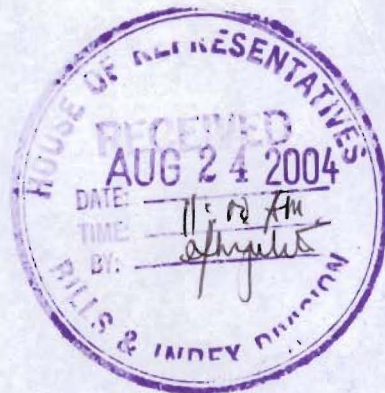


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes to establish a Seaweed Institute at the Iloilo State College of Fisheries as a scientific and technical resource which can provide education and assistance to seaweed farmers in the coastal towns of Iloilo.

Specifically, this technical assistance may be provided in the areas of propagation of fastly growing seaweed varieties; production technologies; post harvest practices and processing and to some extent in the area of marketing.

Seaweed farming has been considered one of the fastly growing industries in the country. It is a big dollar earner which helps stabilize our currency. Seaweed or carrageen farmers cannot meet the current demand of from 150,000 to 180,000 metric tons per year of the exporting processing firms and raw seaweed buyers.

As a State College with 26 years of academic and practical experience in the specialized fields of Fisheries and Marine Resources, ISCOF through this Institute can provide the needed technological leadership which can enhance seaweed farming in the province of Iloilo.

In the name of economic development, passage of this bill is urged.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE SEAWEED INSTITUTE AT THE ILOILO STATE
COLLEGE OF FISHERIES

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established at the Iloilo State College of Fisheries in Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo the SEAWEED INSTITUTE, herein after referred to as the Institute.

SECTION 2. The purposes of the Institute are to provide scientific and technical education and assistance to seaweed farmers in the coastal areas of Iloilo and to promote and propagate the cultivation of seaweeds as lucrative means of livelihood.

SECTION 3. The Institute shall be headed by a Director whose rank is equivalent to a Department Head at the Iloilo State College of Fisheries and shall be paid salary on parity with the Department Head.

SECTION 4. The President of the Iloilo State College of Fisheries is hereby authorized under the Act to appoint the Director of the Institute from a list of at least (3) applicants holding a Master's degree in Marine Biology, Fisheries or other fields of science related to seaweed farming; to organize its staff and support personnel and determine its operational requirements.

SECTION 5. The sum of Ten Million pesos (P 10,000,000.00) is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the initial implementation of this Act. Such sum will be included in the budget of Iloilo State College of Fisheries under the General Appropriations Act for the fiscal year 2005.

Approved,