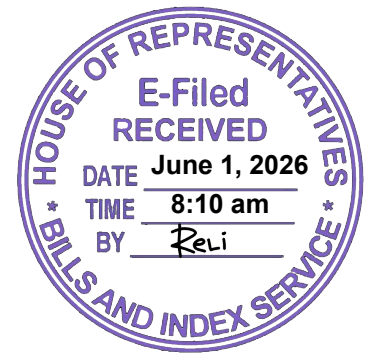


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 402

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

Re : House Bill No. **9544**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5284

Sponsors: Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing,
and Ustadz Yusop T. Alano

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 5284, introduced by Representative Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING THE MALAMAWI ISLAND IN THE CITY OF ISABELA,
PROVINCE OF BASILAN, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE”**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9544**,
entitled:

**“AN ACT
DECLARING MALAMAWI ISLAND IN THE CITY OF ISABELA,
PROVINCE OF BASILAN, AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5284 with Representatives Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


REP. MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9544
(In substitution of House Bill No. 5284)

Introduced by Representatives Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona,
and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing,

AN ACT
DECLARING MALAMAWI ISLAND IN THE CITY OF ISABELA, PROVINCE OF
BASILAN, AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

SECTION 1. The Malamawi Island in the City of Isabela, Province of Basilan,
is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. Pursuant thereto, its development shall be
prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules
and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the City Government
of Isabela, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural
Resources, 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

1 of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the City
2 Government of Isabela.

3 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the City Government of Isabela in the
4 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in
5 tourism capacity building. It shall also include Malamawi Island in its national and
6 regional promotion programs.

7 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the
8 annual budget of the City Government of Isabela. The DOT may augment such
9 allocation with internally generated funds.

10 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the City
11 Government of Isabela shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of
12 the government, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

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

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

20 Approved,