



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9940

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BY REPRESENTATIVE RAMIREZ-SATO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1111

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, 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 (BFAR-DA), a central multi-species  
3 marine hatchery in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Occidental Mindoro.

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5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the central multi-species marine hatchery, the BFAR-  
6 DA 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 central multi-species marine hatchery,  
10 the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the  
11 local government of the Municipality of San Jose. It shall implement a training and phasing-in  
12 program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the central  
13 hatchery.

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15 SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the  
16 breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to  
17 discover new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing industry.

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19 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the  
20 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the central multi-species  
21 marine hatchery in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Occidental Mindoro, the funding  
22 of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit  
23 concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed  
24 appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

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26 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
27 shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual

1 transfer of the central multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of the  
2 Municipality of San Jose.

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

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Approved,