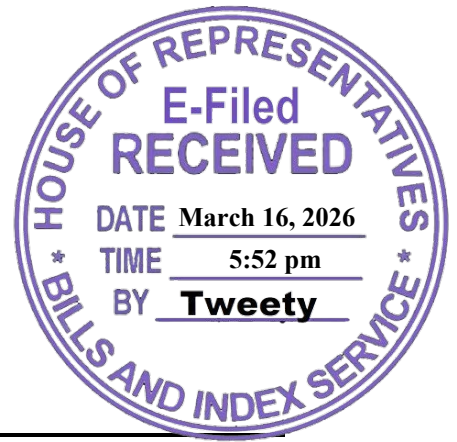


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 200

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

Re : House Bill No. 8571

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2115

Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Elisa
“Olga” T. Kho, and Antonio T. Kho

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 2115, introduced by Representatives Elisa “Olga” T. Kho and Antonio T. Kho, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING THE PALANI BEACH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AS AN ECO-TOURISM ZONE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8571, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING THE PALANI BEACH, LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, AS AN
ECOTOURISM DESTINATION”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2115 with Representatives Elisa “Olga” T. Kho, Antonio T. Kho, 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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AN ACT
DECLARING THE PALANI BEACH, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, AS AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Palani Beach, located in the Municipality of Balud, Province of
2 Masbate, is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. Pursuant thereto, its development shall
3 be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
4 regulations governing the development of ecotourism destinations.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal Government
6 of Balud shall, in coordination with the Provincial Government of Masbate, DOT, Department
7 of Environment and Natural Resources, and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a
8 tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of
9 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 resources of the area: *Provided, further,* That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the Municipal Government of Balud.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Balud in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include Palani Beach 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 of Government of Balud. The DOT may augment such allocation with internally generated funds.

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

SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, 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,