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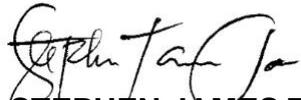
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Marine Hatcheries are important for conservation, sustainable aquaculture, research, and economic development.

Hatcheries play a big role in conserving and restoring the population of marine species. Marine hatcheries also provide a reliable source of seedlings and juveniles for aquaculture, which is an increasingly important source of food for the growing population. In terms of research, hatcheries provide an opportunity for scientists to study the life cycle of marine organisms in a controlled environment. Through such research, our scientists will have the opportunity to better understand the biology and behavior of these organisms. This will result in more informed conservation and management decisions.

Significantly, marine hatcheries will provide economic benefits to local communities as it will produce a source of food and thereafter will lead to the creation of jobs among the constituents in the field of aquaculture.

Foregoing considered, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF GANDARA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in the 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 multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Gandara, Province of Samar.

SECTION 2. Prior to the establishment of the 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 (DBM).

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

SECTION 3. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and development on the multi-species marine hatchery to discover new methods that will enhance the fishing industry.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department of Agriculture's programs the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the municipality of Gandara, Samar 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.

SECTION 5. Within sixty (60) days from enactment, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring, transfer, or withdrawal by the BFAR of the multi-species marine hatchery.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved,