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**House Bill No. 1862**



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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It is the policy of the State to provide support to the fishery sector, primarily to the municipal fisherfolk, including women and youth sectors, through appropriate technology and research, adequate financial, production, construction of post-harvest facilities, marketing assistance, and other services.

Further, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) has recommended the prioritization of building of new fish ports in the municipalities to realize broader economic and social goals, ensuring sustainable and efficient use of maritime resources. Pursuant to this policy, this bill seeks to establish a fish port in the Municipality of Basay, Third District, Province of Negros Oriental.

The Municipality of Basay is known as the fishing capital of the Province of Negros Oriental for its rich fishing water grounds from which the locals depend heavily for their livelihood. Unfortunately, despite being known as the fishing capital of the Province, there is still a glaring lack of fish port in the Municipality of Basay.

With the establishment of a fish port, it will not just ensure the rational and sustainable development, management, and conservation of the fishery and aquatic resources in the Municipality, but will also attract more buyers, traders, and other businesses involved in the seafood industry, thus creating job opportunities and livelihood for the people of Negros Oriental.

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

  
**JANICE V. DEGAMO**

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BASAY, THIRD**  
**DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL AND APPROPRIATING**  
**FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**Section 1. *Short Title.*** This Act shall be known as the “Basay Fish Port Development Act of 2025.”

**Section 2. *Establishment of Fish Port.*** There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, through the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), a fish port in the Municipality of Basay, Third District, Province of Negros Oriental.

**Section 3. *Transfer of Management to the Local Government Unit.*** Within two (2) years after the construction of the fish port, the PFDA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government unit concerned. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the fish port.

**Section 4. *Appropriations.*** The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department’s programs the establishment of the fish port, 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 operation of the fish port.

**Section 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) on the supervision and monitoring, and the transfer or withdrawal by the PFDA of the fish port.

**Section 6. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,