

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6531



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ELIAS C. BULUT, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Buluan-Banban-Puguin-Sacpil Provincial Road in the Province of Apayao into a national road.

This provincial road links the Province of Apayao to the Province of Kalinga, and thereafter the Province of Abra. It is a 13.08 kilometers road reckoning at junction of K0550+420, of Abbut-Conner national road at Barangay Buluan of Conner, Apayao and passes through barangays Banban, Puguin, Sacpil all of Conner, Apayao then exits to Barangay Taggay of the Municipality of Pinukpuk, Province of Kalinga. The road provides the shortest access between the Municipality of Kabugao and the City of Tabuk which are the provincial capitals of Apayao and Kalinga Provinces respectively.

Buluan-Banban-Puguin-Sacpil provincial road is an all-weather road which provides access to key economic activities such as agriculture, trade, tourism and local industries. It serves large productive lands planted with rice, corn and high value crops like lanzones and rambutan. Transport of goods and people between Apayao and Kalinga have seen marked growth in the past years as a result of the improvements undertaken by the Provincial Government of Apayao and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) under its construction of missing links project. At present, a total of 10.64 kilometers have been paved and 1 bridge constructed, which meet the national road standard set by DPWH.

The cost of maintaining the said road however requires more funds which the provincial government cannot provide given its meager sources.

With the proposed road conversion, the DPWH will realize one of its priority goals in building connectivity towards regional integration, in this case an East-West Lateral route connecting Apayao, Kalinga and Abra as well as Ilocos and Cagayan on the both ends. The conversion will likewise directly impact on economic activities with the improved access to productive agricultural lands, commerce and trade between the provinces, and travel and tourism.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BULUAN-BANBAN-PAGUIN-SACPIL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN
THE PROVINCE OF APAYAO, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Buluan-Banban-Puguin-Sacpil Provincial Road in the Province of Apayao is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,