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EXPLANATORY NOTE

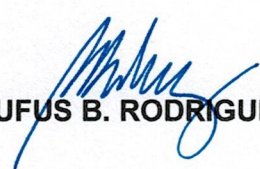
This bill seeks to establish a multi-species fresh water marine hatchery in the upper part of Barangay Puerto in Cagayan de Oro City.

Some of the more common species of fish that Filipinos eat include Hito, Maya Maya, Apahap, Tilapia and Plapla. These are all fresh water fishes.

As such, in order to ensure sustainability and a constant supply of these fishes, we need to put up multi-species fresh water marine hatcheries which will contribute to the growth and development of the fisheries sector and allied industries in the concerned barangay. It will also give the fisherfolks the opportunity to undergo training and learn and improve present practices to improve productivity.

These hatcheries will also improve the income not only of the residents of the barangay but the entire city as well. It will also provide additional employment and income opportunities and address the demand for fish and other seafood.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES FRESH WATER MARINE HATCHERY IN THE UPPER PART OF BARANGAY PUERTO IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY 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 multi-species fresh water marine hatchery in the upper part of Barangay Puerto in Cagayan de Oro City.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species fresh water marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the local government unit concerned through a memorandum of agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the establishment of the multi-species fresh water marine hatchery in the upper part of Barangay Puerto in Cagayan de Oro City, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

SEC.4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring, transfer, or withdrawal by the BFAR of the multi-species fresh water marine hatchery.

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,