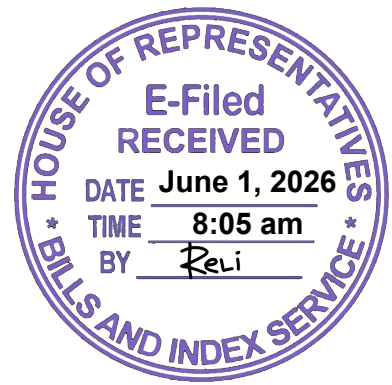


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 398

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

Re : House Bill No. **9540**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3570

Sponsors: Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing,
Alfelito “Alfel” M. Bascug, and Eddiebong G. Plaza

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 3570, introduced by Representatives Alfelito “Alfel” M. Bascug and Eddiebong G. Plaza, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING THE PINANDAGATAN FALLS LOCATED IN BARANGAY
NEW TUBIGON, MUNICIPALITY OF SIBAGAT, PROVINCE OF
AGUSAN DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9540**,
entitled:

**“AN ACT
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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3570 with Representatives Alfelito “Alfel” M. Bascug, Eddiebong G. Plaza, 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 Pinandagatan Falls, located in Barangay New Tubigon,
2 Municipality of Sibagat, Province of Agusan del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism
3 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
5 development of ecotourism sites.

6 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal
7 Government of Sibagat shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of

1 Environment and Natural Resources, and concerned agencies of the government,
2 prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation,
3 and maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism
4 in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and
5 conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That
6 the implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget
7 of the Municipal Government of Sibagat.

8 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Sibagat in the
9 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in
10 tourism capacity building. It shall also include Pinandagatan Falls in its national and
11 regional promotion programs.

12 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the
13 annual budget of the Municipal Government of Sibagat. The DOT may augment such
14 allocation with internally generated funds.

15 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Municipal
16 Government of Sibagat shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of
17 the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

20 **SEC. 7.** All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees, and other issuances
21 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or
22 amended accordingly.

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

25 Approved,