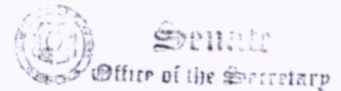


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As we all know, the fisherfolks sector remain to be one of the poorest sectors in the Philippines, with a poverty incidence of 34 percent, as recorded by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in 2017. At present, there are about 1.7 million registered fishermen in the country. The declining fish stocks over the years have adversely affected the Filipino fisherfolks who are left with lower incomes but incur more costs and risks when they set sail farther to catch fish.

The establishment of provincial fisheries and aquatic training, development and product centers in the Province of Aklan, in the Municipality of Balo-I of Lanao del Norte, and, as well as in the Municipality of Abulug of Cagayan, which we approved in the 17th Congress, will help resolve the problems of overfishing and, dwindling fish catch for the small fisher folk in these areas since they will be given priority access to their own town's marine resources and new technologies including the processing and preservation of their fish catch. In the same way, the establishment of a multi-

of a multi-species hatchery in San Fernando, Camarines Sur will certainly help enhance the potential of increased fisheries production in this municipality.

Fish is a source of healthy protein that can feed a lot of people without further degrading the environment. We should aim to make many of our country's fishing areas as robust fishing grounds for our fishermen so the areas could produce a lot of fish needed by our growing population.

Hence, the approval of this bill is urgently requested.



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*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
2 Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a
3 multispecies marine hatchery in the Municipality of San Fernando, Province of
4 Camarines Sur.

5 Sec. 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within two (2) years after the construction of the
6 multi-species marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the local
7 government unit concerned through a memorandum of agreement. It shall
8 implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the
9 management and operation of the hatchery.

10 Sec. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
11 programs the establishment of the multispecies and marine hatchery in the

1 Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Camarines Sur, the funding of which shall
2 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit
3 concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue deemed appropriate
4 for the operationalization of the hatchery.

5 Sec. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision and monitoring,
7 and the transfer or withdrawal by the BFAR of the multispecies marine hatchery.

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

10 Approved,