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House Bill No. 1948



Introduced by the Honorable Benhur L. Salimbangon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a research center for fish breeding and/or hatchery for grouper, prawn, lobster, crab and other high-value marine species in the Municipality of Bantayan, Province of Cebu.

The waters of Cebu teem with a variety of edible marine species of high commercial value especially grouper, prawn, crab and lobster. In spite the abundance, there is a great danger of resource depletion due to unscientific and indiscriminate fishing practices. There is a necessity therefore for a research center, exclusively devoted to a continuing aquatic research for fish breeding/hatchery for high value marine species to ensure the supply of spawners, fries and fingerlings to operators of fishponds, fish pens or fish tanks including dispersal programs in the island.

Approval of this Bill is therefore urgently recommended.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISH BREEDING AND/OR
HATCHERY FOR GROUPER, PRAWN, LOBSTER, CRAB AND OTHER
HIGH-VALUE MARINE SPECIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANTAYAN,
PROVINCE OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the Bureau of Fisheries and
2 Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture, a research center for fish
3 breeding and/or hatchery for grouper, prawn, lobster, crab and other high-value marine
4 species in the Municipality of Bantayan, Province of Cebu.

5 SECTION 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources shall issue such
6 rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
8 program the funding requirements for the establishment and operationalization of the
9 research center for fish breeding/hatchery. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary
10 for its continued operations and maintenance shall be included in the annual General
11 Appropriations Act.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
13 two (2) newspapers in general circulation.

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