COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1324

Submitted by the Special Committee on Reforestation on November 16, 2021
Re: HOUSE BILL NO. 10503

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 8802, 8803, 8804, 8805, 8806 and 8807.
Sponsors: Representatives Elias C. Bulut, Jr., Eric Go Yap and Rufus B. Rodriguez

Mr. Speaker:

The Special Committee on Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations to which were referred House Bill No. 8802, introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, entitled:

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AND DETERMINING A COMMUNITY FOREST IN BARANGAY BALUBAL, IN THE 2ND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 8803, introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, entitled:

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AND DETERMINING A COMMUNITY FOREST IN BARANGAY CUGMAN, IN THE 2ND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 8804, introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, entitled:

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AND DETERMINING A COMMUNITY FOREST IN BARANGAY FS CATANICO, IN THE 2ND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 8805, introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, entitled:

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AND DETERMINING A COMMUNITY FOREST IN BARANGAY INDAHAG, IN THE 2ND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
House Bill No. 8806, introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, entitled:

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AND DETERMINING A COMMUNITY FOREST IN BARANGAY TABLON, IN THE 2ND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 8807, introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, entitled:

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AND DETERMINING A COMMUNITY FOREST IN BARANGAY AGUSAN, IN THE 2ND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY FORESTS IN BARANGAYS BALUBAL, CUGMAN, FS CATANICO, INDAHAG, TABLON, AND AGUSAN, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 8802, 8803, 8804, 8805, 8806 and 8807 with Reps Rufus B. Rodriguez, Paz C. Radaza, Ron P. Salo, Elias C. Bulut, Jr., and Eric Go Yap as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10503
(In substitution to HB No. 8802, 8803, 8804, 8805, 8806 and 8807)

Introduced by Reps. Rufus B. Rodriguez, Paz C. Radaza, Ron P. Salo, Elias C. Bulut, Jr., and Eric Go Yap

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY FORESTS IN BARANGAYS BALUBAL, CUGMAN, FS CATANICO, INDAHAG, TABLON, AND AGUSAN, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), community forests in Barangays Balubal, Cugman, Fs Catanico, Indahag, Tablon, and Agusan, in the Second District of Cagayan de Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental.

The DENR shall determine the size and specific forest limits of the community forest to be established within each of the barangay concerned.

Each established community forest shall be identified in accordance with a Forest Land Use Plan, consistent with the city’s land use plan, and all existing and related plans, programs and projects of the city and national government.

SEC. 2. The DENR shall, within two (2) years after the determination and establishment of the community forests, transfer the management of the same to the local government unit (LGU) concerned, under the direct supervision of the City Local Environment and Natural Resources Office, through a memorandum of agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management, utilization and conservation of the community forests.
The DENR, shall in coordination with the concerned LGU, undertake a forest resource inventory in each of the barangays, determine the sustainable level of forest resource utilization and provide the LGU technical assistance in all facets of forest management planning. To ensure the sustainability of the community forests, the management plan shall include provision for replanting by the communities and the LGUs.

**SEC. 3.** The DENR Secretary 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.

The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the management, utilization, and conservation of the community forests.

**SEC. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DENR Secretary shall issue the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*
FACT SHEET

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(In substitution of House Bill Nos. 8802, 8803, 8804, 8805, 8806 and 8807)

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Introduced by: Representatives Rufus B. Rodriguez, Paz C. Radaza, Ron P. Salo, Elias C. Bulut, Jr., and Eric Go Yap

Committee Referral: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION
Committee Chairperson: Rep. ELIAS C. BULUT JR.

OBJECTIVE:

- To determine and establish community forests for the use of residents to generate income from planting and re-planting of trees and other plants, harvest timber and non-timber forest products, promote forest conservation and sustainability, rural development, community empowerment and regulate the ecosystem.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Establishes community forests in Barangays Balubal, Cugman, FS Catanico, Indahag, Tablon, and Agusan in the second district of Cagayan de Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental
- Mandates the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to determine the size and specific forest limit of the established community forest within each of the barangay concerned.
- Mandates the DENR to transfer the management of the established community forest to the local government unit (LGU) concerned, under the direct supervision of the City Local Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), through a memorandum of agreement, within two (2) years after establishing a community forest.
- Obligates DENR to implement training programs for LGUs on the management,
utilization and conservation of the community forest.

- Identifies the community forest through a Forest Land Use Plan (FLUP) that is consistent with the city’s Land Used Plan (CLUP) and all existing and related plans, programs and projects of the city and national government.

- Coordinates DENR with LGU to undertake a forest resource inventory, determine its utilization and provide technical assistance in all facets of forest management planning.

- Mandates the DENR Secretary to issue the IRR within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act and to include in the department’s program, the funding of the community forests in the annual General Appropriations Act.

- Mandates the LGU concerned to set aside funds from its local revenue an amount appropriate for the management, utilization and conservation of the community forests.

RELATED LAWS:

- Section 8.4.2 of the DENR-DILG Joint Memorandum Circular No. 98-01, entitled, ‘Manual Of Procedures For DENR-DILG-LGU Partnership On Devolved And Other Forest Management Functions’ – This Section on Establishment of New Communal Forest”

- DENR AO 93-30 – Guidelines for the Transfer and Implementation of DENR Functions Devolved to Local Government Units