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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 194

Submitted by the Committees on Tourism and Appropriations on March 16, 2026

Re : House Bill No. 1669

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 1669, introduced by Representative Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING THE RUINS OF COTTA DE SAN JOSE, LOCATED IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORCUERA, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON,
A TOURISM SITE”**

have considered the same and recommend its approval with the following amendments:

1. On Section 4, page 2, first paragraph, after the punctuation mark period (.), insert the sentence: THE DOT MAY AUGMENT SUCH ALLOCATION WITH INTERNALLY GENERATED FUNDS.
2. On the same section and page, delete the second paragraph, “The DOT through the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), if necessary, may include such allocation in the TIEZA’s program.”

with Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Junard “Ahong” Q. Chan, Rosalie Ang Salvame, Rommel Rico T. Angara, Jose C. Alvarez, Elisa “Olga” T. Kho, Dibu S. Tuan, Florencio T. Miraflores, Tsuyoshi Anthony “Hori” G. Horibata, John Geesnell “Baba” Yap, Caroline B. Agyao, MD, Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Romeo S. Momo, Sr., Ronald V. Singson, Patricia C. Calderon, Rebecca Maria Alcantara Ynares, Dale B. Corvera, Celso G. Regencia, Jane T. Castro, Alyssa Michaela “Mica” M. Gonzales, Binky April M. Tupas, Salvador A. Pleyto, Marlo C. Bancoro, Eulogio “Leo” R. Rodriguez, Ferdinand “B1” L. Beltran, Niko Raul S.J. Daza, Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Howard A. Guintu, Angelo Marcos Barba, John Tracy F. Cagas, Timothy Joseph E. Cayton, King Collantes, Antonino B. Roman III, Laarni Lavin Roque, Alfonso V. Umali, Jr., and Lordan G. Suan as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairperson

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REP. ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA

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Committee on Tourism

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1669

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Ruins of Cotta de San Jose in the Municipality of Corcuera, Province of Romblon, is a fortress made from ground corals and eggs which was constructed during the 17th century for the purpose of defending the area against raids of Moro pirates.

While the fortress was damaged during the mid-sixties by an earthquake, a considerable portion of the structure still stands to bear witness to an important pre-Hispanic saga in the history of the Municipality of Corcuera.

The Ruins of Cotta de San Jose stands as a monument replete with historical tales which reminds the people of Corcuera of their ancestors' heroic struggles, resiliency, as well as their engineering ingenuity. Thus, the fortress deserves recognition and preservation for its historical and cultural value.

Therefore, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought pursuant to the Constitutional mandate to promote and popularize cultural and historical heritage and resources.


REP. ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA

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AN ACT
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MUNICIPALITY OF CORCUERA, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, A TOURISM SITE

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

SECTION 1. The Ruins of Cotta de San Jose, located in the Municipality of Corcuera, Province of Romblon, is hereby declared a tourism site. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism sites.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal Government of Corcuera shall, in coordination with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and

historical significance of the area: *Provided further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the Municipal Government of Corcuera.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Corcuera in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Ruins of Cotta de San Jose in its national and regional promotion programs.

SEC. 4. The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the municipal government of Corcuera.

The DOT through the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), if necessary, may include such allocation in the TIEZA's program.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal Government of Corcuera shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,