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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 553

Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform joint with the Committee on Finance on $_JAN \ 2 \ 6 \ 2022$.

Re: H. B. No. 9941

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 9941 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. 9941, introduced by Representative Suansing (E.), entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNOLOGY VERIFICATION STATION WITH TILAPIA AND FRESHWATER PRAWN HATCHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. DOMINGO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, 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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President Senate of the Philippines Pasay City CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS Third Regular Session

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

II. No. 9941

BY REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (E.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1112

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNOLOGY VERIFICATION STATION WITH TILAPIA AND FRESHWATER PRAWN HATCHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. DOMINGO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, 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 1 2 and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a technology verification station with tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries in the Municipality of Sto. 3 Domingo, Province of Nueva Ecija. 4 5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the technology verification station with tilapia and 6 freshwater prawn hatcheries, the BFAR-DA shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in 7 support of its construction to comply with the requirements of the Department of Budget and 8 9 Management. 10 11 Within two (2) years after the construction of the technology verification station with 12 tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries, the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government of the Municipality of Sto. Domingo. It 13

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

management and operation of the technology verification station and hatcheries.

shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the

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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 technology verification station with tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries in the Municipality of Sto. Domingo, Province of Nueva Eeija, 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 technology verification station and hatcheries. 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 technology verification station and hatcheries to the local government of the
Municipality of Sto. Domingo.

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6 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official* 7 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,