Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Eighteenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4854

Introduced by Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Municipality of Ubay into a component city of the Province of Bohol to be known as the Science City of Ubay.

The town of Ubay is a first-class municipality consisting of forty-four (44) barangays in the Province of Bohol. It has a total land area of approximately 335 square kilometre (292.05 hectares). According to 2015 census, it has a population of 73,712, making Ubay the largest and most populated municipality in Bohol. Ubay is a bustling town and is the most progressive in terms of income and livelihood opportunities. For the year 2015, it has an estimated total annual income of 165,952,663.49 based on the Commission on Audit's annual audit report on the municipality.

Ubay is a thriving metropolis into which most of the people coming from the nearby towns converge for daily commercial and business transactions. Ubay is equipped with amenities of modern living like shopping malls, banking institutions, telecommunication systems, satellite cable system, seaport, adequate roads, markets, hospitals, public transport system, sports entertainment facilities and soon to be rehabilitated, the Ubay airport.

The Municipality of Ubay also boasts of being the home of the various state-of the-art centers for excellence for science and technology and of research and development agencies, foremost of which is the Philippine Carabao Center-Ubay stock farm, the largest and oldest government livestock and research facility for cows, carabaos,

sheeps and goats in the Philippines. It is also homes to the Bohol Experimental Station for rice research and development, the Sinandigan Multi Species Hatchery of the Bureau of fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Ubay Green park and Techo Center, etc. the town is considered as the Science techno-hub center of Bohol.

Just like any fast growing municipalities, the demand for social services in Ubay has greatly increased, which is limited powers as a municipality cannot be cope with. As a city it will be given greater local autonomy and less bureaucracy, as well as a bigger share of the financial resource which shall be used to expand the city's social services. This will surely a boom to Ubay and hasten its development to become a premier city.

The Municipality of Ubay meets the legal requirements pursuant to Republic Act. No. 7160 as amended, otherwise known as the *"Local Government Code of 1991".* Ubay truly deserves to be a city for its continued progress and prosperity. Finally, as fitting tribute to Ubay as the science techno-hub center of Bohol, the city shall be known as the Science City of Ubay.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

ERICO ARISTOTLE C. AUMENTADO

provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 60. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,