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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6678



Introduced by : **Honorable Erico B. Aumentado**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Several roads constructed with funds derived from the official development assistance (ODA) of donor countries and institutions such as World Bank, Asian Development Bank, the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) or the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), among others, are being left without maintenance and improvement due to the fact that the provincial, municipal and barangay governments do not provide funding for such purpose except in some cases where the roads are being converted into national or provincial roads. The said LGUs, in most cases, are passing the buck to each other on the issue of the rural roads maintenance and improvement as if no one among them has the responsibility to do so.

The infrastructures under this category are usually those ODA funded Philippine rural road improvement projects (PRRIP), the second Philippine rural road improvement project (SPRRIP), and the rural road network development project (RRNDP). Millions if not, billions of pesos nationwide, have been spent for these rural roads.

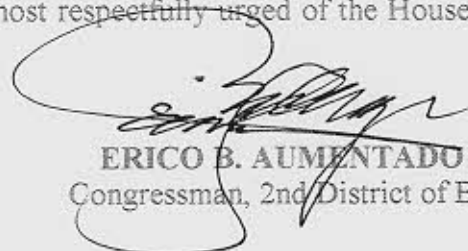
Bohol is one of the provinces hosting the PRRIP, SPRRIP and the RRNDP roads which are located in the towns of Dagohoy, Inabanga, Mabini, Carmen and Sagbayan, San Miguel and Ubay.

In the light of the foregoing consideration, this bill seeks to direct the provincial governments concerned to maintain and improve the aforecited ODA funded projects in the entire Philippines specifically in provinces where these rural roads are situated because the provincial LGUs are the ones with the biggest funds, personnel and equipment compared to the municipal and barangay LGUs.

The provincial LGUs are authorized to use their general fund and 20 percent development fund to maintain and improve the aforecited roads. They may also leverage their funding for counterparting or convergence with national, senatorial and congressional funds as well as ODAs and non-government organizations, or even with the municipal and barangay LGUs with resources for the implementation of this measure in the event, it is enacted into a law.

It must be stressed that these roads traversed through highly developed agricultural lands, and as such, are strategic arteries in the countrysides that link to markets and national highways; hence, vital to the economic development of the countrysides.

Wherefore, it is most respectfully urged of the House of Representatives to approve this bill.


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE PROVINCES WHERE
OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) FUNDED RURAL ROAD
PROJECTS ARE LOCATED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The provincial governments in provinces which are situs of the Philippines rural road development projects funded by official development assistance (ODA) are hereby mandated to maintain and improve the said roads using the LGU's general fund and 20 percent development fund for the purpose.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall draw up the list of these rural roads including, but not limited to, the Philippine rural road improvement project (PRRIP), the second Philippine rural road improvement project (SPRRIP), and the rural road network development project (RRNDP) financed by ODA in every province where these roads are located.

SECTION 3. The Department of Public Works and Highways and the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall, in consultation with the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP), promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulation of this Act within ninety (90) days from approval hereof.

SECTION 4. All laws, orders and decrees inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the President of the Republic.

APPROVED.