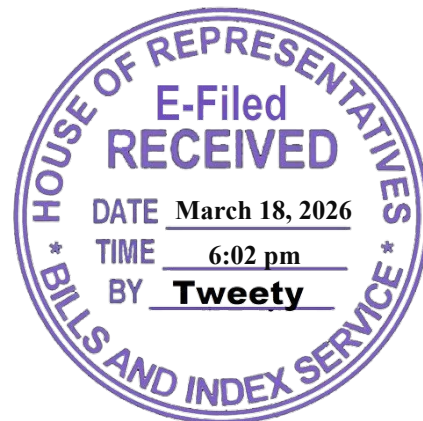


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 232

Submitted by the **Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples** on March 18, 2026

RE: House Bill No. **8700**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 02547

Sponsors: Representatives Laarni Lavin Roque, Mauricio G. Domogan, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Caroline B. Agyao, MD, Edwin L. Cruzado, MD, Marlo C. Bancoro, Ma. Victoria Co-Pilar, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Leila M. de Lima, Dadah Kiram Ismula, Nelson S. Legacion, Lordan G. Suan, Kenneth Paolo Tereng, and Dibu S. Tuan

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committees on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 02547, introduced by Rep. Laarni Lavin Roque, entitled:

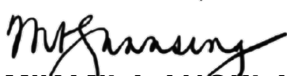
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS TRAINING CENTER IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **8700**, entitled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS TRAINING CENTER IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 02547, with Representatives Laarni Lavin Roque, Mauricio G. Domogan, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Caroline B. Agyao, MD, Edwin L. Cruzado, MD, Marlo C. Bancoro, Ma. Victoria Co-Pilar, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Leila M. de Lima, Dadah Kiram Ismula, Nelson S. Legacion, Lordan G. Suan, Kenneth Paolo Tereng, and Dibu S. Tuan as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


Rep. MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING
Committee Chair
Committee on Appropriations


Rep. MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN
Committee Chair
Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples

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House Bill No. 8700
(In substitution of House Bill No. 2547)

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LAARNI LAVIN ROQUE, MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN, MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING, CAROLINE B. AGYAO, MD, EDWIN L. CRUZADO, MD, MARLO C. BANCORO, MA. VICTORIA CO-PILAR, MAXIMO Y. DALOG, JR., LEILA M. DE LIMA, DADAH KIRAM ISMULA, NELSON S. LEGACION, LORDAN G. SUAN, KENNETH PAOLO TERENG, AND DIBU S. TUAN

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS
TRAINING CENTER IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There is hereby established an Indigenous Training Center in the
2 City of Valencia, Province of Bukidnon.

3 **SEC. 2. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation
4 of this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the National
5 Commission on Indigenous Peoples. Thereafter, such amount shall be included in the
6 annual General Appropriations Act.

7 **SEC. 3. Repealing Clause.** – All acts, laws, decrees, executive orders, Letters
8 of Instruction, regulations, or any part thereof which are inconsistent with any provision
9 of this Act are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

10 **SEC. 4. Separability Clause.** – If for any reason, any section or provision of
11 this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions of
12 this Act which are not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

13 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
14 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official
15 Gazette.

16 **Approved,**

FACT SHEET

HOUSE BILL NO. 8700

(In substitution of House Bill No. 2547)

(As approved by the Committee on 19 November 2025)

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS TRAINING CENTER IN THE CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by:

Representatives Laarni Lavin Roque, Mauricio G. Domogan, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Caroline B. Agyao, MD, Edwin L. Cruzado, MD, Marlo C. Bancoro, Ma. Victoria Co-Pilar, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Leila M. de Lima, Dadah Kiram Ismula, Nelson S. Legacion, Lordan G. Suan, Kenneth Paolo Tereng, and Dibu S. Tuan

***Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES
AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
AND COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS***

***Committee Chairperson: Rep. MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN
Rep. MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING***

OBJECTIVES:

- To preserve, enhance, and develop indigenous art and culture through careful documentation and the application of information, education, and communication strategies;
- To establish a hub for indigenous cultural communities and indigenous peoples (ICCs/IPs) for the gradual mainstreaming of indigenous arts, crafts, and culture.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Establishes an Indigenous Training Center in the City of Valencia, Province of Bukidnon;
- Initial funding shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), after which it shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

RELATED LAWS:

- R.A. No. 8371, or "Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997"