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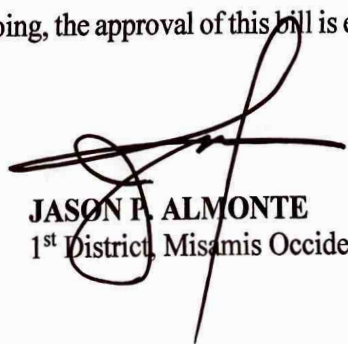
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Multi-Species Marine Hatchery in the City of Oroquieta, Misamis Occidental. This will promote sustainable aquaculture and increase income opportunities for local residents.

The hatchery will focus on the cultivation and breeding of a variety of aquatic species, including fish, shrimp, and crab. The benefits of this hatchery include improved food security for the local community, as the hatchery will provide a reliable source of protein, and the creation of income generation opportunities. By increasing the availability of locally-raised aquatic species, the hatchery will also help to spur economic growth through the creation of jobs and business opportunities in the areas of hatchery operation and farming of fish and shrimp. Additionally, by promoting sustainable aquaculture practices, the hatchery will help to protect the local ecosystem and conserve wild fish stocks.

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



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES
MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF OROQUIETA,
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, 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 marine hatchery in the City of Oroquieta, Province of Misamis Occidental.

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

The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the City of Oroquieta, 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 revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the

operationalization of the hatchery.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of Oroquieta City.

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,