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House Bill No. 5430

Introduced by CIBAC Party-List Representative
EDUARDO “BRO. EDDIE” C. VILLANUEVA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015 by all United Nations Member States, the Philippines has demonstrated its commitment to achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through its policies and programs. In 2019, following an assessment of the country’s readiness to implement the SDGs, the Subcommittee on SDGs was created under the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) to guide the integration of the SDGs into the Philippine Development Plan and related sectoral plans, and to ensure that programs aligned with the goals are properly identified, monitored, and funded.¹

Recognizing that the State is one of the largest consumers of goods and services, this bill seeks to contribute to the fulfillment of the country’s SDG commitments by mandating all government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to allocate at least twenty-five percent (25%) of their annual budget for furniture and fixtures to the purchase of engineered bamboo and bamboo-based products.

Bamboo is an ideal material for sustainable development—renowned for its strength, durability, and versatility. It plays a vital role in biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, livelihood improvement, and land restoration. Moreover, bamboo has been widely recognized as a contributor to the achievement of multiple SDGs, particularly Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), Goal 13 (Climate Action), and Goal 15 (Life on Land).²

To implement this measure, the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council (PBIDC), created under Executive Order No. 879, series of 2010, shall be tasked to formulate and oversee programs that boost bamboo production, encourage

¹ DEPDev. *Sub-committee on SDGs*. Available at <https://sdg.depdev.gov.ph/sub-committee-on-sdgs/> (Accessed on 01 July 2025).

² International Network for Bamboo & Rattan. *Bamboo, Rattan and the SDGs*. Available at https://www.un.org/esa/forests/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/INBAR_input_AHEG2016.pdf (Accessed on 01 July 2025).

private sector innovation in the development of engineered bamboo products, and ensure compliance by government agencies and LGUs with the mandated budget allocation. These efforts will create economic opportunities for local manufacturers, artisans, and farmers, while fostering inclusive growth and rural development.

The Philippines, as the sixth largest exporter of bamboo globally, has an estimated 39,000 to 53,000 hectares of bamboo stands.³ This abundant resource positions the country uniquely to revitalize its bamboo industry and align national development with sustainability goals. Harnessing bamboo for public procurement not only strengthens local industry but also advances the global movement for environmental conservation, innovation, and sustainable development.

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


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³ DOST-PCAARRD. *Bamboo Industry Profile*. Available at <https://ispweb.pcaarrd.dost.gov.ph/bamboo/> (Accessed on 01 July 2025).



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AN ACT
MANDATING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO
ALLOCATE AT LEAST 25% OF THEIR BUDGET FOR FURNITURE AND
FIXTURES TO PRODUCTS MADE OF ENGINEERED BAMBOO AND OTHER
BAMBOO-BASED COMMODITIES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "*Bamboo Products*
2 *Procurement Act.*"
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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy,** - It is the policy of the State to promote
5 sustainable development, environmental conservation, and the utilization of
6 renewable resources as part of its commitment to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for
7 Sustainable Development and the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development
8 Goals. Towards this end, the State shall implement a procurement program geared
9 towards responsible and sustainable consumption and production. As a bulk
10 consumer of goods and services, the State shall use this power to stimulate the
11 production of sustainable materials through the products and services it utilizes.
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13 For this purpose, the State shall ensure the integration of bamboo, a recognized
14 versatile, renewable, and resilient material, into policies and programs in order to
15 encourage its continuous development and foster sustainability, environmental
16 protection, and inclusive growth.
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18 **SEC. 3. Allocation of Budget for Bamboo Products. –**
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- 20 a) All agencies, departments, bureaus, offices, and instrumentalities of the
21 national government, as well as local government units (LGUs), shall allocate
22 a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of their annual furniture and fixtures
23 budget for the procurement of engineered bamboo and bamboo-based
24 products.

- 1 b) The allocation shall cover a wide range of engineered bamboo and bamboo-
2 based products, such as:
3 (1) bamboo-based construction materials, including bamboo poles,
4 boards, and laminates;
5 (2) bamboo furniture and fixtures;
6 (3) bamboo handicrafts and artworks;
7 (4) bamboo fiber and textiles;
8 (5) bamboo-based packaging and paper products; and
9 (6) bamboo charcoal and other value-added bamboo products.

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11 **SEC. 4. Functions of the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council.**

12 - The Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council created under Executive
13 Order No. 879, series of 2010, hereinafter referred to as the Council, shall, in addition
14 to its existing functions, undertake the following:

- 15 a) Implement programs to encourage and provide incentives to the private
16 sector to develop, innovate, and create products using engineered bamboo
17 and bamboo-based products;
18 b) Conduct annual fairs or exhibits showcasing products using engineered
19 bamboo or bamboo-based products to create a venue for manufacturers of
20 bamboo-based products to present their latest products, and designs, as well
21 as stimulate interest for such products;
22 c) Develop a plan and program to increase the production of bamboo and
23 provide a steady supply of raw materials for manufacturers and producers of
24 engineered bamboo and other bamboo-based products;
25 d) Identify government lands, including reservations of the Armed Forces of the
26 Philippines and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), that may be planted
27 with bamboo;
28 e) Work with SUCs to develop courses on the propagation of bamboo and
29 development of the product as a viable alternative to hard wood; and
30 f) Monitor the compliance of government agencies and LGUs.

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32 **SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90) days from the
33 effectivity of this Act, the Council shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget
34 and Management and the Government Procurement Policy Board, promulgate the
35 implementing rules and regulations (IRR) for the effective implementation of this Act.

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37 Failure of the relevant government agencies to promulgate the IRR within the
38 specified period shall subject the heads of these government agencies to
39 administrative penalties under applicable civil service laws.

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41 Should the IRR contain provisions that are contrary to this Act, the heads of the
42 government agencies responsible for such provision, when done in bad faith or with
43 gross negligence, shall be held administratively liable.

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45 **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
46 unconstitutional, the remainder hereof or any provisions not affected thereby shall
47 remain in force and effect.

1 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
2 executive order, letter of instruction, rule, or regulation inconsistent with the provisions
3 of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

4 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
5 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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7 *Approved,*