Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations on May 27, 2021
Re: House Bill No. 9490
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Number 6566
Sponsors: Representatives Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga, Eric Go Yap and Sharee Ann T. Tan

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 6566, introduced by Rep. Sharee Ann T. Tan, entitled:

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have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9490 entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill Number 6566 with Representative Sharee Ann T. Tan as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

REP. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA
Chairperson
Committee on Agriculture and Food

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
AN ACT
DEVELOPING THE TIKOG INDUSTRY, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE
TIKOG RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ESTABLISHING THE BANIG
SUBSIDY FUND, AND DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BASEY IN THE
PROVINCE OF SAMAR AS THE “BANIG CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the Tikog Industry Development Act.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to instill nationalism among the
citizenry. In pursuit thereof, the State shall promote the preferential use of locally manufactured
goods which utilize local resources and generate wider employment. It shall adopt measures that
will make local industries competitive.

It is likewise the policy of the State to promote and accelerate the development and growth
of the Province of Samar according to sound policies that seek to uplift the economic, and social
conditions of the people, as well as preserve local culture, heritage and traditions.

SEC. 3. Creation of the Tikog Research and Development Center. Within one (1) year
from the approval of this Act, there shall be established a Tikog Research and Development Center
in the Province of Samar which shall be attached to the Samar State University in Catbalogan City.

SEC. 4. Functions of the Tikog Research and Development Center. The Tikog Research
and Development Center shall exercise the following powers and functions:
a) Undertake and conduct researches and technical studies on the development, production, management, and marketing of tikog and banig products;

b) Publish research studies, papers, articles, and other works or writings relating to tikog and banig-weaving with the end goal of benefitting farmers, weavers, traders, and other stakeholders;

c) Train faculty members and other research personnel who will undertake research studies on tikog and the banig-weaving traditions of the area in order to document and preserve them, and to create the body of knowledge necessary in the formulation of education and training programs designed to encourage the development of a creative mass of local artisans, and the pursuit of entrepreneurial activities that showcase locally-woven products;

d) Formulate a Tikog and Banig-weaving Development Roadmap;

e) Develop innovations in tikog propagation and banig production and development as well as provide for the transfer and improvement of appropriate technologies and techniques;

f) Provide technical support and assistance for sustainable tikog propagation and banig production and other development activities to promote and provide adequate training to farmers and individuals and other stakeholders engaged in tikog propagation, and banig production, processing, and distribution in the Province of Samar;

g) Develop and provide marketing and intellectual property protection, education and training programs for tikog farmers and banig product makers and entrepreneurs;

h) Establish standards in grading, sampling and inspection, tests and analysis, specifications, packaging, preservation, conservation and transportation of tikog and banig products;

i) Coordinate with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and other concerned government agencies for the participation of tikog farmers, banig weavers, traders and exporters in local and international conferences, trade fairs, expositions and exhibits;

j) Coordinate with the Department of Education (DepEd) and other concerned government agencies in developing and including a Banig-weaving course in the curriculum of select senior high schools in the Province of Samar;

k) Coordinate with the local government units as well as concerned government agencies and offices to consolidate all policies, programs and projects relating to tikog and banig-weaving research and development; and
Perform such other functions and duties necessary or incidental to the promotion and development of the Tikog and Banig-weaving Industry and in the accomplishment of the objectives of this Act.

SEC. 5. **Banig Subsidy Fund.** A Banig-weaving Subsidy Fund shall be established to financially support and provide capital development to banig production, weaving, trading, skills training and other related activities.

SEC. 6. **Banig Capital of the Philippines.** To help promote the abovementioned public policy and further develop the local banig-weaving industry, the Municipality of Basey in the Province of Samar is hereby declared as the **Banig Capital of the Philippines.**

SEC. 7. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** Within sixty (60) days from effectivity of this Act, the Department of Agriculture and Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall, in collaboration with the Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Science and Technology, and Samar State University formulate and prescribe the necessary implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. **Appropriations.** The amount necessary for the immediate implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9. **Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. **Repealing Clause.** All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 11. **Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
HOUSE BILL NO. 9490
(In substitution of House Bill No. 6566)


Introduced by: REP. SHAREE ANN T. TAN

Committee Referrals: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Chairpersons: REP. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA
REP. ERIC GO YAP

OBJECTIVE:

● To revitalize the tikog-growing and banig-making industry in Basey, Samar and make it commercially competitive to help boost the economic condition of the people as well as to preserve the historic and cultural tradition of banig-weaving of the town.

KEY PROVISIONS:

● Creates the Tikog Research and Development Center which shall be attached to the Samar State University in Catbalogan City. The Center shall undertake and conduct researches and technical studies on the development, production, management, and marketing of tikog, tikog and banig products.

● Mandates the Center to formulate a Tikog-growing and Banig-weaving Development Roadmap.

● Establishes the Banig Subsidy Fund to provide capital development for banig production, weaving, trading, skills training and other related activities.

● Declares the Municipality of Basey in the Province of Samar as the Banig Capital of the Philippines.

● Mandates the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, in collaboration with the Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Science and Technology and Samar State University to formulate and prescribe the necessary implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.