

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Thirteenth Congress

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1511

Introduced by Honorable Alfonso V. Umali, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a youth Center in oriental Mindoro to be known as THE CENTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS.

The youth sector in oriental Mindoro comprises a big part of the population of the province. Estimated to be at least sixty percent (60%) of the total population of the province, the sector offers a rich well of bright, talented, dynamic and open-minded individuals relatively susceptible to fresh ideas and concepts.

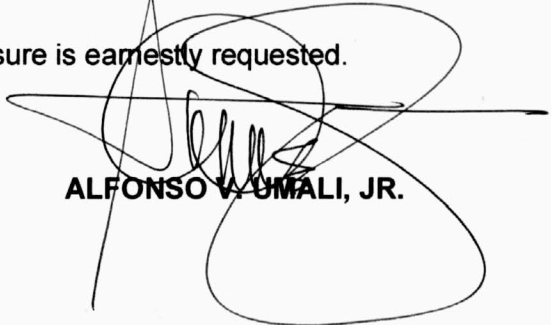
The members of this sector are scattered all throughout the fourteen (14) municipalities and one (1) city of the province. However, their potentials, have not been fully tapped and harnessed because of the limited avenues due to a wide array of reasons. First, the unaffordable cost of higher education prevents the big chunk of the youth population from most of the educational institutions. Second, the out-of-school youth and new graduates have limited employment or livelihood opportunities. Thirdly, there is almost no outlet, where they can outpour their creative and artistic inclinations. To top them all, vices and anti-social activities such as smoking, gambling and drug addiction prey on them.

However, the sector's idealism and vast reservoir of energies and talents, given the proper venue for direction and importance, will give the province a big lift towards sustainable development.

Thus, there is a necessity for an institution that will exclusively cater to the total human development of the youth sector in the province. The proposed Center for Youth Affairs, which will embody almost all the youth needs, is a concrete and practical response to the aforementioned need. The youth center will occupy a portion of the sixteen-hectare land property at the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro located in Brgy. Sta. Isable, Calapan City near the urban area of this province's capital and the youth center in Gloria will occupy the lot donated by the Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation.

The proposed youth center will provide the offices of the Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial Federation, provincial Youth Council for Youth Affairs and secretariat, library, conference hall, training center, dormitories, ecological garden, camping sites, physical fitness and health center and sports facilities, i.e. basketball, volleyball, badminton and tennis courts.

In view thereof, approval of the proposed measure is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A YOUTH CENTER IN CALAPAN CITY AND IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF GLORIA, BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL
MINDORO AND TO BE KNOWN AS THE ORIENTAL MINDORO CENTER FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines
in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Youth Center in Calapan City and in the Municipality of Gloria, Oriental Mindoro to be known as the Oriental Mindoro Center for Youth Affairs.

SECTION 2. The National Youth Commission shall issue rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.