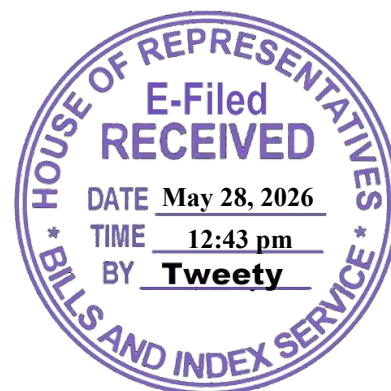


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 378

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

Re : House Bill No. 9518

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 879

Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and
Reynolds Michael T. Tan

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 879, introduced by Representative Reynolds Michael T. Tan, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING LULUGAYAN FALLS AND ECOVILLAGE IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CALBIGA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR AN
ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9518, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING LULUGAYAN FALLS, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF CALBIGA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 879 with Representatives Reynolds Michael T. Tan, 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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AN ACT
DECLARING LULUGAYAN FALLS, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALBIGA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Lulugayan Falls, located in the Municipality of Calbiga, Province of
2 Samar, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be
3 prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
4 regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal Government
6 of Calbiga shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources, and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan
8 that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate
9 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 Calbiga.

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

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal Government of Calbiga 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,