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22 August 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Forest Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Legal Affairs Service

The OIC-Director
Policy and Planning Service

The Regional Executive Director
DENR – Region 10

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO ATTEND THE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives will be holding their regular committee meeting on **Tuesday, 23 August 2022, at 9:30AM at the Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives, Quezon City.** The meeting will tackle House Bill No. 2657 – *“An Act Establishing the Mindanao State University-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College Arboretum in Barangay Ramain, Municipality of Sultan Naga Dimaporo and Appropriating Funds Therefor”* (Reps. S.A. Dimaporo and M.K. Dimaporo).

In this regard, may we request you or your representative’s attendance at the above-mentioned meeting as the agenda will tackle bills that are of significance to your mandates. Furthermore, the Committee is requesting for a position paper prepared for the meeting. Attached herewith are the invitation letter, instructions and copies of the House Bill for your reference.

Your attendance is highly encouraged.


ROMIROSE B. PADIN



Invitation of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education re: August 23, 2022 Meeting

1 message

House Committee on Higher And Technical Education <committee.highereducation@house.gov.ph>
To: "ohea@denr.gov.ph" <ohea@denr.gov.ph>, osec@denr.gov.ph

Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 12:35 PM

Dear Sir./Madam:

We are forwarding herewith the Invitation letter of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education for Its August 23, 2022 meeting.

Kindly Acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you.

CHTE Secretariat

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Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives

Committee on Higher and Technical Education (CHTE)

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August 17, 2022

HON. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA
Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear Sec. Loyzaga:

The Committee on Higher and Technical Education (CHTE) will conduct its 2nd regular committee meeting on **August 23, 2022 (Tuesday), 9:30 a.m., at the Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives, Quezon City.**

In this regard, may we invite you, as well as the concerned DENR officials, to this meeting to provide inputs to the discussion of **HB No. 2657 - An Act Establishing the Mindanao State University-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College Arboretum in Barangay Ramain, Municipality of Sultan Naga Dimaporo and Appropriating Funds Therefor (Reps. S.A. Dimaporo & M.K. Dimaporo).**

Please be informed that all persons who will enter the South Wing Annex and other buildings of the House of Representatives complex are required to undergo antigen testing at the SWA lobby or to present a negative antigen test result done not more than 12 hours prior to entering the building. In this regard, all resource persons are advised to come to the venue an hour before the start of the meeting. Likewise, kindly submit in advance the names and designation of confirmed DENR officials who will be attending the meeting, including the license plate numbers of the vehicles to be used, via email (committee.highereducation@house.gov.ph), viber or text (mobile number 09177010374 - Melanie).

We will appreciate receiving an advance copy of your position on or before **August 22, 2022.**

Thank you and we look forward to your participation in this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE CHTE CHAIRPERSON MARK O. GO:

FRANCES MELANIE U. MAURICIO
Legislative Committee Secretary, CHTE

Attachment: agenda



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19th Congress

First Regular Session

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CHTE)

Second Regular Meeting

August 23, 2022 (Tuesday); 9:30 a.m.
Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Prayer

III. Roll Call

IV. Preliminary Remarks of the Committee Chairperson

V. Initial Deliberation on the Following Bills Providing for a Voucher System/Expanding the Coverage of the Tertiary Education Subsidy:

- 1. House Bill No. 984** - An Act Establishing a Voucher System for Poor and Academically Qualified Students of Private Higher Educational Institutions and Private Technical-Vocational Institutions, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10931, Otherwise Known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act" (*Rep. Go*);
 - 2. HB No. 2105** - An Act Expanding the Coverage of the Tertiary Education Subsidy, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10931, Otherwise Known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act" (*Rep. Mercado-Revilla*);
 - 3. HB No. 2495** - A An Act Expanding the Coverage of the Tertiary Education Subsidy, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10931, Otherwise Known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act" (*Rep. D. Garcia*);
 - 4. HB No. 2796** - An Act Expanding the Coverage of the Tertiary Education Subsidy, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10931, Otherwise Known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act" (*Rep. Delos Santos*); and
 - 5. HB No. 3467** - An Act Expanding the Coverage of the Tertiary Education Subsidy, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10931, Otherwise Known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act" (*Reps. B. Revilla & R.J. Revilla III*).
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VI. Initial Deliberation on HB No. 2850 - An Act Granting Free College Entrance Examinations to Graduating High School Students, High School Graduates, College Entrants or Transferees Applying for Admission in State Universities and Colleges and Local Colleges and Universities and to the Underprivileged Public High School Students Belonging to the Top Ten Percent of the Graduating Class Applying for Admission in Private Higher Education Institutions (*Rep. Tambunting*)

VII. Initial Deliberation on HB No. 969 - An Act Strengthening the Mindanao State University System and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. R. Rodriguez*)

VIII. Initial Deliberation on the Following Local Bills:

1. **HB No. 354 – An Act Converting the Bataan Peninsula State University-Bagac Campus in the Municipality of Bagac, Province of Bataan, into a Regular Campus of the Bataan Peninsula State University, to be Known as the Bataan Peninsula State University-Bagac Campus, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Rep. M.A. Garcia*); and**
2. **HB No. 2657 - An Act Establishing the Mindanao State University-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College Arboretum in Barangay Ragain, Municipality of Sultan Naga Dimaporo and Appropriating Funds Therefor (*Reps. S.A. Dimaporo & M.K. Dimaporo*).**

