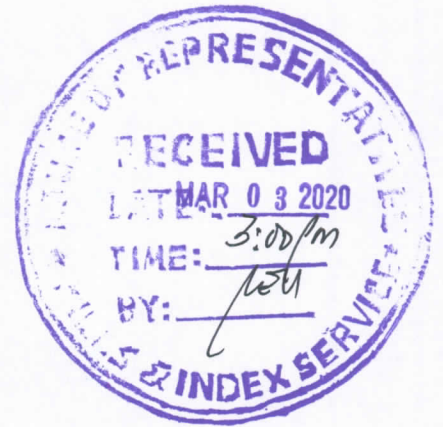


Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

**EIGHTEENTH (18<sup>TH</sup>) CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 6459



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Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE ROMEO M. JALOSJOS, JR.**

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish an Agri-Fishery High School to be known as "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DAPITAN CITY AGRI-FISHERY HIGH SCHOOL (DCAFHS), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND OTHER PURPOSES."

In the 1987 Philippine Constitution Article XIV, Section 2.1 provides that "the State shall establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education that is relevant to the needs of the people and society." Section 2 of Republic Act 10533 also provides, "the State shall create a functional basic education system that will develop productive and responsible citizens equipped with the essential competencies, skills and values for both life-long learning and employment." In Article XIV, Section 3.2 of the Constitution further states that "all educational institution shall include patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity... encourage critical and creative thinking, broaden scientific and technological knowledge, and promote vocational efficiency," Moreover, in Section 5.1 of the same article further provides that "the State shall take into account the regional and sectoral needs and conditions and shall encourage local planning in the development educational policies and programs."

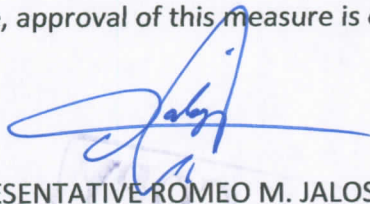
It is the faithful intention of this humble representation to establish a system of education that is suitable to the needs and aligned with the topographical features of Dapitan City which is agri-fishery geographic profile with an estimated land area of 390.53 square kilometers, of which 15.62 square kilometers equivalent to 1,562 hectares are inland aquamarine production. It will be an educational system that implements programs within the socio-economic profile in the area significant to food sufficiency thru the technical skills development in agri-fishery endeavour.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the Philippines ranked among the major fish producing countries in the world in 2012 with a total production of 3.1 million tons of fish, crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic animals. Aquaculture contributed 25.4 percent to the total fish production. The fishery and aquaculture industry employed an estimated 1.5 million people nationwide in 2010 and contributed 1.8 percent to the country's GDP. In 2013, exports of fish and aquamarine products including shrimps and pawns were valued at USD 1.2 billion.

The above data shows that strengthening the agriculture and fishery industries of the country, particularly in Dapitan City, can potentially contribute to the country's economic program. Hence, there is a need to establish an educational program that will support this vision in a long-term basis. It is in this premise that this representation in collaboration with DepEd Dapitan City, the LGU Dapitan City and other stakeholders in the government and private sector envision to establish a school that will focus and specialize on the development of knowledge, skills and love for agriculture and fishery arts among the young generation.

School program offerings are primarily specialized based on and aligned to the trainings of TESDA-Technical Vocational Livelihood (TVL) under Agri-Fishery Arts Strand programs, D.A./BFAR, Local Agri-Fishery operators and the DepEd, to include but not limited to research and development and utilization of actual laboratories and agri-fishery farms demo and work immersion venues for the students. No school within the division that offered pure specializations aligned to Agriculture and Fishery Strand.

Hence, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Jalosjos', is written over a faint circular official stamp.

REPRESENTATIVE ROMEO M. JALOSJOS, JR.  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AGRI-FISHERY HIGH SCHOOL IN DAPITAN CITY TO BE KNOWN AS DAPITAN CITY AGRI-FISHERY HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES***

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

**SECTION 1: SHORT TITLE** – This Act shall be known as the “DAPITAN CITY AGRI-FISHERY HIGH SCHOOL to be established within the City of Dapitan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

**SECTION 2: DECLARATION OF POLICY** – Section 2.1 of the Philippine Constitution provides that “the State shall establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education that is relevant to the needs of the people and society.

Section 2 of Republic Act 10533 also provides that “the State shall create a functional basic education system that will develop productive and responsible citizens equipped with the essential competencies, skills and values for both life-long learning and employment.

In article XIV, Section 3.2 of the Constitution further states that “all educational institution shall include patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity... encourage critical and creative thinking, broaden scientific and technological knowledge and promote vocational efficiency.

**SECTION 3: MANDATE** – The establishment of DAPITAN CITY AGRI-FISHERY HIGH SCHOOL shall focus and specialize to develop the knowledge, skills for Agriculture and Fishery Arts among the Senior High School (SHS) students programmed both DepEd and Non-DepEd under TVL-Agri-Fishery Arts Strand.

It is in close collaboration/coordination with DepEd Dapitan City Division, LGU of Dapitan City, TESDA, Department of Agriculture/BFAR and the local fishpond operators for purposes of skills training and work immersion venues for the students who took Agriculture and Fishery Arts Strand.

**SECTION 4: SUBJECT PROGRAM FOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL UNDER TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL LIVELIHOOD (TVL) Track** – The subject program offerings are primary based on the implementing Senior High School (SHS) of K-12 with two (2) additional curriculum subject specializations under TVL track:

**a. AGRICULTURE ARTS STRAND:**

1. Horticulture (NC-III) six hundred forty (640) required hours at eight (8) subject slots
2. Organic Agriculture (NC-II) three hundred twenty (320) required hours at four (4) subject slots
3. Agricultural Crops Production (NC I and II) three hundred twenty (320) required hours for NC- I at four subject slots, and six hundred forty (640) required hours for NC-II at eight (8) subject slots.
4. Landscape Installation and Maintenance (NC-II) three hundred twenty (320) required hours at four subject slots.

**b. FISHERY ARTS STRAND:**

1. Aquaculture (NC-II) six hundred forty (640) required hours at eight (8) subject slots.
2. Fish Capture (NC-II) six hundred forty (6400) required hours at eight (8) subject slots.
3. Food (Fish) Processing (NC-II) six hundred forty (640) required hours at eight (8) subject slots.
4. Fish Products Packaging (NC-II) three hundred twenty (320) required hours at four (4) subject slots.

**SECTION 5: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE** – the Dapitan City Agri-Fishery High School shall be organized under the Department of Education thru the Division Development Plan (DDP) which plans and programs of operations shall be within the sole jurisdiction and guidance of the Department of Education and it shall be composed of the following operational set up:

- a. The Office of the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) and the Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent (ASDS)
- b. The Office of the Principal/ School Head
- c. The Office of the Immersion Head integrating representatives from the Department of Agriculture (Regional and LGU Offices), BFAR, TESDA, Fishpond and Fish Cage Operators
- d. Department Head for Agriculture
- e. Department Head for Fishery
- f. Department Head for Junior and Senior High School
- g. Demo Farm/Fish Cage/fishpond In-charge and Technicians
- h. Teaching Staff
- i. Financial Staff
- j. Students and Parents organization



**SECTION 6: BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING FACILITY** – the amount shall be appropriated for the construction of building facility and shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) upon the approval of this Act which allocation determine for the following:

- a. An amount of Fifty Two Million Peso (Php 52,000,000.00) shall be allocated for the Construction of Four (4) Storey Twenty (20) Classroom Junior and Senior High School Building Facility.
- b. An amount of Forty Four Million Pesos (Php 44,000,000.00) shall be allocated for the Construction of Four (4) Storey Sixteen (16) Classroom for Eight (8) Laboratory Agriculture Arts Strand Building Facility.
- c. An amount of Forty Four Million Pesos (Php 44,000,000.00) shall be allocated for the Construction of Four (4) Storey Sixteen (16) Classroom for Eight (8) Laboratory Fishery Arts Strand Building Facility.

**SECTION 7: PERSONNEL SERVICES (P.S) AND MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES (MOOE)** -The required annual budgetary allocation for Schools Personnel Services (P.S) and Maintenance and Other Operational Expenses (MOOE) shall be programmed by the Department of Education for the inclusion in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the current year budget.

**SECTION 8: REPEALING CLAUSE-** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of the Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 9: SEPARABILITY CLAUSE-**Any potion or provision of the Act that may be declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as such remaining provisions can still subsist and be given effect.

**SECTION 10: EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE-** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation whichever is earlier.

**Approved.**