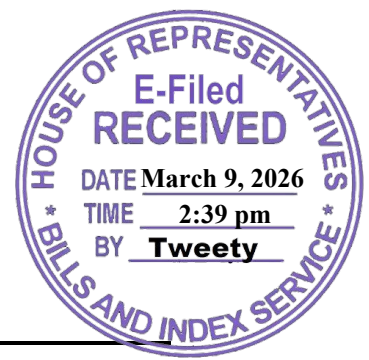


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 142

Submitted by the Committee on Sustainable Development Goals on
March 9, 2026

Re: House Bill No. **8360**

Recommending its approval, in substitution of House Bills Numbered 159 and 5430

Sponsors: Reps. Jose Manuel F. Alba and Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, to which were referred House Bill No. 159, introduced by Rep. Jose Manuel F. Alba, entitled:

“AN ACT

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

and House Bill No. 5430, introduced by Rep. Eduardo “Bro. Eddie” C. Villanueva, entitled:

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has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **8360**, entitled:

“AN ACT

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be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 159 and 5430, with Representatives Jose Manuel F. Alba, Eduardo “Bro. Eddie” C. Villanueva, and Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. M. Alba', written over the printed name.

JOSE MANUEL F. ALBA

Chairperson

Committee on Sustainable Development Goals

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8360
(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 159 and 5430)

Introduced by Representatives Jose Manuel F. Alba, Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva and Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon

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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 17 Sustainable Development Goals. To this end,
8 the State shall implement a procurement program geared towards responsible and
9 sustainable consumption and production. As a bulk consumer of goods and services,
10 the State shall use this power to stimulate the production and use of sustainable
11 materials through the products and services it utilizes.

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13 The State shall ensure the integration of bamboo, a recognized versatile,
14 renewable, and resilient resource, into national policies and programs to mainstream
15 its utilization, promote its sustained development, and advance environmental
16 sustainability, climate resilience, and inclusive economic 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 a

1 minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of their annual furniture and fixtures budget for
2 the procurement of locally sourced certified engineered bamboo and bamboo-based
3 products.

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5 b. The allocation shall cover a wide range of certified engineered bamboo
6 and bamboo-based products, such as:

- 7 1) bamboo-based construction materials, including bamboo poles,
8 boards, and laminates;
- 9 2) bamboo furniture and fixtures;
- 10 3) bamboo handicrafts and artworks;
- 11 4) bamboo fiber and textiles;
- 12 5) bamboo-based packaging and paper products; or
- 13 6) bamboo charcoal and other value-added bamboo products.

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15 c. The procurement of bamboo and bamboo-based products under this Act
16 shall be undertaken strictly in accordance with Republic Act No. 12009, otherwise
17 known as the “New Government Procurement Act”, and its implementing rules and
18 regulations.

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20 **SEC. 4. Functions of the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development**
21 **Council (PBIDC)** – The PBIDC, in coordination with concerned government agencies,
22 LGUs, state universities and colleges (SUCs), and relevant stakeholders, shall
23 undertake the following:

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25 a. In coordination with the Department of Trade and Industry – Bureau of
26 Philippine Standards (DTI-BPS), Department of Science and Technology – Forest
27 Products Research and Development Institute (DOST-FPRDI), Department of
28 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and LGUs, implement programs to
29 encourage and provide incentives to the private sector to develop, innovate, and
30 create products using certified engineered bamboo and bamboo-based products that
31 comply with the standards set and certified by the DTI-BPS;

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33 b. In coordination with the DTI and LGUs, conduct annual fairs or exhibits
34 showcasing products using certified engineered bamboo or bamboo-based products
35 to create a venue for manufacturers of bamboo-based products to present their latest
36 products and designs, as well as stimulate interest for such products;

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38 c. In coordination with the DENR, Department of Agriculture, and DOST-
39 FPRDI, develop plans and programs to increase the production of bamboo to provide
40 a steady supply of raw materials for manufacturers and producers of certified
41 engineered bamboo and other bamboo-based products;

1 d. In coordination with the Department of National Defense, Armed Forces
2 of the Philippines (AFP), and SUCs, identify government lands, including reservations
3 of the AFP and SUCs that may be planted with bamboo;
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5 e. In coordination with the Commission on Higher Education, work with
6 SUCs with academic programs on forestry and agriculture to develop courses on the
7 propagation of bamboo, develop the product as a viable alternative to hardwood, and
8 other related courses; and
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10 f. In coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM),
11 Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), Commission on Audit, and other
12 oversight agencies, monitor the compliance of government agencies and LGUs with
13 the allocation and procurement requirements under this Act and require the periodic
14 submission of reports to ensure transparency and accountability.
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16 **SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).** - Within ninety (90) days
17 after the effectivity of this Act, the PBIDC shall, in coordination with the DBM and
18 GPPB, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of
19 this Act. The IRR shall include provisions on the proper identification, sourcing, and
20 procurement of bamboo products, as well as mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the
21 compliance of government agencies with the allocation requirement.
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23 **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
24 unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force
25 and effect.
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27 **SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
28 rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
29 hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.
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31 **SEC. 8. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
32 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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35 *Approved,*

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

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*Committee Referral: **Committee on Sustainable Development Goals***

*Committee Chairperson: **Rep. Jose Manuel F. Alba***

OBJECTIVES:

- To promote bamboo as a sustainable material, with immense potential as an alternative to conventional materials such as wood; and
- To support the government’s efforts to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly SDG 12 (Sustainable consumption and production) by promoting locally abundant products, SDG 15 (Life on land) by reducing pressure on traditional wood resources, combat deforestation and mitigate climate change (SDG 13).

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Mandates all government agencies to allocate at least 25% of their annual furniture and fixtures budget for the purchase of certified engineered bamboo and bamboo-based products; and
- Directs the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council, in coordination with concerned government agencies, local government units, state universities and colleges (SUCs), and relevant stakeholders, to monitor compliance of government agencies, develop plans and programs to increase the production of bamboo, identify government lands that may be planted for bamboo and work with SUCs to develop courses on the propagation of bamboo.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 9184, Government Procurement Reform Act
- Republic Act No. 12009, New Government Procurement Act
- Executive Order No. 879, s. of 2010, creation of the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council