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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1329

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on **November 17, 2021**
Re : House Bill No. **10517**
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8071
Sponsors : Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Alfel M. Bascug

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 8071, introduced by Representative Alfel M. Bascug, entitled:

"AN ACT
DECLARING TUGONAN WATERFALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PROSPERIDAD PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **10517**, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE TUGONAN WATERFALLS LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN LORENZO, MUNICIPALITY OF PROSPERIDAD, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 8071 with Representatives Alfel M. Bascug, Sol Aragones, Micaela S. Violago, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., Mark O. Go, Francisco Jose "Bingo" F. Matugas II, CPA, CESO, LLB, Ria Christina G. Fariñas, Adriano A. Ebcas, Shirlyn Bañas-Nograles, Sergio C. Dagooc, Irene Gay F. Saulog, Godofredo N. Guya, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Antonio "Tonypet" T. Albano, Angelo Marcos Barba, Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V, Vincent Franco "Duke" D. Frasco, Dahlia A. Loyola, Lorna C. Silverio and Sarah Jane I. Elago as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

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(In substitution of House Bill No. 8071)

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

SECTION 1. The Tugonan Waterfalls located in Barangay San Lorenzo, Municipality of Prosperidad, Province of Agusan del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

Sec. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and concerned local government units (LGUs) and 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.

Sec. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan with due consideration to the natural characteristics of the Tugonan Waterfalls, and shall incorporate

the same in its development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the Tugonan Waterfalls in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the Department.

Sec. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in consultation with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and concerned LGUs and government agencies, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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

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

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

Approved,