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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 406

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

Re : House Bill No. **9548**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3239

Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing,
and Agatha Paula Aguilar Cruz

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Tourism and Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 3239, introduced by Representative Agatha Paula Aguilar Cruz, entitled:

“AN ACT

DECLARING THE INNOVATIVE TISSUE CULTURE LABORATORY OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ILAB GARDEN CITY PROJECT” AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN BARANGAY STA. CRUZ, MUNICIPALITY OF GUIGUINTO, PROVINCE OF BULACAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9548**,
entitled:

“AN ACT

DECLARING THE INNOVATIVE TISSUE CULTURE LABORATORY FOR ORNAMENTAL PLANTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ILAB GARDEN CITY PROJECT, LOCATED IN BARANGAY STA. CRUZ, MUNICIPALITY OF GUIGUINTO, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, AS A TOURISM SITE”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3239 with Representatives Agatha Paula Aguilar Cruz, 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

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Respectfully submitted,



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(In substitution of House Bill No. 3239)

Introduced by Representatives Agatha Paula Aguilar Cruz, 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

AN ACT
DECLARING THE INNOVATIVE TISSUE CULTURE LABORATORY FOR ORNAMENTAL PLANTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE iLAB GARDEN CITY PROJECT, LOCATED IN BARANGAY STA. CRUZ, MUNICIPALITY OF GUIGUINTO, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, AS A TOURISM SITE

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Innovative Tissue Culture Laboratory for Ornamental Plants,
2 also known as the iLAB Garden City Project, located in Barangay Sta. Cruz, Municipality
3 of Guiguinto, Province of Bulacan, is hereby declared a tourism site. As such, its
4 development shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT),
5 subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism sites.

1 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal
2 Government of Guiguinto, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Science and
3 Technology (DOST), and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism
4 development plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of
5 such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided,*
6 That said development plan shall promote environmental, economic, and scientific
7 significance of tissue culture technology: *Provided, further,* That the implementation of
8 the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the Municipal
9 Government of Guiguinto.

10 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the Municipal Government of Guiguinto in the
11 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in
12 tourism capacity building. It shall also include the iLAB Garden City Project in all its
13 regional and national promotion programs.

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

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

20 **SEC. 6.** 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.

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