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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1517**

Submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture and Appropriations on  
June 11, 2025.

Re : **House Bill No. 11561**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 10862 and 10883.

Sponsors: Representatives Roman T. Romulo and Stella Luz A. Quimbo

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Basic Education and Culture and Appropriations to which were referred House Bill No. 10862, introduced by Rep. Christopher V.P. De Venecia, entitled:

**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE AKLAN PIÑA MUSEUM AND CULTURAL  
CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, AKLAN, ITS  
SATELLITE CENTERS, DEFINING ITS PURPOSES, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

and House Bill No. 10883, introduced by Rep. Carlito S. Marquez, entitled:

**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE AKLAN PIÑA MUSEUM AND CULTURAL  
CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALETE, PROVINCE OF  
AKLAN, ITS SATELLITE CENTERS, DEFINING ITS PURPOSES, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**


have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 11561, entitled:

**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE AKLAN PIÑA MUSEUM AND CULTURAL  
CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN,  
PRESCRIBING ITS SATELLITE CENTERS, DEFINING ITS PURPOSES,  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 10862 and 10883, with Representatives De Venecia, Marquez, Romulo, Dionisio, Matibag, Remulla, Castro (F.), Escudero, Pleyto, Solon, Roque, and Emano as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**ROMAN T. ROMULO**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 11561  
(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 10862 and 10883)

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Introduced by Representatives De Venecia, Marquez, Romulo, Dionisio, Matibag, Remulla,  
Castro (F.), Escudero, Pleyto, Solon, Roque, and Emano

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**ESTABLISHING THE AKLAN PIÑA MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER IN THE**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, PRESCRIBING ITS**  
**SATELLITE CENTERS, DEFINING ITS PURPOSES, AND APPROPRIATING**  
**FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “*Aklan Piña Museum and Cultural*  
2 *Center Act.*”  
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4           **SEC. 2.** It is hereby declared the policy of the State to conserve, promote, and  
5 popularize the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic  
6 creations. To this end, the State shall pursue measures that protect and enhance these valuable  
7 resources.  
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9           **SEC. 3.** There is hereby established a museum and cultural center for Aklan Piña in  
10 the Municipality of Kalibo, Province of Aklan, to be known as Aklan Piña Museum and  
11 Cultural Center, with the goal of safeguarding and promoting Aklan Piña handloom weaving  
12 as a vital expression of Aklanon culture. This center aims to support ongoing research and  
13 development of the Aklan Piña handloom weaving and related products for sustainable  
14 livelihoods, ensure a continuous supply of raw materials, provide a venue for training and skill  
15 enhancement for the younger generation, and carry out activities that broaden the appreciation  
16 of Aklan Piña handloom weaving while expanding market access for its products.  
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18           Satellite centers may also be established to encourage the development of the piña  
19 handloom weaving beyond the Province of Aklan.  
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21           **SEC. 4.** The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the  
22 National Museum of the Philippines shall, in coordination with the Provincial Government  
23 of Aklan, the Municipal Government of Kalibo, an association of Aklan Piña Weavers,  
24 a historical society of Aklan Piña Weavers, and the Department of Foreign Affairs,  
25 perform the following:  
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- 27           (1) Oversee the establishment and management of the cultural center;  
28           (2) Preserve, develop, and promote the Aklan Piña handloom weaving;

- 1 (3) Promote the development of creative industry on the Aklan Piña handloom  
2 weaving and other products, in partnership with the Department of Trade and  
3 Industry, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Tourism,  
4 Department of Education and the Technical Education and Skills Development  
5 Authority; and  
6 (4) Oversee the propagation of Red Spanish pineapple or “Pinya Bisaya”, raw material  
7 of Aklan Piña, and other varieties, together with the Department of Agriculture.  
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9 Concerned public and private institutions with similar interests shall also be sought  
10 for technical assistance or donations in cash or in kind to enable the Aklan Piña  
11 Museum and Cultural Center to carry out and discharge its duties and functions.  
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13 **SEC. 5.** To implement the purposes of this Act, the Aklan Piña Museum and Cultural  
14 Center shall perform the following functions:  
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- 16 (1) Maintain a site in the Municipality of Kalibo which shall host a museum, an  
17 innovation and training hall, an arts hall and theater, and other facilities necessary  
18 for the objective of the center;  
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20 (2) Heighten appreciation of the Aklanon on the value of Aklan Piña handloom  
21 weaving being inscribed in the Representative List of Intangible Cultural  
22 Heritage of Humanity;  
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24 (3) Cultivate and enhance public interest in and appreciation of the Aklan Piña  
25 handloom weaving;  
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27 (4) Encourage organizations, associations, or societies to support weavers, aspiring  
28 weavers and farmers who are cultivating Pinya Bisaya;  
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30 (5) Support production of artistic works in visual arts, music, dance, literature, design,  
31 media arts, and publication to promote appreciation of Aklan Piña handloom  
32 weaving as well as the Western Visayan culture;  
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34 (6) Conduct research on product development and marketing, including its aesthetic  
35 aspect, of Aklan Piña handloom weaving; and  
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37 (7) Perform such other functions necessary for the achievement of the intent and  
38 purposes of this Act.  
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40 **SEC. 6.** The Provincial Government of Aklan or the Municipal Government of  
41 Kalibo shall provide the land necessary for the establishment of the Aklan Piña Museum  
42 and Cultural Center and its ancillary offices and facilities.  
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44 **SEC. 7.** The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this act shall be  
45 charged against the current year’s appropriation of the NCCA (proper). Thereafter, such  
46 amount shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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1           **SEC. 8.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NCCA shall, in  
2 coordination with concerned agencies of the government, promulgate the necessary rules and  
3 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.  
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5           **SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
6 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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8           *Approved,*