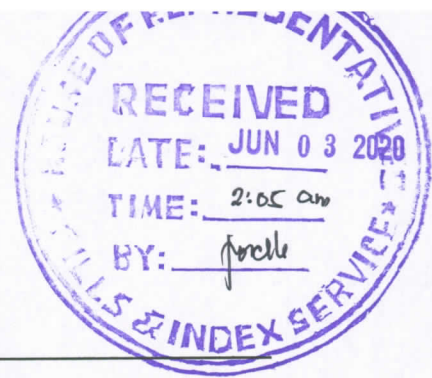


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 356

Submitted by the Special Committee on Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations on JUN 03 2020
Re **HOUSE BILL NO. 6929**
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3979
Sponsors: Representatives Elias C. Bulut, Jr., Eric Go Yap, Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo and Abdullah D. Dimaporo

Mr. Speaker:

The Special Committee on Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 3979 introduced by Reps. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo and Abdullah D. Dimaporo, entitled:

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN ARBORETUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
TAGOLOAN, LANA O DEL NORTE WITH THE MIGHTY CAVE PARK
IN IT, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIGHTY CAVE PARK ARBORETUM,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6929, entitled:

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CAVE PARK ARBORETUM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3979 with Reps. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Elias C. Bulut, Jr., Eric Go Yap, Solomon R. Chungalao, Cyrille "Beng" Abueg-Zaldivar, Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat, Joseph Stephen "Caraps" S. Paduano, Mark O. Go, Alfonso V. Umali, Jr., Angelo Marcos Barba, and Michael Edgar V. Aglipay as authors thereof

Respectfully submitted:


ERIC GO YAP

Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


ELIAS C. BULUT, JR.

Chairperson
Special Committee on Reforestation

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6929
(In substitution to HB No. 3979)

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established an arboretum with an area of approximately two hundred (200) hectares and which shall include the Mighty Cave Park in the Municipality of Tagoloan, Lanao del Norte to be known as the "Mighty Cave Park Arboretum," hereinafter referred to as the Arboretum.

As used in this Act, the term *arboretum* refers to a reserved area which is essentially for a well-grown and representative collection of trees, shrubs and herbs planted and maintained for the purpose of reference, scientific studies and as a convenient source of seeds and herbarium materials.

SEC. 2. The Arboretum shall serve the following purposes:

a) To aid in the study and teaching of dendrology, phenology, botany, biology and other related fields of study by being utilized as an outdoor laboratory by both faculty and students of nearby schools;

b) To serve as a sanctuary for the preservation and conservation of genetic resources of trees, shrubs and herbs, and as a model for environmentally sound landscape management;

c) To provide an area wherein the best species of indigenous woody plants can be propagated and where new species, can be introduced and be allowed to thrive in the locality;

d) To provide a healthy and conducive area for recreation and at the same time enhance the consciousness of the community to preserve and protect the environment; and

e) To serve as a habitat for a variety of amphibians, reptiles, birds, small mammals, and other wildlife in the area.

SEC. 3. The Arboretum shall conform to the following considerations:

a) The trees shall be planted in rows following the contour of the land area;

b) At least five (5) replicates of each specie shall be planted to ensure its preservation;
and

c) Each tree specie shall be numbered, labelled and tagged with its scientific name, common or local name, and the date and place of collection.

SEC. 4. To ensure the growth of the species to be planted:

a) The seedling of every specie to be planted shall be of high quality, and shall be selected at least twelve (12) months prior to planting, in consultation with the nearest office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

b) Proper site preparation shall be done prior to planting, to include brushing/slashing, staking, digging of hole, plowing and/or cultivation;

c) In case of mortality, the replanting of the respective specie shall be undertaken; and

d) Planting shall be done at the onset of the rainy season.

SEC. 5. The Arboretum shall be placed under the overall management and supervision of the DENR. The DENR Secretary shall appoint a Superintendent of the Arboretum who, together

1 with a staff to be provided by the DENR from among its staff, shall ensure the proper
2 management of the Arboretum.

3 **SEC. 6.** An Oversight Committee is hereby created to oversee and monitor the
4 development and operation of the Arboretum to be composed of the following:

- 5 a) The DENR Secretary or a duly designated representative as Chairperson;
- 6 b) The Provincial Governor of the Province of Lanao del Norte or a duly designated
7 representative, as co-Chairperson;
- 8 c) The Mayor of the Municipality of Tagoloan as Vice-Chairperson;
- 9 d) The President of the League of Municipal Mayors of Lanao del Norte or the Vice-
10 President thereof if the Mayor of Tagoloan is the President of the League, as member; and
- 11 e) One (1) member to be appointed by the DENR Secretary from among three (3)
12 recommendees of the Provincial Governor.

13 **SEC. 7.** The Arboretum may accept donations from government agencies or local and
14 foreign private entities.

15 **SEC. 8.** The amount necessary to implement initially the provisions of this Act shall be
16 taken from the available savings of the DENR System. Such sums as may be necessary for the
17 continued operation of the Arboretum shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
18 Act.

19 The local government units concerned shall set aside from any available local revenue an
20 amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of the
21 Arboretum herein established.

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

24 *Approved,*

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 6929

As approved at the Committee level on 17 December 2019

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

OBJECTIVES:

- To preserve and conserve endangered species of trees and other woody plants and shrubs where they can be protected and propagated.
- To help address climate change by reducing the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Aids in the study and teaching of Dendrology, Phenology, Botany, Environmental Studies, Photography and other related fields of study by being utilized as an outdoor laboratory by faculty and students.
- Serves as a sanctuary for the preservation and conservation of genetic resources of trees and shrubs and habitat for variety of amphibians, reptiles, birds, small mammals and other wildlife in the area.
- Ensures the growth of species by careful selection of planting high-quality materials and proper site preparations be done prior to planting to include brushing/slashing, staking, digging of hole, plowing and/or cultivation

RELATED LAWS:

- RA 10451 – Bikol Botanical Garden in the province of Camarines Sur
- RA 3523 – Authorizing the University of the Philippines to carry out a program of public education and information in forestry.