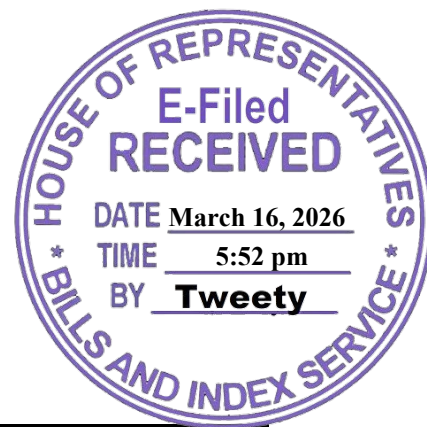


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 203

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

Re : House Bill No. 8574

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 697

Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and
Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 697, introduced by Representative Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING SITIO PULAK-PULAKAN, BARANGAY SAN
FERNANDO, CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS
OCCIDENTAL, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS
DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8574, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING SITIO PULAK-PULAKAN, LOCATED IN BARANGAY
SAN FERNANDO, CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS
OCCIDENTAL, AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 697 with Representatives Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez, 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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(In substitution of House Bill No. 697)

Introduced by Representatives Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez, 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

AN ACT
DECLARING SITIO PULAK-PULAKAN, LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN FERNANDO, CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Sitio Pulak-Pulakan, located in Barangay San Fernando, City of Talisay,
2 Province of Negros Occidental, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Pursuant thereto, its
3 development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to
4 the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the City Government of Talisay
6 shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and
7 concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the

1 construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to
2 enhance tourism in the area, such as an information center, view deck, multipurpose hall, bamboo
3 treatment facility, plant nursery, wildlife research center, livelihood center, and lodging facilities:
4 *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural
5 beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism
6 development plan shall be included in the budget of the City Government of Talisay.

7 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the City Government of Talisay in the implementation of
8 the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It
9 shall also include Sitio Pulak-Pulakan in its national and regional promotion programs.

10 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
11 budget of the City Government of Talisay. The DOT may augment such allocation with internally
12 generated funds.

13 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the City Government of
14 Talisay shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate
15 the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

16 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other
17 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

18 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances inconsistent
19 with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

20 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
21 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

22 Approved,