



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
5700 San Jose Antique



**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 14TH REGULAR SESSION (VIRTUAL) OF
THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE HELD ON
MAY 6, 2021**

PRESENT:

HON. EDGAR D. DENOSTA,	Vice Governor/Presiding Officer,
HON. MAYELLA MAE P. LADISLAO	Senior SP Member/Majority Floor Leader,
HON. VINCENT H. PICCIO III,	SP Member/Assist. Majority Floor Leader,
HON. NOEL C. ALAMIS,	SP Member,
HON. PIO JESSIELITO C. SUMANDE, SR.	SP Member/Assist. Minority Floor Leader,
HON. FERNANDO C. CORVERA, SR.	SP Member,
HON. ALFIE JAY O. NIQUIA,	SP Member,
HON. VICTOR R. CONDEZ,	SP Member,
HON. KARMILA ROSE A. DIMAMAY	SP Member
HON. ERROL T. SANTILLAN,	SP Member / Minority Floor Leader,
HON. EMMANUEL C. PALACIOS, JR.,	SP Member
HON. JULIUS CEZAR O. TAJANLANGIT,	Ex-Officio SP Member/Pres., PCL, Antique
HON. PAMELA SOCORRO B. AZUCENA,	Ex-Officio SP Member/Pres., LnB, Antique
HON. MARK F. CANJA,	Ex-Officio SP Member/Pres., SK Ped. Ant.

Resolution No. 363 – 2021

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 7853, AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 18 OF
RA 8550, "THE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998"**

Sponsor: Hon. Karmila Rose A. Dimamay
Co-Sponsor: Hon. Fernando C. Corvera, Sr.
Hon. Pio Jessielito C. Sumande, Sr.
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 2, of the Philippine Constitution mandates the State to protect its marine wealth in its archipelagic water, territorial sea, and exclusive economic zone. The State likewise is duty-bound to "protect the rights of subsistence fishermen, especially of local communities, to the preferential use of the communal marine and fishing resources both inland and offshore";

WHEREAS, RA 8550, otherwise known as 'the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998' was enacted to protect the rights of fisherfolk, especially of the local communities with priority to municipal fisherfolk, in the preferential use of municipal waters which is 15 kilometers from the shoreline;

WHEREAS, HB 7853, an Act Amending Section 18 of RA 8550, particularly by allowing small and medium commercial fishing vessels, fishing vessels from 3.1 Gross Tonnage (GT) up to 150 Gross Tonnage (GT);

WHEREAS, allowing commercial fishing in the municipal waters would worsen the overexploitation of our fishery resources and unfairly displace our municipal fisherfolk that is dependent in their access to municipal waters for their food and livelihood;

WHEREAS, the Province of Antique has 15 out of 18 municipalities that are coastal municipalities which population are primarily dependent on fishing with a total of 16,725 residents directly dependent and 16,970 residents indirectly reliant on it;

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WHEREAS, majority of the fisherman in the Province of Antique is artisanal fishers that cannot compete with our commercial fishing vessels with all the modern equipment such as fish finder,

WHEREAS FURTHER, it has been a battle cry of the majority of the fishermen in the province the encroachment of commercial fishing vessel in the municipal waters;

WHEREAS, the proposed House Bill 7853 that allows additional 5 kilometers encroachment is detrimental to our small fisherman using artisanal methods;

WHEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Karmila Rose A. Dimamay, duly seconded en masse, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to oppose House Bill 7853, an Act amending Section 18 of RA 8550, "The fisheries code of 1998".

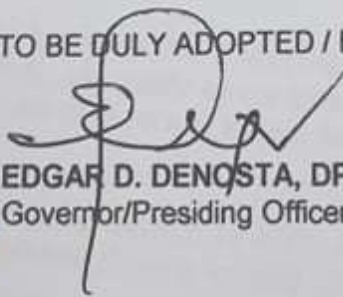
RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Office of Deputy Speaker Lorna Regina "Loren" B. Legarda, Representative, Province of Antique, the Technical Working Group on HB 7853, and the Committees concerned in the House of Representatives for their information and reference.

APPROVED.

CERTIFIED AS TO CORRECTNESS:

J TURALBA GABIN
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED TO BE DULY ADOPTED / ENACTED:


HON. EDGAR D. DENOSTA, DPA
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer