



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

House Bill No. **11500**



Introduced by Representative **MARCELINO C. LIBANAN**

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE OR
UNDERSEA TUNNEL LINKING THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND THE
PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Bohol and Cebu are linked by sea, but travel and the movement of goods between them remain dependent on maritime crossings. A permanent link would improve connectivity within Central Visayas, facilitate the movement of people and goods, and create new opportunities for trade, tourism, investment, and regional development. It would also provide an additional transport option when sea crossings are unavailable or disrupted.

This bill provides for the construction of a bridge or undersea tunnel connecting the Municipality of Getafe, Bohol, and the Municipality of Cordova, Cebu. The proposed project would establish a direct and continuous land transport connection between Bohol and Cebu, subject to the results of comprehensive feasibility, engineering, environmental, and other necessary technical studies.

The project must consider not only the bridge or tunnel crossing itself, but also the necessary approach roads, interchanges, and connections to the existing road networks of Bohol and Cebu. These components must be planned and developed as an integrated transport corridor to ensure that the completed link provides safe, efficient, and convenient movement between the two islands.

The proposed link would make travel between Bohol and Cebu easier and more efficient, provide a more direct route for the movement of goods, and improve access to essential services, employment centers, and economic opportunities. It

could also strengthen disaster response and emergency mobility by providing another route for personnel, equipment, relief supplies, and other essential resources between the two islands.

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

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

SECTION 1. There shall be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) an undersea tunnel or bridge, from the Province of Bohol to the Province of Cebu, including access roads thereto.

SEC 2. The funding for the feasibility study and engineering design shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA), and shall be undertaken by a qualified international consulting firm with proven experience in similar long-span bridge or undersea tunnel projects. To uphold the quality, credibility, and global competitiveness of the outputs, the study should be financed through grant funding or technical assistance from development partners. Thereafter, the Secretary of the DPWH shall include in the Department's program the construction of said undersea tunnel or bridge, the funding of which shall be included in the annual GAA.

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

Approved,