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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 654

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on DEC 01, 2020
Re: House Bill No. 8200
Recommend its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3362
Sponsors: Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Solomon R. Chungalao

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 3362, introduced by Rep. Solomon R. Chungalao, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING "BINTACAN CAVE AND MT. KITUMMAN" LOCATED IN BARANGAY TUNGNGOD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAGAWE, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO AS AN ECO-TOURISM DESTINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 8200, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING MT. KITUMMAN LOCATED IN BARANGAY TUNGNGOD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAGAWE, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Mount Kituman located in Barangay Tungngod in the Municipality of Lagawe, Province of Ifugao, where the historical Bintacan Cave is located, is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism destinations.

Sec. 2. Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and other concerned agencies of the government, shall prepare a tourism development plan including the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance tourism in the area: Provided, That the development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and historical significance of the area.
Sec. 3. The DOT, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and
Highways, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and concerned local
government units, shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan and
incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

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 Secretary of the
DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of
this Act.

Sec. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, 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,