

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **5364**



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**Introduced by HON. LORNA P. BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN**

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Article 14 of the Philippine Constitution states that "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Provide adult citizens, the disabled, and out-of-school youth with training in civics, vocational efficiency and other skills." Education while a privilege is also a basic right of every Filipino citizen.

For the inhabitants of Barangay Dalupan in the Municipality of Don Marcelino, Province of Davao Occidental, this privilege and basic right is also looked upon as the rite of passage to a better life. It is for this reason that parents, students, and other stakeholders in said Municipality including the local government officials are seeking for the filing of this Bill that aims for the establishment of an independent national high school to be known as the Ernesto Balindan Sumbo National High School.

Foremost objective of this Bill is to provide the youth with the opportunity to acquire the basic educational training to prepare them for higher education as well as to develop in them the virtues and values that will make them committed to national ideals, that they may uphold their *Filipinoness* or their national identity and thus preserve and protect their racial heritage.

Dalupan is one of the 15 in the Municipality of Don Marcelino, some 12 kilometers distance to the town proper. Residents of Dalupan are indigenous people who are engaged in low-income generating projects that can hardly meet their requirements for day-to-day living, let alone support their children in pursuing education beyond the elementary level. But there is the undying hope that there will be an opportunity when the students can reach the secondary educational level with the establishment of Ernesto Balindan Sumbo National High School that could be located in a more proximate distance and will not therefore incur higher expenses in terms of transportation fares. It must also be noted that while there are four elementary school in Dalupan, there is no existing high school in said barangay.

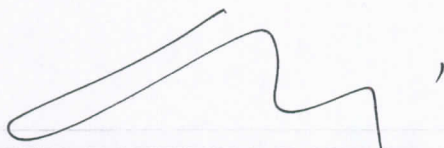
The nearest existing high school is in Barangay Lawa which is eight kilometers (8 km.) from Barangay Dalupan that can be traversed some three hours by walking or 20 minutes by riding a *habal-habal*. Another secondary school, the Don Marcelino National High School, located 15 kilometers away from Barangay Dalupan can be reached by two-hours walk on the mountain ridges, and one hour by means of motorcycle.

Student population in 2018 numbers 3, 57 and those potential enrollees for high school is 200 to 359 from Grade Seven to Grade 10. This number will come from four feeder schools: Dalupan Elementary School, Kiaga Elementary School, Kalabunay Elementary School, and Kibatang Elementary School.

A 10,000 square meter site has been donated by one of the residents in Barangay Dalupan with a Deed of Donation duly signed by the donor, Mr. Ernesto R. Sumbo.

Passage of this Bill will ensure that the young people of Barangay Dalupan will have the opportunity in fulfilling their desire for higher education to the betterment not only of themselves but of the whole barangay and eventually also of the municipality and the Province of Davao Occidental.

Thus, early passage of this Bill is highly recommended.



**REP. LORNA BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN**





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**HOUSE BILL NO. 5384**

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**AN ACT SEPARATING THE DON MARCELINO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DALUPAN EXTENSION IN BARANGAY DALUPAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DON MARCELINO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM DON MARCELINO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERT IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ERNESTO BALINDAN SUMBO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

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2       **SEC. 1.** The Don Marcelino National High School – Dalupan Extension in Barangay  
3 Dalupan, Municipality of Don Marcelino, Province of Davao Occidental is hereby separated  
4 from Don Marcelino National High School to be known as Ernesto Balindan Sumbo National  
5 High School.

6       **SEC. 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Don Marcelino National High  
7 School – Dalupan Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Ernesto Balindan  
8 Sumbo National High School.  
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10       **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's  
11 program the operationalization of the Ernesto Balindan Sumbo National High School, the  
12 funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Don Marcelino  
13 National High School – Dalupan Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued  
14 operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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16       **SEC. 3.** Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the  
17 Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of  
18 this Act.  
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20       **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
21 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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23       *Approved,*