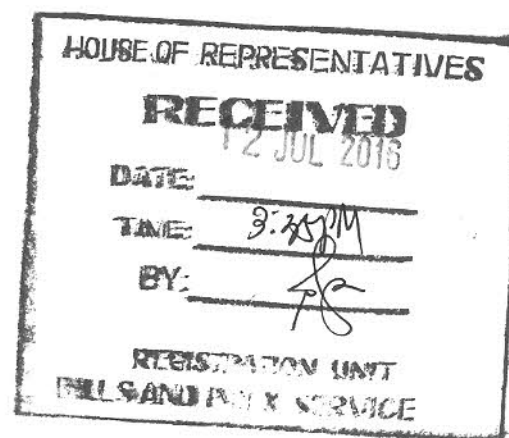


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Seventeenth Congress
First Regular Session



HOUSE BILL NO. 1426

Introduced by **HONORABLE MELECIO J. YAP, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The bill aims to establish a separate engineering district for the First District of Negros Occidental that will include the cities of Escalante and San Carlos and the municipalities of Toboso, Calatrava and Don Salvador Benedicto.

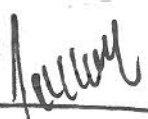
It is important to note that the present engineering district in the Northern Negros is composed of 3 congressional districts which include District 1 with 5 LGUs, District 2 with 3 LGUs, and District 3 with 5 LGUs. It stretches a total road length of 434.213 km. With such wide coverage of LGUs under its area of responsibility, the present engineering district is confronted with so many concerns in the implementation of various programs and projects across the 3 districts.

Looking closely, the 1st District of Negros Occidental has a total road length of 229,361 km being comprised by 2 cities and 3 municipalities. Most of the places in the 1st District are located in the upland areas and have mountainous terrain except for Escalante City.

Such requires focal attention from our government agencies, particularly development agencies like DPWH to effectively deliver its services among the constituency of the 1st District.

Having considered such predicament, there is a need therefore to constitute a new engineering district, separate and independent from the

existing engineering office of the province of Negros Occidental. Thus, the approval of this bill is most urgently prayed for.


MELECIO J. YAP, JR.

Representative

1st District of Negros Occidental

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1426

Introduced by **HONORABLE MELECIO J. YAP, JR.**

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FIRST DISTRICT ENGINEERING
OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL 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 Public Works and Highways (DPWH), a first district engineering office in the First Congressional District of the Province of Negros Occidental to be located in the City of Escalante to be known as Negros Occidental First District Engineering Office.

SECTION 2. The said district engineering office shall comprise the City of Escalante, Municipalities of Toboso, Calatrava, San Carlos City and Municipality of Don Salvador Benedicto.

It has a total road length of 229,361 km.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Negros Occidental First District Engineering Office, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved.