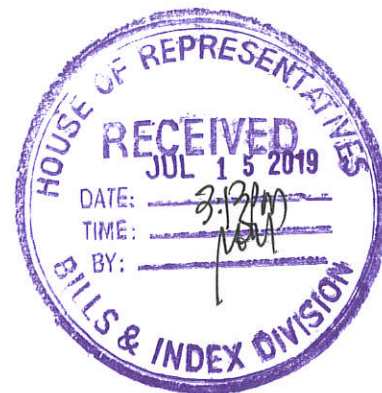


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2109



Introduced by Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the construction of a link bridge connecting the islands of Bohol and Leyte.

The administration of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte heralds the next five years as the country's "Golden Age of Infrastructure." Under President Duterte's "Build, Build, Build Program" which is contained in its 2017-2022 Philippine Development Plan, infrastructure development is among the top priorities of the government. This administration hopes to attract more investments into the country by focusing on building more bridges and roads.

The construction of an all-weather Bohol-Leyte Link Bridge connecting these islands will enhance their respective economic activities. The bridge will improve mobility of people, goods, and services, and will create employment opportunities for the people. It will also provide easier access to basic social services such as schools and health centers.

This measure is intended to realize what has been the aspiration of the people of the Visayas to have connectivity and mobility among the various provinces. The reforms initiated by the government is being driven by the acceleration in infrastructure development. Now is the best time to start seeing the island provinces linked by bridges which are more resilient against the changing climate and extreme weather conditions.

The construction of the Bohol-Leyte Link Bridge will connect the Visayas group of islands to the so called Maharlika Highway. Once completed, the bridge will provide a safe and convenient travel to the public. The construction of this bridge is expected to spur economic activity and lead to the creation of more jobs, thus improving the quality of life in the area.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly and earnestly sought.

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2 **AN ACT**
3 **PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOHOL-LEYTE**
4 **LINK BRIDGE CONNECTING THE ISLANDS OF BOHOL AND**
5 **LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
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7 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the*
8 *Philippines in Congress assembled:*
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11 SECTION 1. There shall be constructed, under the supervision of the
12 Department of Public Works and Highways, a Bohol-Leyte Link Bridge
13 connecting the islands of Bohol and Leyte.

14 SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the
15 Department's program the construction of the Bohol-Leyte Link Bridge, the
16 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

17 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
18 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

19 Approved,