

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
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House Bill No. **1602**



Introduced by Hon. Hussin U. Amin

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is a country richly abundant with aquatic resources, especially in the waters of Sulu Province, yet its fishermen, who comprise the bulk of its population, are poor. Improvement of livelihood seems to continuously elude them due to outmoded fishing methods and old fashioned fishing skills. These are the main reasons for the slow growth of the fishing industry in the Sulu.

Education has long been recognized as one of the potent forces that propels our country to progress. It can bring about changes that will allow much needed growth in the fishing sector. It is for this reason that the Constitution enshrines the provision of quality education at all levels and guarantees the peoples' access to that kind of education.

The **Jolo School of Fisheries (JSF)** has been providing quality education to the constituents of the Province of Sulu. The administrators, staff and faculty members, aware of their crucial roles in nation building, have endeavored to maintain and uphold academic standard of excellence, despite the very little assistance given by the national government. It has served not only the student population of Jolo and Indanan but also of the neighboring municipalities as well. With its conversion to a **vocational and technical college**, JSF will be authorized to offer a two to three-year educational program which leads to graduation with a diploma or degree. In addition, it will offer general education and technical courses and may also offer research oriented programs.

Approval of this bill will bring innumerable benefits and opportunities for the realization of progress and poverty alleviation in the province, and is, therefore, earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT

**CREATING THE JOLO FISHERIES TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF JOLO, PROVINCE OF SULU AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Jolo Fisheries Technical College in the municipality of Jolo, Province of Sulu, is hereby created and established under the administrative supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)- Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

SECTION 2. The Jolo Fisheries Technical College which shall hereinafter be referred to as the College, shall primarily provide post-secondary technical education and training in the fields of science, fishery, food processing, hotel and restaurant, tourism, skills for self-employment and entrepreneurship, as well as short-term and outreach technical programs.

SECTION 3. The College shall carry out applied research in the field of fisheries.

SECTION 4. The head of the College shall be known as the superintendent, who shall be appointed by the Director General of TESDA. The plantilla of the College shall follow the staffing pattern approved for TESDA Institutions.

SECTION 5. All assets of the College whether fixed or movable, records, and personnel shall be held in the name of the College.

SECTION 6. The College is hereby authorized to engage in training with production/service projects. Earnings and all interests thereof from income generating projects and activities of the Institute shall be retained and utilized by the school to sustain and maintain their programs, facilities and equipment.

SECTION 7. The TESDA-ARMM shall draft the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and shall be approved by the TESDA-ARMM Board.

SECTION 8. The Director General of the TESDA-ARMM shall immediately include in the Authority's program the operationalization of the Jolo Fisheries Technical College, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 9. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,