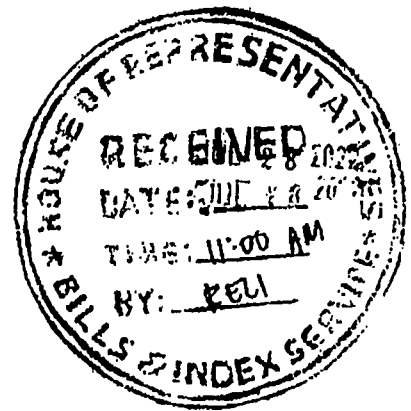
IX. Other Matters

X. Adjournment

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2657



Introduced by Rep. Sittle Aminah Q. Dimaporo and Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish an arboretum in the campus of the Mindanao State University-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College in Barangay Ragain, Municipality of Sultan Naga Dimaporo to be known as the MSU-LNAC Arboretum.


An arboretum is an area devoted to specimen planting of woody plants which are either trees or shrubs. Distinct from a forest or park, it is in a sense an outdoor museum of trees. It is a place where many varieties of trees and shrubs are grown for research, educational, and ornamental purposes where trees and other woody plants are cultivated for exhibition.

An arboretum plays an important role in the lives of many people and is a valuable environmental, educational, recreational, and cultural resource for the country. It plays an important role in the area of conservation and preservation of endangered species of trees where they can be protected and propagated to preserve the biological diversity of planet Earth.

Trees help us address climate change by reducing the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. They do this by absorbing carbon dioxide (CO₂), using the carbon (C) to produce sugar for tree growth and releasing the oxygen (O₂) back in the air. As trees grow, they store carbon in their leaves. Planting more trees surely mitigate the effects of climate change – as long as the right trees are planted in the right place. An arboretum is such one right place.

Many services that an arboretum performs for the public at large are too well known to require elaboration. So also is the educational importance of an arboretum attached to a college or university. Perhaps the most important arboretum function from the academe point of view is to provide an outdoor laboratory for scientific studies by faculty, students and residents in dendrology, phenology, botany, environmental studies, photography and other related fields of study. The arboretum will serve as an educational resource for environmental stewardship, the history of the province, the study of trees and other woody plants, and a place of learning and respite for the people of Lanao del Norte. Hence, this bill.

In view of the importance of protecting and conserving endangered tree species and other woody plants, and having a clean and healthy environment, approval of this measure is earnestly requested.



SITTIE AMINAH Q. DIMAPORO
Second District, Lanao del Norte



MOHAMAD KHALIB Q. DIMAPORO
First District, Lanao del Norte

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2657

Introduced by Rep. Sittle Aminah Q. Dimaporo and Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY-LANAO DEL NORTE
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE ARBORETUM IN BARANGAY RAMAIN,
MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established an arboretum of one hundred (100) hectares within the site reserved for the Mindanao State University-Lanao del Norte Agricultural College (MSU-LNAC) in Barangay Ramain, Municipality of Sultan Naga Dimaporo, Province of Lanao del Norte to be known as the MSU-LNAC Arboretum.

For purposes of this Act, *Arboretum* refers to a reserved area which is essentially for a well-grown and representative collection of trees or shrubs species planted and maintained for the purpose of scientific study and maintaining a convenient source of seed and herbarium materials.

SECTION 2. The MSU-LNAC Arboretum shall have 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 faculty and students of nearby schools;

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

c) To be a nursery within which the best species of indigenous woody plants can be propagated and where new species can be introduced;

d) To be a place for recreation where people can renew their affinity with nature and thus be more conscious of their responsibility as stewards and guardians of the natural environment; and

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

SECTION 3. The layout and design of the arboretum shall conform to its objectives and to the following consideration:

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

b) At least five (5) replicates of each species should be planted to ensure the security of the species;

c) Each tree species should be numbered, labelled and tagged with scientific name, common or local name, and the date and place of collection. In case of mortality, the species should be replanted with the appropriate species should be replanted.

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

a) Each tree species should be of high quality materials, the selection of which should be made 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 should be done prior to planting, to include brushing/slashing, staking, digging of hole, plowing and/or cultivation.

c). Planting should be done at the onset of the rainy season.

SECTION 5. The Arboretum shall be placed under the overall management and supervision of the DENR. The DENR Secretary shall be appoint a Superintendent of the Arboretum who, together with a staff to be selected by the DENR from among its staff, shall ensure the proper management of the Arboretum.

SECTION 6. A Monitoring Committee is hereby created to track the development and oversee the operation of the arboretum. It shall be composed of the following:

- 1) DENR Secretary or a duly designated representative as Chairperson;
 - 2) The Provincial Governor of the Province of Lanao del Norte or his representative as Co-Chairperson;
 - 3) Mayor of the Municipality of Sultan Naga Dimaporo as Vice-Chairperson;
 - 4) President of the League of Municipal Mayors of Lanao del Norte or the Vice-President thereof if the Mayor of Sultan Naga Dimaporo is the President of the League, as member;
 - 5) Chancellor or Head of the MSU-LNAC as member; and
 - 6) One (1) member to be appointed by the DENR Secretary from among three (3) recommendees of the Provincial Governor.
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SECTION 7. All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to the MSU for the development and improvement of the arboretum shall be administered solely for the benefit of the arboretum in accordance with the instructions of the donor, or in default thereof, of the MSU-LNAC.

SECTION 8. The amount necessary to implement initially the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,
