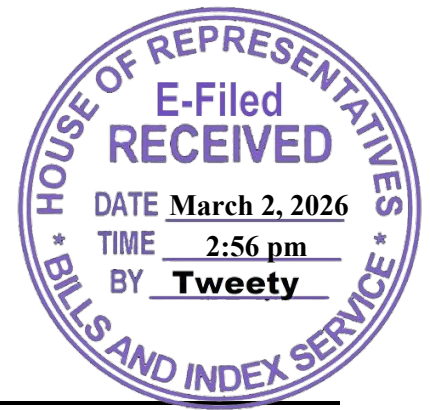


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 135

Submitted by the Committees on Health and Appropriations on March 2, 2026

Re : House Bill No. 3492

Recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors : Representatives Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and Bai Dimple I. Mastura

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Health and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 3492 introduced by Rep. Bai Dimple I. Mastura, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE COTABATO REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF COTABATO, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, FROM SIX HUNDRED (600) TO ONE THOUSAND BEDS (1,000), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend its approval without amendment, with Representatives Bai Dimple I. Mastura, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


HON. MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


HON. CIRIACO B. GATO, JR., M.D.,
FPSO-HNS
Chairperson
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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3492

Introduced by Representative SITTIE SHAHARA "BAI DIMPLE" I. MASTURA

AN ACT

INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE COTABATO REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF COTABATO, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, FROM SIX HUNDRED (600) TO ONE THOUSAND BEDS (1,000), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The authorized bed capacity of the Cotabato Regional and Medical Center (CRMC) in the City of Cotabato, Province of Maguindanao del Norte, shall be increased from six hundred (600) to one thousand (1,000) beds. Any future increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the Department of Health.

SEC. 2. The existing professional health care services and facilities of the CRMC are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. The existing workforce of the CRMC, which includes doctors, nurses and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Health shall, after consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the CRMC, and in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, and the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, determine the additional new positions to be created.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in its Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. All laws, executive orders, issuances and rules, or regulations inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,