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House Bill No. **3982**



Introduced by Representative Munir M. Arbison

EXPLANATORY NOTE

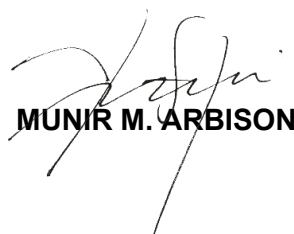
The Luuk Circumferential Road in the Second District of Sulu extends to a total length of **seventy-seven and 40/100 (77.40) kilometers** and interconnects the five (5) mainland municipalities of **Luuk, Panamao, Omar, Kalingalan Caluang, and Panglima Estino**. It is therefore the **primary roadway** for residents, students, farmers, traders, and public service providers.

Notably, this circumferential road also links with the existing **Camp Andres Romandier National Road**, thereby integrating local communities into the broader national road network that provides access to town centers, markets, schools, health facilities, beaches, and recreational resorts with strong tourism potential.

Time and again, the Luuk Circumferential Road functions as the major economic artery in the area as it facilitates the movement of goods, agricultural products, and fishery resources from interior barangays to commercial hubs. It supports the local economy by facilitating farm-to-market access and reducing travel time between municipalities. It further plays a vital role in peace and order operations and disaster response within the island. And finally, it ensures the efficient delivery of government programs, thereby making the presence of the government felt even in the most remote areas.

At present, this circumferential road is steadily deteriorating in condition, and with limited fiscal resources and technical capability, the province cannot adequately sustain its upkeep and improvement. Therefore, converting this circumferential road into a **national road** will place it under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), ensuring continuous funding, upgrading, and long-term maintenance, ultimately transforming it into a reliable backbone for inclusive development and long-term peace in Sulu.

In view thereof, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT CONVERTING THE LUUK CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LUUK, OMAR, PANAMAO, KALINGALAN CALUANG, AND PANGLIMA ESTINO IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF SULU INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The Luuk Circumferential Road connecting the Municipalities of Luuk, Omar, Panamao, Kalingalan Caluang, and Panglima Estino in the 2nd District of Sulu is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision and maintenance of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Section 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in its programs the improvement, maintenance, and repair of the above-mentioned road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,