#### Republic of the Philippines **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Ouezon City**

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#### COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 257

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on

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: House Bill No. 6446

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 458

: Reps. Sol Aragones, Isidro T. Ungab and Elisa T. Kho

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 458, introduced by Rep. Elisa T. Kho, entitled:

#### AN ACT

DECLARING THE PALANI BEACH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AS AN ECO-TOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER **PURPOSES** 

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

AN ACT

DECLARING PALANI BEACH LOCATED THE IN MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 458 with Rep. Elisa T. Kho as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ISIDRO T. UNGAB

Chairperson

Committee on Appropriations

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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES **QUEZON CITY** 

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6446

Introduced by Representative Elisa T. Kho

# AN ACT DECLARING THE PALANI BEACH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- **SECTION 1**. It is declared the policy of the state to promote a safe and sustainable ecotourism industry consistent with the protection and preservation of the environment.
- Sec. 2. The Palani Beach located in the Municipality of Balud, Province of Masbate is hereby declared an ecotourism zone. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies, and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.
- Sec. 3. Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, the DOT, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the provincial government of Masbate shall prepare a master plan for the Palani Beach.
- Sec. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

Sec. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, DENR, and the provincial government of Masbate, in coordination with other concerned agencies of the government, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

**Sec. 6.** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules or regulations, and issuances contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**Sec. 7**. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,