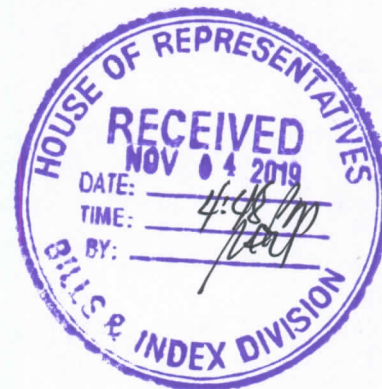


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5296



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the road connecting Barangay Sarayan in the Municipality of President Roxas, Province of Cotabato and the Municipality of Kibawe in the Province of Bukidnon, into a national road.

Access to efficient road networks is a crucial factor in economic development and delivery of basic services. It plays a significant role in achieving national development and contributing to the overall performance and social function of the community, thus, it is necessary to make roads accessible and in good condition at all times.

The Sarayan-Kibawe Road serves as an important link between the Provinces of Cotabato and Bukidnon. This road is vital to the economic life of the communities in the areas, since it does not only provide access to the two provinces but it also connects the communities in the barangay to mainstream development. It provides access to health centers, schools, public markets, government offices and some services located or available in other provinces.

The conversion of Sarayan-Kibawe Road into a national road will ensure sufficient funds in the improvement, repairs and maintenance of the road. Maintenance of this road by the national government will bring tremendous benefits to the people of the surrounding communities. It will facilitate a more efficient transport of people and commodities and better access to economic services such as employment, production areas, markets and consumers.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is highly recommended.


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