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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAWS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTI-SPECIES MARINE AND/OR FRESHWATER HATCHERIES, NURSERIES, FISH BREEDING, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCT CENTERS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS.

1 **WHEREAS**, Aquaculture or fish farming, probably the fastest growing food-
2 producing sector, is crucial to our food security. According to the U.N. Food and
3 Agriculture Organization (FAO), aquaculture will provide close to two thirds of global
4 food fish consumption by 2030 as catches from wild capture fisheries level off and
5 demand from an emerging global middle class substantially increases. Asia, in
6 particular, is projected to make up 70 percent of global fish consumption by 2030.¹
7 Thus, the Congress enacted and passed several laws to respond to this global uptrend
8 in aquaculture.

9 **WHEREAS**, in the last two preceding Congress, several laws were enacted and
10 passed in order to establish multi-species marine and/or freshwater hatcheries,
11 nurseries, fish breeding, and establishment of provincial fisheries and aquatic resources
12 training, development, and product centers in several local government units, namely:
13 Republic Act Nos. 10787, 10813, 10825, 10826, 10856, 10857, 10858, 10859, 10860,
14 10861, 10937, 10938, 10939, 10940, 10941, 10942, 10943, 10944, 10945, 10946,
15 10947, 10948, 10949, 10950, 11397, 11400, and 11401. These laws aim to contribute

¹ <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/213522/icode/>

1 to the growth and development of the fisheries sector and allied industries in the
2 respective local government units.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of
4 Agriculture (BFAR-DA) was mandated to supervise the implementation of the
5 abovementioned laws. Under the law, BFAR is mandated to construct multi-species
6 hatcheries which shall, two years after the construction, transfer the management of
7 the facility to the local government units concerned. BFAR shall also implement a
8 training and phasing-in program for the local government personnel on the
9 management and operation of the multi-species marine hatcheries. The programs to
10 implement this mandate must accordingly be funded in the General Appropriations Act
11 to be sourced from the budget of the agriculture department. The local government
12 unit concerned must also set aside funds from local revenue for the hatchery
13 operations.

14 **WHEREAS**, these laws are already in effect for more than two years now. Thus,
15 there is a need to closely monitor its implementation in order to determine whether the
16 targets and objectives of the law are met.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**,
18 urging the appropriate Senate committees to conduct inquiry, in aid of legislation, on
19 the implementation of the laws relating to the establishment of multi-species marine
20 and/or freshwater hatcheries, nurseries, fish breeding, and establishment of provincial
21 fisheries and aquatic resources training, development, and product centers in the
22 respective local government units.

Adopted,



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