as the facilities for the immediate takeoff of the proposed Teaching Hospital for the Federal University, Lafia and its Management Board have been donated by the Nasarawa State Government.

Thank you for your kind attention.