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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 340

Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Agriculture and Food, and Finance on DEC 1 5 2015

Re: House Bill No. 1948

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsor: Senator Villar

Mr. President:

The Committee on Agriculture and Food, jointly with the Committee on Finance, to which was referred House Bill No. 1948, authored by Rep. Salimbangon, entitled:

"AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISH BREEDING AND/OR HATCHERY FOR GROUPER, PRAWN, LOBSTER, CRAB AND OTHER HIGH-VALUE MARINE SPECIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANTAYAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

- On lines 2 to 4, delete the phrase "research center for fish breeding and/or hatchery for grouper, prawn, lobster, crab and other high-value marine species" and replace it with the phrase "MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY";
- 2. On lines 5 and 6, delete the entire Section 2 and replace it with a new Section 2, to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY, THE BFAR SHALL, THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, TRANSFER ITS MANAGEMENT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED. IT SHALL IMPLEMENT A TRAINING AND PHASING-IN PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL ON THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY."

- 3. On line 8, delete the phrase "research center" and replace it with the phrase "MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY";
- 4. On line 11, delete the word "operationalization", and replace it with the phrase "MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION":

5. Between lines 11 to 12, insert a new Section 4, to read, as follows:

"SEC. 4. THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SHALL ISSUE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE SUPERVISION AND MONITORING, AND THE TRANSFER OR WITHDRAWAL, BY BFAR OF THE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY."

- 6. On line 12, replace the number "4" with the number "5"; and
- 7. Lastly, on the Title, from the first to the third lines, delete the phrase "RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISH BREEDING AND/OR HATCHERY FOR GROUPER, PRAWN, LOBSTER, CRAB AND OTHER HIGH-VALUE MARINE SPECIES" and replace it with the phrase "MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY."

Respectfully submitted,

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1948

BY REPRESENTATIVE SALIMBANGON

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISH BREEDING AND/OR HATCHERY FOR GROUPER, PRAWN, LOBSTER, CRAB AND OTHER HIGH-VALUE MARINE SPECIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANTAYAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU 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 Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture, a research center for fish breeding and/or hatchery for grouper, prawn, lobster, crab and other high-value marine species in the Municipality of Bantayan, Province of Cebu.
- SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources shall issue such rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.
- SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the research center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue to fund its operationalization.
- SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.

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