



Republic of the Philippines  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL XI  
Southern Mindanao - Davao City



## MACROECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Resolution No. 1, Series of 2000

#### **Recommending Against RDC XI Support for House Bill No. 6506 Otherwise Known as the Davao Gulf Development Authority Act of 1998**

*Whereas*, the Secretariat called the Council's attention to House Bill No. 6506 otherwise known as the Davao Gulf Development Authority Act of 1998;

*Whereas*, said House Bill provides for the creation of the Davao Gulf Development Authority (DGDA) as the mechanism that shall exercise overall management of the Davao Gulf Area in coordination with government agencies and local government units;

*Whereas*, DGDA's specific tasks shall be planning, coordination and management of all government programs; as well as, exercising of monitoring functions for the sustainable utilization of resources and formulating policies to ensure a symbiotic relationship between the Area's marine environmental preservation and economic development;

*Whereas*, after thorough discussion and deliberation, this Committee has determined that:

1. The proposed bill is inconsistent with the Government's policy of decentralization as DGDA proposes to take over a number of the powers and functions of local government units (LGUs);
2. The proposed bill does not support Government's thrust of streamlining the bureaucracy and makes no mention of the proposed DGDA's relation with the Davao Integrated Development Program Board, created by virtue of EO 144 in August 1999, which has existing mandate to develop the Davao Gulf area.
3. There is no guarantee that the DGDA will be more effective in managing the area based on the experiences of similar bodies, i.e, the Laguna Lake Development Authority;

*Now, therefore, be it resolved*, as it is hereby resolved, that this Committee, in consideration of the above-cited concerns, recommend against RDC XI's support for House Bill No. 6506, otherwise known as the Davao Gulf Development Authority Act of 1998, and recommends that the bill undergo careful study to ensure that its merits surpass its demerits.

*Approved unanimously* this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, Two Thousand in Davao City, Philippines.

*Recommending Approval:*

  
**MIGUEL S. HERRERA III**  
Acting Secretary

*Approved:*

  
**DELIA M. LADAO**  
Chair