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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 169

Submitted by the Committees on Transportation and Appropriations on
March 12, 2026

Re : House Bill No. 2623

Recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors : Representatives Franz S. Pumaren, Mikaela Angela B.
Suansing, and Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai

Mr. Speaker:

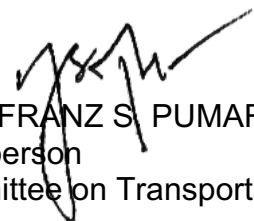
The Committees on Transportation and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 2623, introduced by Rep. Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai, entitled:

“AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE IN THE ZAMBOANGA CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND
FREEPORT INTO A DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend its approval without amendment, with Representatives Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai, Franz S. Pumaren and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


HON. MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


HON. FRANZ S. PUMAREN
Chairperson
Committee on Transportation

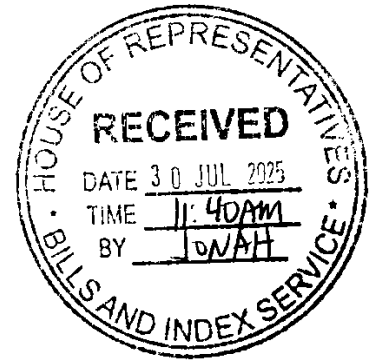
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2623



Introduced by Representative KATRINA CHUA - TAI

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Zamboanga Economic Zone and Freeport Authority has developed as a major hub for economic activity in the Zamboanga Peninsula, drawing in a significant volume of business operations, workers, and transportation needs. With its growing population and increasing demand for transportation and logistical activities, there is a need to enhance government service delivery relating to transportation regulation and public safety.

At present, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) operates only an extension office within the Zamboanga Economic Zone and Freeport Authority, which limits its capacity to fully address the increasing demand for services such as vehicle registration, driver licensing, and other regulatory functions.

Thus, this bill seeks to convert the existing LTO extension office into a district office. The conversion will not only expand the LTO's operational capacity but also bring essential public services closer to residents, business locators, and workers in and around the Zone.

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

KATRINA CHUA - TAI
1st District of Zamboanga City



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ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT INTO A DISTRICT OFFICE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The extension office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone and Freeport is hereby converted into a district office.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Transportation shall immediately include in the Department's programs the conversion into a district office of the LTO extension office in the Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone and Freeport, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the LTO extension office in the Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone and Freeport. Thereafter, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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,