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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7294

## By Representative Benitez, per Committee Report No. 331

## AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN SITIO MAMBUCOG, BARANGAY ZONE XVI, CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS 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 Sitio Mambucog, Barangay Zone XVI, City of Talisay, Province of Negros 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.

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

SEC. 3. 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 Sitio Mambucog, Barangay Zone XVI, City of Talisay, Province of Negros 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.

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SEC. 4. 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 Talisay City.

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

Approved,