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HOUSE BILL NO. 6737

Introduced by Honorable LORNA P. BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Provincial Office in the Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental.

Under Republic Act 10360, the new Province of Davao Occidental was created from the Province of Davao del Sur consisting of the municipalities of Sta. Maria, Malita, Don Marcelino, Jose Abad Santos, and Sarangani. Davao Occidental commenced its corporate existence upon the election and qualification of its first set of elective officials on May 19, 2016 national and local elections. For almost two years, the residents of Davao Occidental continue to depend on the services of PENRO of Davao del Sur.

In view of the foregoing, and to further strengthen the independence and sustain the operational efficiency of a newly created province, it is but fitting and timely that a Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Provincial Office be established in the Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental.

Hence, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly encouraged.


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1 **AN ACT**
2 **ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM**
3 **(DAR) PROVINCIAL OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF**
4 **MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL AND**
5 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

8 SECTION 1. There shall be established a Department of Agrarian
9 Reform (DAR) provincial office in the Municipality of Malita, Province
10 of Davao Occidental to be known as the DAR Provincial Office of
11 Davao Occidental which shall exercise jurisdiction over all municipalities
12 of the province.

13 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform shall
14 immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization

1 of the DAR Provincial Office of Davao Occidental, the funding of which
2 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

3 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
4 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

5 Approved,