Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism, to which was referred House Bill No. 3869, introduced by Rep. Arnulf Bryan “Arnie” B. Fuenteabella, entitled:

**AN ACT**

DECLARING THE BUTAWANAN ISLAND AND SIRUMA SOUTH COASTAL AREA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIRUMA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AS ECOTOURISM ZONE

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

**AN ACT**

DECLARING THE BUTAWANAN ISLAND AREA, CONSISTING OF BARANGAYS BUTAWANAN AND SAN RAMON, AND THE SIRUMA SOUTH COASTAL AREA, CONSISTING OF BARANGAYS VITO, CABUGAO, SULPA AND BOBOAN, ALL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIRUMA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AS ECOTOURISM ZONES, TO BE COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS THE SIRUMA ECOTOURISM ZONE

Respectfully submitted,

REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8969
(In substitution of House Bill No. 3869)


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

1 SECTION 1. The Butawanan Island Area, consisting of Barangays Butawanan and San Ramon, and the Siruma South Coastal Area, consisting of Barangays Vito, Cabugao, Sulpa and Boboan, all located in the Municipality of Siruma, Province of Camarines Sur, are hereby declared as ecotourism zones, to be collectively known as the Siruma Ecotourism Zone.

2 Sec. 2. The geodetic coordinates in the World Geodetic System 1984 of the areas to be declared as the Siruma Ecotourism Zone are as follows:

3 1. Butawanan Island Area, consisting of Barangays Butawanan and San Ramon:
a) 14°08'10"N, 123°16'45"E  
b) 14°08'25"N, 123°19'25"E  
c) 14°04'15"N, 123°24'15"E  
d) 14°01'30"N, 123°22'05"E  
e) 14°05'45"N, 123°17'05"E

2. Siruma South Coastal Area, consisting of Barangays Vito, Cabugao, Sulpa and Boboan:

   a) 14°01'00"N, 123°14'05"E  
b) 14°00'00"N, 123°16'05"E  
c) 13°58'25"N, 123°15'30"E  
d) 13°57'30"N, 123°17'35"E  
e) 13°56'00"N, 123°17'05"E  
f) 13°58'00"N, 123°13'00"E

Sec. 3. The Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Authority (TIEZA), Partido Development Administration (PDA), Partido State University (PSU) and other concerned agencies of the government, shall consolidate all tourism development plans for the area and prepare a comprehensive ecotourism development plan for the Siruma Ecotourism Zone, consistent with the national tourism master plan. The development plan shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure that shall enhance ecotourism in the area: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the cultural heritage of the area and the conservation of its biophysical assets, and incorporate strategies and programs to promote sustainable economic opportunities for the local communities.

Sec. 4. The DOT shall incorporate the ecotourism development plan in the National Tourism Development Plan, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the
“Tourism Act of 2009”, and shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Siruma Ecotourism Zone in all its national, regional and local promotion program.

The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall also provide the necessary technical and financial assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure and the conduct of skills development in concerned local government units (LGUs) and their respective local communities.

Sec. 5. Upon the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with the PDA and the District Office of the Representative of the Fourth District of the Province of Camarines Sur, shall implement and fast-track the construction and improvement of roads, bridges and other infrastructure necessary in the development of the Siruma Ecotourism Zone and shall prioritize the same in the DPWH’s infrastructure program.

The DOT, DPWH and the Department of Transportation shall promote the progressive development of civil aviation, land and sea transportation infrastructures in the Siruma Ecotourism Zone to improve accessibility and connectivity of the ecotourism zones.

Sec. 6. The DOT, PDA, PSU and concerned LGUs shall ensure the involvement of the private sector, non-government organizations and other interest groups in encouraging investment and developing a culture of tourism in the area.

Sec. 7. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in consultation with PDA, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

Sec. 8. 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. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.