

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **4597**



Introduced by: **HON. JORGE T. ALMONTE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a Fishport in Oroquieta City in the Province of Misamis Occidental.

Oroquieta City is the capital city in the Province of Misamis Occidental. It has a population of about 68,945 and it's also a major hub for fishing activities in the Province. Fisheries and marine resources are among the source of livelihood for the people residing in the city. It has approximately fifty (50) deep sea fishing vessels which are all routinely engaged in fishing activities.

The establishment of a fishport in Oroquieta City is feasible because of its rich marine resources. The said fishport is expected to stimulate the local economy and will spur up economic activities and opportunities not just in Oroquieta City but as well as to the neighboring municipalities and cities in the Province.

The said fishport will also play a paramount role in ensuring and strengthening the food security program of the government. With the provision of infrastructure facilities for fish and marine products trading, this will facilitate the fast and efficient transport/ distribution of the fisherfolks of their bangus and other marine harvests. The provision of cold storage equipments and processing facilities in the proposed fishport will also help in stabilizing the market prices and accordingly increase the quality of harvested marine products.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT IN THE CITY OF OROQUIETA,
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture (DA), through the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) a Fishport in the City of Oroquieta, Province of Misamis Occidental.

Section 2. The Department of Agriculture through the PFDA, shall formulate the rules and regulation necessary for the effective implementation of this act.

Section 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the establishment of the said Fishport, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenues in an amount deemed for its operationalization.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,