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HOUSE BILL NO. 4893



Introduced by Representative LORDAN G. SUAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

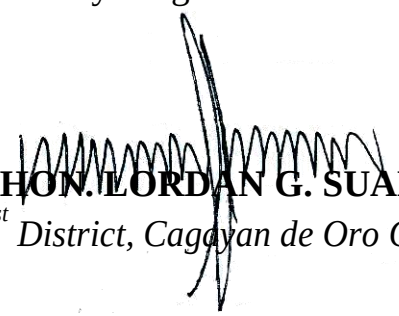
This proposed measure seeks to establish community forests in Barangays Bayanga, Besigan, Dansolihon, Lumbia, Mambuaya, Pagalungan, Tumpagon, Pigsag-an, San Simon, Taglimao, Tagpangi, Tignapolon, Tuburan, and Baikingon, all in the 1st District of Cagayan de Oro City.

A community forest is a tract of forest land set aside by the Secretary of the DENR for the use of the residents of a municipality or a barangay from which said residents may plant, re-plant, collect, and remove forest products for their personal use in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

A community forest provides several benefits, viz.:

1. Strengthens social cohesion by bringing people to work together.
2. Reduces deforestation thru a sustainable source of forest products.
3. Increases income and food security.
4. Provides tourism opportunities.

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


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HOUSE BILL NO. **4893**

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY FORESTS IN BARANGAYS
BAYANGA, BESIGAN, DANSOLIHON, LUMBIA, MAMBUAYA,
PAGALUNGAN, TUMPAGON, PIGSAG-AN, SAN SIMON,
TAGLIMAO, TAGPANGI, TIGNAPOLOAN, TUBURAN, AND
BAIKINGON, IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO
CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the
2 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), community forests
3 in Barangays Bayanga, Besigan, Dansolihon, Lumbia, Mambuaya, Pagalungan,
4 Tumpagon, Pigsag-an, San Simon, Taglimao, Tagpangi, Tignapoloan, Tuburan,
5 and Baikingon, in the First District of Cagayan de Oro City, Province of Misamis
6 Oriental.

1 The DENR shall determine the size and specific forest limits of the
2 community forest to be established within each of the barangay concerned.

3 Each established community forest shall be identified according to a Forest
4 Land Use Plan, consistent with the city's land use plan, and all existing and
5 related plans, programs, and projects of the city and national government.

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7 SEC. 2. The DENR shall, within two (2) years after the determination and
8 establishment of the community forests, transfer the management of the same
9 to the local governmentunit (LGU) concerned, under the direct supervision of the
10 City Local Environment and Natural Resources Office, through a
11 memorandum of agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in
12 program for local government personnel on the management, utilization and
13 conservation of the community forests.

14 The DENR shall, in coordination with the concerned LGU, undertake a forest
15 resource inventory in each of the barangays, determine the sustainable level
16 of forest resource utilization and provide the LGU technical assistance in all
17 facets of forest management planning. To ensure the sustainability of the
18 community forests, the management plan shall include provisions for
19 replanting by the communities and the LGUs.

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21 SEC. 3. The DENR Secretary shall include in the Department's program
22 the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
23 annual General Appropriations Act.

1 The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available
2 local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the management,
3 utilization, and conservation of the community forests.

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5 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DENR
6 Secretary shall issue the rules and regulations necessary for the
7 implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,