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House Bill No. 2681**



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**Introduced by  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill proposes the establishment of a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Aloran, Misamis Occidental under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR). This bill was approved on Third Reading by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate in the 19th Congress.

Aloran's coastal waters offer strong potential for aquaculture development. A hatchery in this location would support the breeding and propagation of various marine species suited to local conditions. Its enactment would provide fisherfolk with a reliable supply of fingerlings, strengthen food production, create livelihood opportunities for small-scale fisherfolk, aquaculture operators, and allied industries, and contribute to biodiversity conservation by reducing pressure on wild fish populations.

The project will be supported by a feasibility study and later turned over to the local government through a phased training and management transfer. Further, the hatchery will also serve as a research hub to improve breeding techniques and adapt them to regional needs.

Given the economic, environmental, and social gains to be derived from this initiative, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALORAN, 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 (DA-BFAR), a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Aloran, Province of Misamis Occidental.

SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery, the DA-BFAR shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to comply with the requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.

Within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species marine hatchery, the DA- BFAR shall, through a memorandum of agreement, transfer its management to the local government of the Municipality of Aloran. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

SEC. 3. The DA-BFAR 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 technologies that will enhance the fishing industry.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Aloran, Province of Misamis Occidental, the funding of which shall be included in the 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. 5. 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 the Municipality of Aloran, Province of Misamis Occidental.

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

Approved,