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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 140

Submitted by the Committees on Health and Appropriations on March 9, 2026

Re : House Bill No. 8342

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3950

Sponsors : Representatives Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and Ferdinand L. Hernandez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Health and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 3950 introduced by Rep. Ferdinand L. Hernandez, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SOCCSKSARGEN GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, INTO SOCCSKSARGEN REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8342, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE SOCCSKSARGEN GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, TO SOCCSKSARGEN REGIONAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM SEVENTY-FIVE (75) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3950, with Representatives Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, Felimon M. Espares, Kenneth Paolo Tereng, 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
Committee on Health

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8342

(In substitution of House Bill No. 3950)

Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D.,
FPSO-HNS, Felimon M. Espares, Kenneth Paolo Tereng, and Mikaela Angela B.
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AN ACT

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The SOCCSKSARGEN General Hospital in the Municipality of
2 Surallah, Province of South Cotabato, is hereby renamed as SOCCSKSARGEN
3 Regional and Medical Center (SRMC), which shall be under the direct supervision and
4 control of the Department of Health (DOH).
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6 **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the SRMC shall be increased from
7 seventy-five (75) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds. Any future increase in bed
8 capacity shall be consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared
9 by the DOH.
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11 **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the SRMC
12 are hereby upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the increase in bed
13 capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.
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15 **SEC. 4.** The existing workforce of the SRMC, which includes doctors, nurses,
16 and support personnel, shall be increased correspondingly.
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18 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Medical Center
19 Chief of the SRMC, determine the additional positions required for the operation of the
20 SRMC, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
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22 **SEC. 6.** All references to the SOCCSKSARGEN General Hospital in existing
23 laws, rules, and regulations particularly those concerning increases in bed capacity,

1 budgetary allocations, and other rights and privileges, shall continue to apply to the
2 SRMC upon the effectivity of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 7.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in its Department's
5 program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the
6 annual General Appropriations Act.

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8 **SEC. 8.** If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
9 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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11 **SEC. 9.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations
12 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

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17 *Approved,*