



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7491

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARQUEZ AND NOGRALES (K.A.), PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 705

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL FISHERIES AND
AQUATIC RESOURCES TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, AND
PRODUCT CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN 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 in the Province of
2 Aklan, a provincial fisheries and aquatic resources training,
3 development, and product center, under the supervision of the
4 Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of
5 Agriculture (BFAR-DA).

6 The BFAR-DA shall collaborate with, and tap the expertise,
7 resources, and facilities of the state universities and colleges (SUCs)
8 in the province in the establishment, management, and operation of
9 the center.

10 SEC. 2. The provincial center shall, at a minimum, provide
11 onsite and online access to the following:

1 (a) Applied technology for innovative and sustainable fish
2 breeding and hatchery of high-value marine species;

3 (b) Training activities and technical assistance to provide
4 sustainable development and production support and education to
5 fisherfolk;

6 (c) Technical assistance for sustainable production and
7 environmentally sound post-harvest development services;

8 (d) Technical assistance in the establishment, operation,
9 enhancement, and maintenance of government-operated marine
10 sanctuaries, seaweed nurseries, seaweed processing plants, and
11 mariculture development park facilities;

12 (e) Catalog, display, and promote local fisheries and aquatic
13 products, and provide marketing and product distribution
14 assistance to fisherfolk; and

15 (f) Database of available insurance and credit assistance for
16 fisherfolk, and local and international grants and scholarships for
17 fisheries and aquatic resources studies and research.

18 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the
19 Department's programs the establishment of the provincial fisheries
20 and aquatic resources training, development, and product center,
21 the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
22 Appropriations Act. The local government units concerned shall set
23 aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed
24 appropriate for the operationalization of this center.

25 SEC. 4. The Department of Agriculture, through the BFAR,
26 shall issue rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes
27 of this Act.

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

Approved,

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