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**HOUSE BILL NO. 3488**



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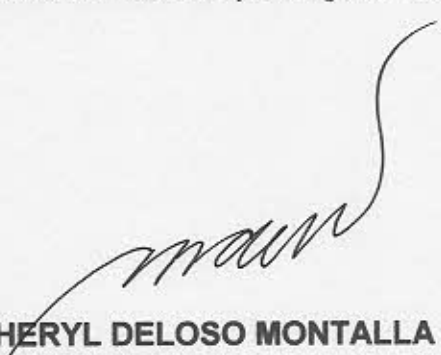
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks the construction and operation of a modern mass transport system that will bisect the costal municipalities of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District of Zambales and connect them to the City of Olongapo.

The Province of Zambales is part of the W-growth corridor. While the rest of the said growth corridor experience, as of late, rapid economic growth, Zambales remains a laggard when it comes to economic development. The ecotourist potential of the province remains to be tapped and infusion of capital and investment in infrastructure are keys in the opening of the tourism treasure throve of Zambales.

In unlocking the key to the development and to boost of the tourism potential of Zambales, a modern mass transport system is in order. This will enable tourists to appreciate the panoramic view of the West Philippine Sea and the beautiful white sand beaches along the coast of the province on the one hand and being awed by the lush greenery of the mountain range that separates Zambales from the nearby provinces of Tarlac and Pampanga on the other. In addition, the establishment of a mass transport system will not only boost ecotourism in the province but will also greatly contribute in linking Zambales to the Province of Pangasinan thereby making possible economic interaction and revving up financial growth of both provinces.

It is in this light that this bill is being filed and immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR A MODERN MASS TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be a modern mass transport system which shall include but not limited to a light rail transit or monorail system in the Province of Zambales that shall be provided by the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC).

*(Olongapo to Sta Cruz)*  
**SECTION 2.** The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall endorse a modern mass transport system in the Province of Zambales for funding either through a government guarantee via the Official Development Assistance (ODA) or private sector participation under a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Scheme as a multi-year project.

The DOTC shall be responsible for the implementation and operationalization of the modern mass transport system in the Province of Zambales including the feasibility and detailed engineering studies and acquisition of site .

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

**Approved,**