

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. _____ **3558**



Introduced by HONORABLE LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish an agro-fishery high school in the Municipality of Canaman, Province of Camarines Sur. It shall be located in a barangay near the banks of the Bicol River where land is also available for aquaculture and agricultural projects.

In these hard economic times, it is imperative to take advantage of local competitive advantage, especially in terms of available natural resources and to develop manpower and enterprise that will effectively and efficiently utilize and develop such locally available natural resources. The Philippines has such rich potential in terms of the agro-fishery industry, due to its available abundant marine and fisheries resources.

Moreover, many of our youth in the provinces hardly receive technical training unless they go to college or vocational school, which a lot of them may not be able to afford. As a result, a lot of our youth cease to study upon finishing high school, and come out ill-equipped to create a profitable livelihood for themselves. They become unproductive and unskilled manpower that, like the natural resources around them, may be untapped, underutilized or, more likely, underdeveloped.

In order to provide a wider access for such technical knowledge that will help both in the development of the youth and the agro-fishery industry, it would be advantageous to set up an educational institution that will offer such technical knowledge integrated with the regular secondary courses, thereby attaining two objectives at the least possible time and less cost to the government.

Students will be provided both secondary education and, at the same time, agro-fishery training which they could utilize in earning a livelihood immediately after high school graduation, should they choose not to pursue further higher education or should they be financially handicapped to do so. It is too much of a luxury, in terms of both time and money, to offer these two necessary kinds of education (regular secondary school as well as technical training) separately for our nation's youth.

The establishment therefore of an agro-fishery high school will complement national policies, programs and priorities in food production, manpower skills training, and economic development.

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



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HOUSE BILL NO. 3558

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN AGRO-FISHERY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CANAMAN, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE
KNOWN AS THE AGRO-FISHERY HIGH SCHOOL OF BICOLANDIA, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established an agro-fishery high school in the Municipality of Canaman, Province of Camarines Sur, to be known as the Agro-Fishery High School of Bicolandia. It shall be located in a barangay in said municipality near the banks of the Bicol River where suitable land is available for the offering of agro-fishery curricular subjects.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Agro-Fishery High School of Bicolandia shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

APPROVED,