

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **3397**

Introduced by HONORABLE LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a Bamboo-based Handicraft Training Center in the Municipality of Bombon, Province of Camarines Sur.

The town of Bombon and its neighboring municipalities are blessed with an abundant supply of indigenous raw materials which can be utilized as inputs for handicrafts, particularly Bamboo. It is sad to note, however, that only a relatively few of the residents engage in the handicraft industry and this may be attributed mainly to the lack of technology in its production.

There is therefore a need for government to establish a training center for those engaged in producing handicrafts in order to update, upgrade and provide new technology in this industry in the Province of Camarines Sur. Furthermore, government assistance from the Cottage Industry Technology Development Center (CITDC) and the Product Development and Design Center of the Philippines (PDDCP) will enable the bamboo-based handicraft producers to overcome the very keen competition in this field of economic productivity by providing them with modern technological inputs. The presence of this training center will also serve to induce residents to venture into a more economically rewarding enterprise.

Aside from spurring economic productivity in the town, this training center will provide a pool of skilled manpower not only for handicraft producers in the town but also to Metro Manila and other bamboo-producing areas, resulting in the economic benefit, not only of the town but also the Province of Camarines Sur and the country as well.

Considering the merits of this Bill, its early approval is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BAMBOO-BASED
HANDICRAFT TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBON,
PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby authorized to be established a Bamboo-based Handicraft Training Center in the Municipality of Bombon, Province of Camarines Sur.

The Cottage Industry Technology Development Center (CITDC) and the Product Development and Design Center of the Philippines (PDDCP) shall provide technical assistance in the formulation of the training programs that shall be offered in said Center, taking into consideration the indigenous raw materials available in the Municipality and neighboring towns, the market demand for specified products that may be taught to and subsequently produced by the trainees, the opportunities for sub-contracting of parts and components of handicraft products, and the feasibility of producing such parts, components and/or innovative finished products at competitive levels of quality and prices.

SECTION 2. The Center shall be under the supervision of the Provincial Government of Camarines Sur, which shall provide guidelines for the operation of said Center, in consultation with the Municipal Government of Bombon in the Province of Camarines Sur.

The Department of Trade and Industry, from funds available to it or any of the bureaus, offices, agencies, or corporate entities attached to it shall

provide grants-in-aid, technical advice and market advisory services to the Center.

SECTION 3. The cost of acquiring the land, constructing the appropriate building thereon and the complement of training equipment and machinery, required to start the operation of the Center shall be provided by the Provincial Government of Camarines Sur.

Thereafter, such sums as shall be necessary to operate and conduct the training programs and other projects of the Center shall be incorporated in the Annual General Appropriations Ordinances of the Provincial Government of Camarines Sur and its component Municipality of Bombon. Other funding support to the Center may be provided in the General Appropriations Act of the National Government or from allocations of funds that may be provided by the Department of Trade and Industry and/or from such financial assistance as may be arranged by the District Representatives in Congress or other legislators. Grants from local or foreign sources may also be obtained or availed of.

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

APPROVED,