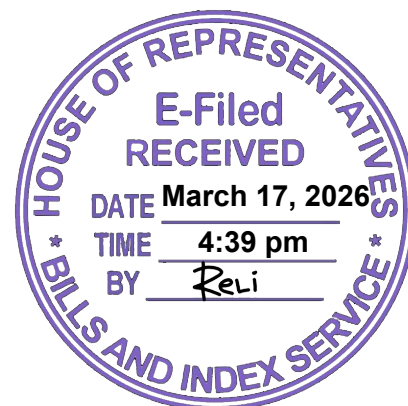


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 220

Submitted by the Committees on Health and Appropriations on **March 17, 2026**

Re : House Bill No. **8621**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1156

Sponsors : Representatives Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and Caroline B. Agyao, M.D.

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Health and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 1156 introduced by Rep. Caroline B. Agyao, M.D., entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE KALINGA PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA INTO A LEVEL III REGIONAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN CORDILLERA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **8621**, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE KALINGA PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA, INTO A LEVEL III REGIONAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN CORDILLERA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1156, with Representatives Caroline B. Agyao, M.D., Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., M.D., FPSO-HNS, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:



HON. MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



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FPSO-HNS**
Chairperson
Committee on Health

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8621

(In substitution of House Bill No. 1156)

Introduced by Representatives Caroline B. Agyao, M.D., Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr.,
M.D., FPSO-HNS, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

AN ACT
UPGRADING THE KALINGA PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF
TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA, INTO A LEVEL III REGIONAL HOSPITAL
TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN CORDILLERA REGIONAL MEDICAL
CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Kalinga Provincial Hospital in the City of Tabuk, Province
2 of Kalinga, is hereby upgraded into a Level III regional hospital to be known as
3 the Northern Cordillera Regional Medical Center (NCRMC), which shall be under
4 the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health (DOH).

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6 **SEC. 2.** Any future increase in the bed capacity of the NCRMC shall be
7 consistent with the hospital development plan that shall be prepared by the DOH.

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9 **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the
10 NCRMC shall also be upgraded to conform with and be commensurate to the
11 increase in bed capacity as provided for in Section 2 hereof.

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13 **SEC. 4.** The existing workforce of the NCRMC, which includes doctors,
14 nurses, and support personnel, shall also be increased correspondingly.

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16 **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall, in consultation with the Medical
17 Center Chief of the NCRMC, determine the additional positions required for the
18 operation of the NCRMC, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

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20 **SEC. 6.** Within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effectivity of this
21 Act, the DOH shall, in coordination with the Provincial Government of Kalinga,
22 formulate a transition plan for the renationalization of the NCRMC. The transition
23 period for the renationalization shall commence immediately upon approval of
24 this Act.

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2 **SEC. 7.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the
3 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall
4 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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6 **SEC. 8.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
7 remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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9 **SEC. 9.** All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations,
10 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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12 **SEC. 10.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
13 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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15 *Approved,*