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HOUSE BILL NO. 1668



Introduced by Honorable Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

An agriculturally productive province, Bohol is situated at the heart of Central Visayas. Known for its scenic beauty and tourist destinations, its land area is mostly devoted to coconuts. Hence, there is a necessity to improve the production of this particular industry to enhance the living conditions of the people in the province.

The coconut is dubbed the "tree of life" because of the wondrous benefits derived from its fruits, water, shell, husks and leaves which are all useful for different purposes. Thus, the need for further research and development on coconut and its by-products.

To help improve the coconut industry in Bohol and the entire Central Visayas Region, this bill seeks to establish the Central Visayas Coconut Seed Production Center to be located in Ubay, Bohol. The center will provide research, technology and training for the residents of the Central Visayas with the hope that it will open more job opportunities and eventually improve their quality of life. The establishment of the Center will not only make the people of Central Visayas interested in the scenic spots of Bohol but also in the technical know-how the training center has to offer.

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

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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE CENTRAL VISAYAS COCONUT SEED
PRODUCTION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY,
PROVINCE OF BOHOL 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 established, under the supervision of the Philippine Coconut Authority, the Central Visayas Coconut Seed Production Center, hereinafter referred to as the “Center,” in the Municipality of Ubay, Province of Bohol.

SEC. 2. The Center shall formulate and offer programs that will provide knowledge, technology and training on coconut production to coconut farmers in Central Visayas taking into account their socio-economic profile, literacy and employment conditions. It will likewise provide assistance on the processing and marketing of coconuts and by-products thereof.

The Center shall provide for the hiring and staffing of its personnel in accordance with the existing civil service laws and regulations.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Agriculture. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Center shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,