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MEMORANDUM NO. 36

Series of 2022

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SUBJECT : **TRANSMITTING THE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 96 OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND AGRARIAN REFORM (CAFAR)**

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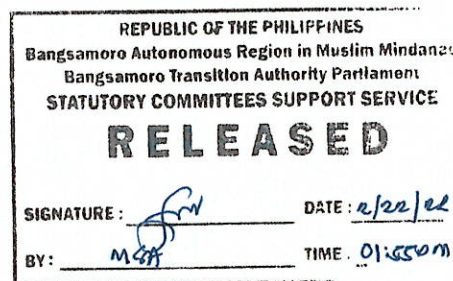
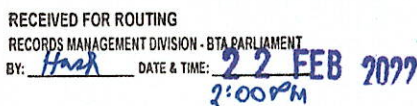
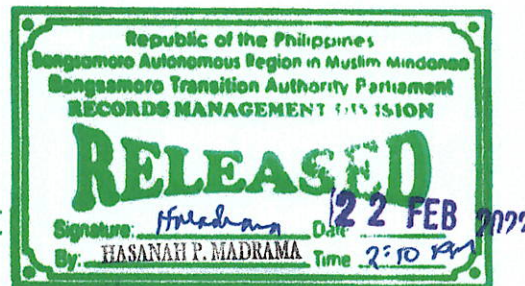
The Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform (CAFAR), under the Economic Affairs Division, is actively conducting committee activities to discuss bills and resolutions referred to it. In this regard, this office is pleased to transmit to the Office of the Department Director of the Plenary and Committee Affairs Department and to the Chief of the Bills and Index Division, the attached Committee Report No. 96, prepared by Legislative Committee Secretary Saifulla V. Sicag, of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform, for the said committee.

For any concern or clarification, you can contact us at (0956) 402 0182 or email us at statutorycommittees@bta.gov.ph.

For your ready reference.

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Attachments: (1) