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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 462

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism on **March 20, 2023**
Re : House Bill No. **7688**
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1384
Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism, to which was referred House Bill No. 1384, introduced by Representative Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING COLOSBOA HILLS, ALSO KNOWN AS "THE NEW ZEALAND OF CENTRAL LUZON", LOCATED IN BARANGAY COLOSBOA, MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **7688**, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING COLOSBOA HILLS, ALSO KNOWN AS "THE NEW ZEALAND OF CENTRAL LUZON," LOCATED IN BARANGAY COLOSBOA, MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, A TOURISM DESTINATION

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1384 with Representative Mikaela Angela B. Suansing as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7688
(In substitution of House Bill No. 1384)

Introduced by Representative Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

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

SECTION 1. The Colosboa Hills, also known as "The New Zealand of Central Luzon," located in Barangay Colosboa, Municipality of Cuyapo, Province of Nueva Ecija, is hereby declared a tourism destination. 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 tourism destinations.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of Cuyapo shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Public Works and Highways and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure to enhance tourism in the area, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security of tourists: *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 of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal government of Cuyapo.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Cuyapo in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Colosboa Hills in its national and regional promotion programs.

SEC. 4. The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the municipal government of Cuyapo. The DOT may augment such allocation with internally-generated funds.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government of Cuyapo shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,