COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1112

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

Re: House Bill No. 9941

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2407 and 2408

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 were referred House Bills Numbered 2407 and 2408, both introduced by Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing, entitled:

HB NO. 2407 - “AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AQUATIC RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL BREEDING STATION FOR LAKE, RIVER, AND OTHER INLAND FISHES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

HB NO. 2408 - “AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTIPURPOSE FISH AND SHRIMP HATCHERIES IN ALL SUITABLE AREAS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9941, 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”

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2407 and 2408, with Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

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Chairperson  Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations  Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9941  
(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 2407 & 2408)  

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 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. Domingo, Province of Nueva Ecija.  

SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the technology verification station with tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries, 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 technology verification station with 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 shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the technology verification station and hatcheries.  

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.  

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 Ecija, 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.

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,