

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

**SIXTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1475**



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Introduced by **HON. JORGE T. ALMONTE**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

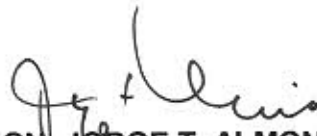
This bill seeks to appropriate an amount of Two Hundred Fifty Million Pesos (P250,000,000.00) for the **construction** of a trans-axial highway to be known as the "**Governor William Chiongbian National Highway**" from Barangay Poblacion traversing Barangays Villaflor, Bunga, Toliyok, Mialen and Sebucal, all in the City of Oroquieta, to Barangay Mansawan in the Municipality of Don Victoriano, Misamis Occidental and connecting to a national highway in the Municipality of Josefina, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

The construction of this road network will effectively serve as a vital link between the Province of Misamis Occidental and the Province of Zamboanga del Sur. The business community and the travelling public have been clamouring for the opening of this national road that the City of Oroquieta have included this ambitious project in its Comprehensive Development Plan due to the numerous benefits this road network will provide to all sectors of society in adjoining provinces not to mention its significant impact on the peace and order and living conditions in these areas. The opening of this vital road network will also facilitate convenient conduct of military operation in some barangays, which have been considered as CPP/NPA infested areas. Let us bear in mind that progress comes not in a troubled land.

Under this situation, the ends for which the government exists will be justified as the public funds to be spent for such worthy public purpose will be returned when business will flourish and as a consequence taxes will be generated.

Moreover, the naming of this trans-axial highway to the late Governor William Chiongbian is intended to perpetuate the memory of this man, whose selfless devotion to public service have been emulated and recognized by public officials and the people in view of his invaluable contributions to the growth and development of the Province of Misamis Occidental.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jorge T. Almonte', is positioned above the printed name.

**HON. JORGE T. ALMONTE**

*Representative*

First District, Misamis Occidental

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**AN ACT**

**APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDERD FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P250,000,000.00) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANS-AXIAL HIGHWAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE "GOVERNOR WILLIAM CHIONGBIAN NATIONAL HIGHWAY" FROM BARANGAY POBLACION TRAVERSING BARANGAYS VILLAFLOR, BUNGA, TOLIYOK, MIALEN AND SEBUCAL, ALL IN THE CITY OF OROQUIETA, TO BARANGAY MANSAWAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DON VICTORIANO, MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AND CONNECTING TO A NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOSEFINA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**

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

**SECTION 1. Appropriations.** – The amount of Two hundred Fifty Million Pesos (P250,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the **construction of a trans-axial highway to be known as the "Governor William Chiongbian National Highway"** from Barangay Poblacion traversing Barangays Villaflor, Bunga, Toliyok, Mialen and Sebucal, all in the City of Oroquieta, to Barangay Mansawan in the Municipality of Don Victoriano, Misamis Occidental and connecting to a national highway in the Municipality of Josefinas, Province of Zamboanga del Sur. Thereafter, such sums as maybe necessary for its maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the DPWH.

**SEC. 2. Implementing Agency.** The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is hereby directed to implement this Act.

**SEC. 3. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation

**Approved,**