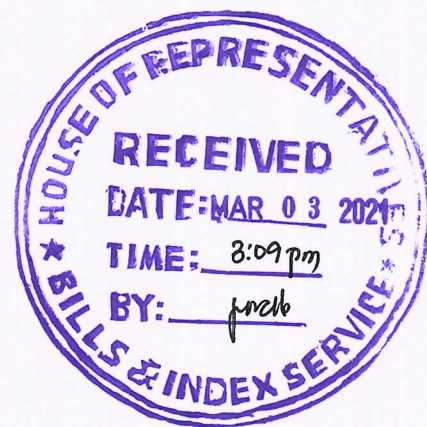




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House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8880



Introduced by Representative Senior Deputy Speaker Doy C. Leachon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Mangyan National Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) Crafts and Livelihood Center in the Second Legislative District of Oriental Mindoro.

The economic rights of indigenous cultural communities are enshrined in the 1987 Constitution. Section 5, Article XII of the Constitution provides:

“The State, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and national development policies and programs, shall protect the rights of indigenous cultural communities to their ancestral lands to ensure their economic, social, and cultural well-being.”

The Mangyan National ICCs/IPs Crafts and Livelihood Center aims to provide free and comprehensive trainings to hone the skills and crafts of the Mangyans, including product development, promotion, and marketing.

Mangyans experience economic deprivation and discrimination. Their habitat and source of food and livelihood are being destroyed and occupied due to energy and mining projects, which lead to their displacement. The displaced Mangyans are then forced to work in various towns of Mindoro but are discriminated against, and are paid less compared to non-Mangyans for the same job.

Under this proposed measure, the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and Department of Trade and Industry are mandated to jointly develop and administer the proposed center. The resources and expertise of these agencies are necessary to successfully operate the center and help the Mangyans in their current plight.

The proposed center, which may be located in the Municipality of Mansalay or Bulalacao will provide an avenue of learning for the Mangyans.

As part of the cultural heritage of the Philippines, the participation of the indigenous cultural communities and indigenous peoples in nation building must be recognized. Helping the Mangyans and other ICCs/IPs is also helping the country to preserve and conserve their culture and heritage.

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



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1 **AN ACT**
2 **ESTABLISHING THE MANGYAN NATIONAL INDIGENOUS**
3 **CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CRAFTS**
4 **AND LIVELIHOOD CENTER IN THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE**
5 **DISTRICT OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**
6 **THEREFOR**

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

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11 SECTION 1. A Mangyan National Indigenous Cultural Communities and
12 Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) Crafts and Livelihood Center, hereinafter referred
13 to as the “Center,” is hereby established. The Center shall provide free and
14 comprehensive trainings to hone the skills and crafts of the Mangyans, including
15 product development, promotion and marketing. It may be located in the
16 Municipality of Mansalay or Bulalacao.

17 The Technical Educational and Skills Development Authority (TESDA),
18 Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and National Commission on
19 Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) shall jointly develop and administer the Center.

1 SEC. 2. The NCIP shall ensure that only Mangyans may avail of the free
2 and comprehensive trainings, and that each and every Mangyan tribe is given
3 equal opportunity and treatment by the Center.

4 The TESDA, in coordination with NCIP, shall formulate integrated
5 technical education and skills development programs, and livelihood seminars
6 that are relevant to the needs of the Mangyan ICCs/IPs who shall determine the
7 types of skills training applicable and relevant to their circumstances.

8 The DTI shall, in coordination with NCIP, develop skills training and
9 product development process based on the goods produced by Mangyan
10 ICCs/IPs. In addition, the DTI shall promote and market locally or
11 internationally, in trade expositions, exhibitions and similar events, the Mangyan
12 products to generate revenue for their communities.

13 The NCIP, TESDA and DTI may detail or hire additional personnel for the
14 effective and efficient operation of the Center.

15 SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the
16 Chairperson of the NCIP, the director general of TESDA and the Secretary of
17 Trade and Industry, shall jointly promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
18 for the effective implementation of this Act.

19 SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act
20 shall be charged to the respective current year's appropriations of the NCIP,
21 TESDA and DTI. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued

1 implementation of this Act shall be included in the respective budget of NCIP,
2 TESDA and DTI in the annual General Appropriations Act.

3 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
4 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

5 Approved,