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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 552

Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform joint with the Committee on Finance on <u>JAN 2 6</u> 2022 _____.

Re: H. B. No. 9940

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 9940 without amendment.

Sponsor: Senator Cynthia A. Villar

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform joint with the Committee on Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 9940, introduced by Representative Ramirez-Sato, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, 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 without amendment.

Respectfully submitted:

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9940

By Representative Ramirez-Sato, per Committee Report No. 1111

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, 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 (BFAR-DA), a central multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Occidental Mindoro.

SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the central multi-species marine hatchery, the BFAR-DA shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to comply with the requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.

Within two (2) years after the construction of the central multi-species marine hatchery, the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government of the Municipality of San Jose. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the central hatchery.

SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing industry.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the central multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Occidental Mindoro, 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.

SEC. 5. 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 central multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of the Municipality of San Jose.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,