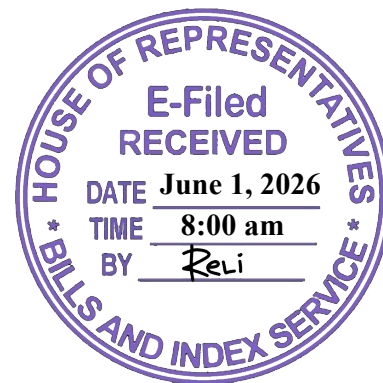


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 388**

Submitted by the Committees on Tourism and Appropriations on **June 1, 2026**

Re : House Bill No. **9530**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1854

Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and  
Binky April M. Tupas

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 1854, introduced by Representative Binky April M. Tupas, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
DECLARING THE ISLAS DE GIGANTES LOCATED IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AN  
ECOTOURISM ZONE”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9530**, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
DECLARING THE ISLAS DE GIGANTES, LOCATED IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AS AN  
ECOTOURISM ZONE”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1854 with Representatives Binky April M. Tupas, 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, 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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**HOUSE BILL NO. 9530**  
(In substitution of House Bill No. 1854)

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING THE ISLAS DE GIGANTES, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF**  
**CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Islas de Gigantes, consisting of four (4) barangays, namely,  
2   Asluman, Granada, Lantangan, and Gabi, all located in the Municipality of Carles, Province of  
3   Iloilo, is hereby declared an ecotourism zone, to be known as the “Islas de Gigantes Ecotourism  
4   Zone.” Pursuant thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department  
5   of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of  
6   ecotourism zones.

7           **SEC. 2.** Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the Municipal  
8   Government of Carles shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and  
9   Natural Resources (DENR), and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism

development plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate 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 Carles.

**SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Carles in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Islas de Gigantes 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 Carles. 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 Carles shall, in consultation with the DOT, DENR, and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

**SEC. 7.** 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. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,