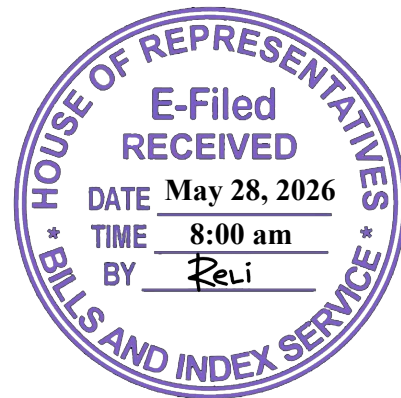


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 359

Submitted by the Committees on Tourism and Appropriations on **May 28, 2026**

Re : House Bill No. **9481**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3188

Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and
Emilio Bernardino L. Yulo

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 3188, introduced by Representative Emilio Bernardino L. Yulo, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING THE BINADLAN FALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY BIAO,
MUNICIPALITY OF BINALBAGAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS
OCCIDENTAL, AN ECOTOURISM SITE”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9481**, entitled:

**“AN ACT
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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3188 with Representatives Emilio Bernardino L. Yulo , Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, 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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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Binadlan Falls Ecotourism
2 Act.”

3 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote
4 an ecologically-sustainable and effective tourism industry that will enhance environmental
5 preservation and support socio-economic development.

1 **SEC. 3. *Binadlan Falls as Ecotourism Site.*** – The Binadlan Falls, located in Barangay
2 Bi-ao, Municipality of Binalbagan, Province of Negros Occidental, is hereby declared an
3 ecotourism site. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the
4 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of
5 ecotourism sites.

6 **SEC. 4. *Tourism Development Plan.*** – Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act,
7 the Municipal Government of Binalbagan shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of
8 Environment and Natural Resources, and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a
9 tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such
10 appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said
11 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and
12 resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan
13 shall be included in the budget of the Municipal Government of Binalbagan.

14 **SEC. 5. *Binadlan Falls Ecotourism Council.*** – There is hereby created the Binadlan Falls
15 Ecotourism Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall be the primary policy-
16 making, planning, and coordinating body in the development and administration of the ecotourism
17 site.

18 The Council shall be composed of the following members:

- 19 (a) Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Binalbagan, as Chairperson;
20 (b) Municipal Vice Mayor of the Municipality of Binalbagan, as Vice-Chairperson;
21 (c) Sangguniang Bayan Secretary as Council Secretary;
22 (d) Head of the Binalbagan Municipal Tourism Office;
23 (e) Head of the Binalbagan Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office;

1 (f) Chairperson of the Committee on Environment of the Sangguniang Bayan of
2 Binalbagan;

3 (g) Punong Barangay of Barangay Bi-ao; and

4 (h) Three (3) representatives from the local community to be appointed by the Municipal
5 Mayor, upon the recommendation of the Sangguniang Barangay of Bi-ao.

6 The term of office of the Council members shall be coterminous with that of the incumbent
7 Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Binalbagan.

8 **SEC. 6. *Role of the DOT.*** – The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of
9 Binalbagan in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical
10 assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include Binadlan Falls in its regional and
11 national promotion programs.

12 **SEC. 7. *Appropriations.*** – The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be
13 included in the annual budget of the Municipal Government of Binalbagan. The DOT may
14 augment such allocation with internally generated funds.

15 **SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days after the
16 effectivity of this Act, the Municipal Government of Binalbagan shall, in consultation with the
17 DOT and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to
18 implement this Act.

19 **SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be declared
20 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
21 effect.

1 **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other
2 issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
3 amended accordingly.

4 **SEC. 11. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
5 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

6 Approved,