Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 8120, introduced by Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN BARANGAY BALONGAY, MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9938, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FRESHWATER FISH HATCHERY, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBON PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”


Respectfully submitted:

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(In substitution of House Bill No. 8120)

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Introduced by Honorable Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FRESHWATER FISH HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BOMBON, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, 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 freshwater fish
hatchery in the Municipality of Bombon, Province of Camarines Sur.

SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the freshwater fish 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 freshwater fish hatchery, the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government
of the Municipality of Bombon. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local
government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the
breeding and production of freshwater fish 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 freshwater fish
hatchery in the Municipality of Bombon, Province of Camarines Sur, 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 freshwater fish hatchery to the local government of the Municipality of Bombon.
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,