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HOUSE BILL NO. 2162



Introduced by Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo and Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a crab hatchery for the production and multiplication of mud crabs in Mindanao State University Naawan (MSUN), Province of Misamis Oriental.

The Province of Lanao Del Norte is blessed with rich fishing grounds in Panguil Bay and in nearby coastal areas facing Panguil Bay. The waters in these areas are generally free from pollution and provide an ideal place for research and breeding activities. Fishing in these areas has been an integral part of the local economy and will continue to be so in the next generations.

In aquaculture, mud crab has the advantage over other cultivable commodities due to its better price, high market demand, fast growth, wide tolerance over several physio-chemical water parameters and resistant to diseases when compared to shrimps. The aquaculture of mud crab is a very promising livelihood alternative to the poor coastal communities when properly managed. In the Philippines, successful mud crab aquaculture includes grow-out, soft shell and fattening productions

In recognition of the sector's actual and potential contributions to the national economy, its full development should be maximized. The government should take the lead by allocating considerable resources in research and development by providing a crab hatchery for mud crabs in the MSUN. In line with this, it will help address the major bottleneck of the mud crab industry in the Philippines in both aquaculture and capture fisheries by developing a state of the art hatchery technology at MSUN.

Furthermore, the approval of this measure shall help in the economic growth and contribute to national development by providing employment opportunities and a sustainable aquaculture productivity.

In view of the significance of this measure to national development, the prompt approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CRAB HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND
MULTIPLICATION OF MUD CRABS IN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY NAAWAN,
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL 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 Mindanao State University in the Municipality of Naawan Province of Misamis Oriental, a crab hatchery for the production and multiplication of mud crabs in Mindanao State University Naawan.

SEC. 2. The MSU-Naawan shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on crab species culture, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that will rejuvenate the mud crab industry.

SEC. 3. The President of MSU-Naawan shall include in the University's programs the establishment and operationalization of a crab hatchery for the production and multiplication of mud crabs in MSU-Naawan, Province of Misamis Oriental, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Mindanao State University shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,