

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2113



INTRODUCED BY THE HONORABLE GERRY A. SALAPUDDIN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Basilan is blessed with abundant agricultural and aquamarine resources. Its vast farmlands, rich soil and waters abundant with marine products are clear indications of this fact. As a result, most of its residents are self-sufficient, and rely on farming and aquaculture for their dietary needs and as a source of income. But despite nature's bounty, the people of Basilan lack the modern and innovative skills on the modern methods and technology on agriculture as well as on aquaculture. As a result, they cannot improve their harvests. Most are still attached to and are forced to employ older, less efficient farming and fishing methods, thereby resulting in low production and income.

With this in mind, this Bill aims to establish a School of Agriculture and Fisheries in the Province of Basilan, to be known as the "Basilan School of Agriculture and Fisheries", to be located in the Municipality of Sumisip, where a four-hectare lot beside the Municipal Hall has been donated for the purpose. The School shall provide post-secondary and tertiary education and the appropriate vocational-technical skills that is at par with and attuned to the socio-economic needs and the developmental requirements of Basilan

The School shall become one of the keys towards the attainment of the goal of the province towards self-sufficiency in terms of its food requirements. It shall give Basileños the opportunity to earn a specialized education in agriculture and marine technology. The School will train its students on the latest trends, innovations, and improvements in farming, livestock, animal husbandry, aquaculture and fishing technology. The Basilan School of Agriculture and Fisheries will bring development and spur economic growth not only in the Province of Basilan. It will also serve as the center of agricultural and fisheries education in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Therefore, the approval of this bill is earnestly and highly recommended.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SUMISIP, PROVINCE OF BASILAN,
TO BE KNOWN AS
"BASILAN SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES"
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a School of Agriculture and Fisheries in the Province of Basilan, to be known as "BASILAN SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES". The School shall provide the people of Basilan particularly those in the hinterlands and coastal areas and the people of the other provinces of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao with the opportunity to earn a specialized education in agriculture and marine technology and shall train them on the latest trends in farming and fishing technology.

SEC. 2. The School shall be located on a four-hectare land in Barangay Basak in the Municipality of Sumisip, Basilan.

SEC. 3. The instruction methods to be used shall adopt and conform with the generally-accepted principles and practices of teaching, complemented with new and innovative methods in the teaching of modern methods of agriculture and marine technology, using, whenever appropriate, the local vernacular to facilitate the transfer of ideas, learning, and skills to the students of the School.

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall be responsible for defining the criteria for the qualification and admission of teaching and

administrative personnel. The TESDA shall likewise undertake the necessary steps for the immediate establishment, operation and maintenance of the school herein provided.

SEC. 3. The budget necessary to carry the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the TESDA under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the amount needed for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,