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House Bill No. 756



Introduced by **HON. ALFREDO D. MARAÑON III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The attached bill was approved on Third and Final Reading in the House of Representatives during the 19th Congress, thereafter, the same was transmitted to the Senate for its consideration, however, it was not acted upon due to lack of time.

The City of Sagay, is a 3rd class coastal component city in the province of Negros Occidental, Philippines with a population of 148,894 people as of 2020 census. It is home to the largest marine reserve in the country, the Sagay Marine Reserve, which has a total of area of 32,000 hectares. The rich marine life in the waters of Sagay City provides direct and indirect livelihood to its people.

In order to improve fisheries productivity in a sustainable manner and to capacitate the local fishing communities in the area, this bill seeks to establish a multi-species marine hatchery in the City of Sagay, Province of Negros Occidental. This project shall also serve as a training facility to showcase innovations in fish production that can be enhanced through years of operation and subsequent transfer of technologies to nearby fishing communities in the region.

Although this bill is of local significance, its impact will surely contribute to the increase in the country's total fish production with the end result of fish sufficiency and food security.

Therefore, the passage of this is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF
SAGAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries
2 and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR), a multi-species marine
3 hatchery in City of Sagay, Province of Negros Occidental.
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5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery, the DA-BFAR
6 shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to comply with the
7 requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.
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9 Within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species marine hatchery, the DA-
10 BFAR, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local
11 government of Sagay City. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local
12 government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.
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14 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
15 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of a multi-species marine
16 hatchery in the City of Sagay, Province of Negros Occidental, the funding of which shall be
17 included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set
18 aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the
19 operationalization of the hatchery.
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21 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
22 shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual
23 transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of the
24 City of Sagay.
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26 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
27 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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29 Approved,