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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 397

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

Re : House Bill No. **9539**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3336

Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., and Rufus B. Rodriguez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 3336, introduced by Representatives Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr. and Rufus B. Rodriguez, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING ULO BALONGKOT FALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY
DANSOLIHON, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS
ORIENTAL, AN ECOTOURISM SITE”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9539**, entitled:

**“AN ACT
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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3336 with Representatives Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Rufus B. Rodriguez, 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.** The Ulo Balongkot Falls, located in Barangay Dansolihon, Cagayan de
2 Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Pursuant
3 thereto, its development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism
4 (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the City Government of
6 Cagayan de Oro shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
7 Resources, and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan

1 that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate
2 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development
3 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the
4 area: *Provided, further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be
5 included in the budget of the City Government of Cagayan de Oro.

6 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the City Government of Cagayan de Oro in the
7 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
8 capacity building. It shall also include Ulo Balongkot Falls in its national and regional
9 promotion programs.

10 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
11 budget of the City Government of Cagayan de Oro. The DOT may augment such allocation
12 with internally generated funds.

13 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the City Government
14 of Cagayan de Oro shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the
15 government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

16 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential
17 decrees, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby
18 deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

21 Approved,