

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2329



Introduced by Honorable Samuel M. Dangwa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Benguet Resources Technology Research Institute at the Benguet State University, in the Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet.

In search for a long term solution to save the multi-million vegetable industry from its imminent collapse brought about by various factors ranging from uncontrolled importation, smuggling, low price, high cost of farm inputs- to marketing problems and worsened by the threat due to the implementation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) by year 2005, proper remedial measures must be adopted and instituted soonest in order to protect and save the interest of our farmers.

The province of Benguet, with the City of Baguio included, being the show window of the Cordillera Region in all aspects of development and where most if not all of the regional offices of the national government's line agencies are located, inter-agency consultation in terms of research; facility accommodation and program implementation can be easily availed of, synchronized and coordinated.

Endowed with a cool climate which lingers the whole year round, the province of Benguet, no doubt, has a distinct role to play in the agricultural industry it being only the province in the entire country which produces higher quality of temperate vegetable, high value crops, and other products not grown in other regions of the country.

These products, however, despite their great potentials in the national and world markets remained unrecognized and untapped due to the lack of adequate and appropriate government support with specific institution tasked with the functions of conducting continuous researches aimed at promoting the existence of such products, improving their qualities, handling and packaging procedures including preservation and processing.

By establishing this Research Institute, the problem of our local farmers will be fully attended to not only in Benguet but so with other provinces in the country whose farmers are now experiencing the boom of producing high value crops.

Hence, this bill.


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**“ AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BENGUET
RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT THE BENGUET
STATE UNIVERSITY, MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRIIDAD, PROVINCE OF
BENGUET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There is hereby established, under the Department of Agriculture in
2 coordination with the Benguet State University Extension and Research Institute to be
3 known as the Benguet Resources Technology Research Institute.

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5 **SECTION 2.** The amount necessary for the implementation of this act shall be
6 charged to the appropriation of the Department of Agriculture. Thereafter, such sums as
7 may be necessary for the operations and maintenance of said research institute shall be
8 included in the General Appropriating Act.

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10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture in coordination with the Benguet
11 State University Extension and Research Institute are hereby authorized to formulate
12 the rules and regulations to fully implement the purpose of this act.

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14 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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16 Approved.