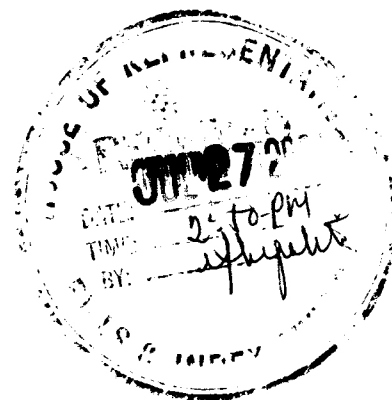


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House Bill No. 1698



Introduced by: **HONORABLE CLAUDE P. BAUTISTA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks the conversion of the Padada -- Kiblawan (Davao del Sur side) Columbio -- Datu Paglas (Maguindanao side) Road into National Road to make the affected areas competitive in terms of investments for socioeconomic development.

Infrastructure facilities in the Second District of Davao del Sur are below par vis-à-vis the essentials for economic growth. Describing the status of infrastructure facilities in the district against the backdrop of globalization and the tremendous challenge posed by inter-regional commerce in the millennium is anything but outmoded -- just a notch higher of the postwar vintage infrastructure facilities. Delays in the delivery of government services, particularly in the matter of implementing nationally-funded infrastructure projects threaten the socioeconomic enlistment and the general well-being of the constituents in the territory.

District II of the Province of Davao del Sur covers efficient agricultural lands and is part of the traditional food basket in the province. Stable croplands suitable to a wide range of crops and highly cultivable with minimum to moderate farm management requirements are present in the area. As such, maximum use and productivity of these lands rely heavily on large investments in infrastructure.

For these reasons, the conversion to national roads of Padada -- Kiblawan -- Columbio -- Datu Paglas roads will cause the needed improvement, rehabilitation, durability and long term serviceability required for vigorous economic activity.

Immediate approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. This Bill seeks to convert the Padada - Kiblawan - Columbio - Datu Paglas Road in the Municipalities of Padada, Kiblawan and Datu Paglas, Provinces of Davao del Sur and Maguindanao is hereby created into a National Road.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary to cover for the opening, improvement, construction, cementing and maintenance of said national road shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.