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HOUSE BILL NO. 6502



Introduced by Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a brackish water multi-species breeding farm and hatchery in the Municipality of Lala, Province of Lanao Del Norte.

The Province of Lanao Del Norte is blessed with rich fishing grounds in Panguil Bay and in the coastal areas of the Municipality of Lala facing Panguil Bay. The waters in these areas are generally free from pollution and provide an ideal place for research and breeding activities. Fishing in these areas has been an integral part of the local economy and will continue to be so in the next generations.

In recognition of the sector's actual and potential contributions to the national economy, its full development should be maximized. The government should take the lead by allocating considerable resources in research and development by providing a brackish water multi-species breeding farm and hatchery in the Municipality of Lala. In line with this, it will help the existing Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Lala Aquaculture Fish farm build stronger partnerships with Local Government Units (LGUs) and improve its services to the people of the Municipality of Lala, Province of Lanao Del Norte.

Furthermore, the approval of this measure shall help in the economic growth and contribute to national development by providing employment opportunities and a sustainable aquaculture productivity.

In view of the significance of this measure to national development, the prompt approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRACKISH WATER MULTI-SPECIES BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE 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 Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a marine multi-species breeding farm and hatchery in the Municipality of Lala, Province of Lanao Del Norte.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on marine multi-specie culture, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that will rejuvenate the fishing industry.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the brackish water multi-specie breeding farm and hatchery in the Municipality of Lala, Province of Lanao Del Norte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside from any available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate for their operationalization.

SEC. 4. The BFAR-DA shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a 'newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,