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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1132

Submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations on **August 17, 2021**

Re : **House Bill No. 9988**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3269

Sponsors : Representatives Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Eric G. Yap, Aleta C. Suarez, Joey Sarte Salceda, Josefina B. Tallado, Marisol C. Panotes, Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr., Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, David C. Suarez, Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez and Angelina D.L. Tan, M.D.

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 3269, introduced by Representatives Aleta C. Suarez, Joey Sarte Salceda, Josefina B. Tallado, Marisol C. Panotes, Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr., Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, David C. Suarez, Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez and Angelina D.L. Tan, M.D., entitled:


“AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE QUEZON - BICOL EXPRESSWAY (QUBEX)”


have considered the same and recommend the approval of attached House Bill No. **9988**, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE QUEZON-BICOL EXPRESSWAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

in substitution of House Bill No. 3269 with Representatives Aleta C. Suarez, Joey Sarte Salceda, Josefina B. Tallado, Marisol C. Panotes, Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr., Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, David C. Suarez, Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez, Angelina D.L. Tan, M.D., Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, and Eric G. Yap as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


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Chairman
Committee on Appropriations


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HOUSE BILL NO. 9988
(In Substitution of House Bill No. 3269)

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ALETA C. SUAREZ, JOEY SARTE SALCEDA, JOSEFINA B. TALLADO, MARISOL C. PANOTES, LUIS RAYMUND F. VILLAFUERTE JR., FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ, DAVID C. SUAREZ, ANNA MARIE VILLARAZA-SUAREZ AND ANGELINA D.L. TAN, M.D., ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA AND ERIC GO YAP

AN ACT
MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE QUEZON-BICOL EXPRESSWAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "*Quezon-Bicol Expressway Act.*"

2 **SEC. 2.** It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote optimum development
3 among its regions.

4 **SEC. 3.** There is hereby created the Quezon-Bicol Expressway (QuBex) which shall be
5 financed, constructed, operated, and maintained by a grantee, offeror, consortium or proponent,
6 under Republic Act No. 6957, as amended by Republic Act No. 7718, otherwise known as the
7 Build- Operate-Transfer (BOT) Law. The QuBex shall link the province of Quezon with the Bicol
8 Region starting from the Municipality of Malicboy, Province of Quezon and terminating in the
9 Province of Sorsogon. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) District
10 Engineering offices concerned shall construct the connector road that shall link the terminus of
11 the South Luzon Expressway (SLEx) Toll Road 4 (TR4) in Lucena City, and the entrance of the
12 QuBEx in Malicboy.

13 **SEC. 4.** The DPWH shall be the lead implementing agency of this Act.

14 **SEC. 5.** The amount necessary to defray the cost of undertaking and completing the
15 feasibility study and detailed engineering design for this project and other activities related thereto

1 shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, the Secretary of DPWH
2 shall include in the Department's program the construction of said road, the funding of which
3 shall be included in the GAA.

4 **SEC. 6.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the DPWH shall, in
5 consultation with the stakeholders, formulate and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
6 for the effective implementation of this Act.

7 **SEC. 7.** Should any provision of this Act be declared invalid or unconstitutional, no other
8 provision hereof shall be thereby affected.

9 **SEC. 8.** All laws, rules, regulations, orders, circulars, and memoranda inconsistent with
10 any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

13 ***Approved,***