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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 4638



Introduced by Honorable Raul T. Gonzalez, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of a Fisheries Technology Outreach Station in Barangay Calaparan, Iloilo City, for the sustainable development of the marine resources in the waters of Iloilo.

Iloilo is rich in fishery and other marine and aquatic resources that provide food and livelihood to the people. Yet the people can eat better and earn more if these resources are tapped for their optimum potential. New technologies that are environment-friendly, easy to use, and adaptable to native species and to local conditions could make the difference in enhancing the socio-economic conditions of the inhabitants of Iloilo.

The establishment of an outreach station will guarantee that applicable technologies will reach the fisher folk and investors who would engage in the fishing and aquaculture industries. The breeding component of the center will ensure a steady supply of spawners, fries and fingerlings for the local producers of cultured fish. This would result in the improvement of living standards of the marginal fisher folk, generate more income for the residents and producers, and contribute to the economic activities and opportunities of the province.

In view of the foregoing, early approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY OUTREACH STATION IN THE
BARANGAY CALAPARAN, ILOILO CITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, a Fisheries Technology Outreach Station in Barangay Calaparan, Iloilo City, for the production and propagation of bangus, tilapia and other fish and marine species native to the waters of Iloilo.

SEC. 2. The Fisheries Technology Outreach Station, with the assistance of Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture, shall take such steps as may be necessary to encourage the culture of marine species native to the area and thereby promote and attract investments in this field of economic endeavor by providing through the facilities of the Station, the application of new and applicable

technologies and ensure the ready and steady supply of spawners, fries, and fingerlings to those engaged in this industry.

SEC. 3. The Department of Agriculture, through the Fisheries Technology Outreach Station, is hereby authorized to gather data and other information peculiar to the site of the Station, in order to improve existing technologies on the native fish and marine species and for the purpose of maximizing income potentials of said industries.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Agriculture under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operations and maintenance of the Fisheries Technology Outreach Station shall be charged to the annual budget of the local government concerned.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.