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HOUSE BILL NO. **6961**



Introduced by Representative SITTIE SHAHARA “BAI DIMPLE” I. MASTURA

AN ACT

INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SHARED SERVICE FACILITIES (SSF) PROJECT FOR MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMES) BY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR SMALL ENTERPRISES", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9501, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to institutionalize the Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Project currently being implemented by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Keeping in mind that the ultimate goal of the SSF is to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), access to modern machinery, equipment, training and other pertinent resources are the key features of this program.

To ensure that MSMEs continuously benefit in a consistent manner from access to appropriate technologies, quality assurance systems and market linkages that enhance their productivity and competitiveness, this measure seeks to create a sustainable framework that empowers Filipino entrepreneurs to succeed in a technology-driven economy.

Since its inception, the SSF has contributed much to the improvement of this sector’s competitiveness as evidenced by significant sales and investments generated, jobs created, and the phenomenal growth of many small businesses across various industries and sectors, including food processing and furniture making.

This initiative therefore needs to be sustained and supported to ensure that our MSMEs are provided with the appropriate response to the challenges of a rapidly changing global economic order, remain competitive and relevant as our country navigate, adjust and adopts to current and future trade and market conditions.

In view of the above, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to foster innovation, productivity, and inclusive growth by enabling micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to participate meaningfully in the global and digital economy. Towards this end, the State shall strengthen the capacity of MSMEs through access to modern production technologies, shared equipment, and fabrication laboratories that enhance efficiency, competitiveness, and the creation of quality Filipino products and services.

SEC 2. A new section is hereby inserted after Section 15 of Republic Act No. 6977, as amended, to read as follows:

"SEC. 16. Institutionalization of the Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Program and Establishment of Fabrication Laboratories (Fab Labs). To address critical gaps in the production value chain and to accelerate innovation among MSMEs, the Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Program of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is hereby institutionalized as a continuing strategy for enterprise development and competitiveness.

The DTI shall establish SSF Fabrication Laboratories (Fab Labs) in strategic locations nationwide. These shall serve as innovation hubs and digital fabrication centers, equipped with flexible computer-controlled tools such as 3D printers, laser cutters, and other digital equipment that enable MSMEs to design, prototype, and produce high-value products.

Each province shall have at least one (1) Fab Lab. with priority given to areas without existing fabrication facilities.

The SSF—Fab Labs shall be hosted and maintained by State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), or by Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) in provinces without SUCs, in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), local government units (LGUs), and relevant industry partners.

The DTI shall ensure the proper operation, monitoring, and sustainability of these facilities through collaborative agreements and the development of local innovation ecosystems."

SEC 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DTI, in consultation with the DILG, Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and relevant stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act, including the standards for partnership with SUCs, LUCs, and private sector collaborators.

SEC 4. *Appropriations.* - The initial funding required for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the existing appropriations of the DTI. Thereafter, the necessary funds for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC 6. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,