

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila**

Thirteenth Congress
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **2714**



Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the construction of irrigation systems in all the municipalities comprising the Second Congressional District of Samar namely: Basey, Calbiga, Catbalogan, Daram, Hinabangan, Jiabong, Marabut, Motiong, Paranas, Pinabacdao, San Jose de Buan, San Sebastian, Sta. Rita, Talalora, Villareal and Zumarraga.

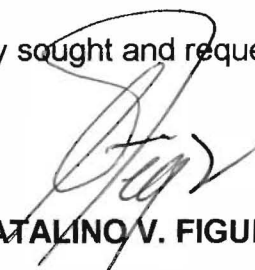
The said municipalities are agricultural communities whose populace depend mainly on farming as a source of their livelihood. Due to the absence of an irrigation system in their respective farmlands, the residents of their communities could only plant rice once a year.

The small farmers in the aforementioned congressional district can hardly send their children to school and cope with the rising standard of living due to their meager income. Farmlands are not fully utilized. The same could have been planted with rice two or three times a year if an irrigation system is in place. This greater productivity could only be realized through the support of the national government.

The irrigation system once realized can uplift the economic condition of the people in the areas, and will play a vital role in the economic development program of the government. This bill is in accordance with the constitutional mandate that: "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services of living and an improved quality of life for all." (Art. II, Sec. 9, 1987 Constitution).

By establishing irrigation systems in the 16 towns of the second district of Samar, farmers will be able to plant rice more than once a year and realize much-needed income to be able to eat three times a day and send their children to school.

Early approval of this bill is earnestly sought and requested.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS IN THE
SIXTEEN (16) MUNICIPALITIES OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF
SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be constructed, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways, irrigation systems in the sixteen municipalities of the Second District, Province of Samar namely: Basey, Calbiga, Catbalogan, Daram, Hinabangan, Jiabong, Marabut, Motiong, Paranas, Pinabacdao, San Jose de Buan, San Sebastian, Sta. Rita, Talalora, Villareal and Zumarraga.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the National Irrigation Administration under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as maybe necessary for the repairs and maintenance of the irrigation system shall be included in the annual budget of the local government concerned.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,