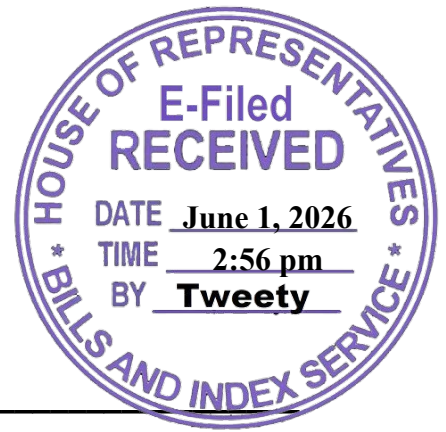


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 418

Submitted by the Committee on Muslim Affairs on June 1, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 9597

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 6793 and 6952.

Sponsors: Representatives Bai Dimple I. Mastura and Esmael G. Mangudadatu

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Muslim Affairs, to which were referred House Bill No. 6793, introduced by Representative Bai Dimple I. Mastura, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 1 SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9997 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS ACT OF 2009”, TO INCLUDE ONE (1) COMMISSIONER FROM THE “BALIK-ISLAM COMMUNITY””;

and House Bill No. 6952, introduced by Representative Esmael G. Mangudadatu, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE I SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9997, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS ACT OF 2009””

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 9597, entitled:

“AN ACT INCLUDING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BALIK-ISLAM COMMUNITY IN THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 5, ARTICLE I OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9997, AS AMENDED,

**OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “NATIONAL COMMISSION ON
MUSLIM FILIPINOS ACT OF 2009””**

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 6793 and 6952, with Representatives Bai Dimple I. Mastura, Esmael G. Mangudadatu, Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, and Dadah Kiram Ismula as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



REP. BAI DIMPLE I. MASTURA
Chairperson
Committee on Muslim Affairs

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9597
(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 6793 and 6952)

Introduced by Representatives Bai Dimple I. Mastura, Esmael G. Mangudadatu, Ustadz
Yusop T. Alano, and Dadah Kiram Ismula

AN ACT
INCLUDING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BALIK-ISLAM COMMUNITY IN THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 5, ARTICLE I OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9997, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE “NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS ACT OF 2009”

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Article I, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9997 is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 “SEC. 5. *Composition of the Commission.* – The Commission shall be
4 composed of nine (9) full-time members who are Muslim Filipinos and shall be
5 headed by a Secretary: *Provided*, That one (1) of the Commissioners shall come
6 from the women sector, one (1) from the youth sector, [and another Commissioner
7 shall come] **ONE (1) from the Ulama sector, AND ONE (1) FROM THE BALIK-**
8 **ISLAM SECTOR:** *Provided, further*, That not more than two (2) Commissioners
9 shall come from the same Muslim Filipino tribe at any given time, to ensure a more
10 equitable representation in the Commission. The President shall appoint the
11 regular members of the Commission. The Commissioners shall be academic
12 degree holders and must speak and write fluently the English and/or Arabic

1 languages. They shall be individuals who possess the highest degree of integrity
2 and have the endorsement of their respective tribes or sectors.

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4 XXX”

5 **SEC. 2.** If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other
6 provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

7 **SEC. 3.** All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof
8 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

9 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
10 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

11 Approved,

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 9597

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 6793 and 6952)

(Approved by the Committee on March 16, 2026)

AN ACT INCLUDING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BALIK-ISLAM COMMUNITY IN THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 5, ARTICLE I OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9997, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS ACT OF 2009”

Introduced by:

Representatives Bai Dimple I. Mastura, Esmael G. Mangudadatu, Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, and Dadah Kiram Ismula

*Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS***

*Committee Chairperson: **REP. BAI DIMPLE I. MASTURA***

OBJECTIVE

- To strengthen inclusivity and ensure broader representation of Muslim Filipinos within the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF).

KEY PROVISION

- Amends Article I, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9997 to include one (1) Commissioner in the NCMF from the “Balik-Islam” community.

RELATED LAW:

- Republic Act No. 9997, “National Commission on Muslim Filipinos Act of 2009”