COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1111

Submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations on **August 7, 2021**.

Re : House Bill No. **9940**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 8549

Sponsors: Reps. Leo Rafael M. Cueva and Eric Go Yap

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 8549, introduced by Rep. Josephine Y. Ramirez-Sato, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, AND SATELLITE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CALINTAAN, PALUAN, AND LUBANG, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9940**, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”


Respectfully submitted:

Eric Go Yap
Chairperson
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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. _________
(In substitution of House Bill No. 8549)

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Introduced by Honorable Josephine Y. Ramirez-Sato

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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,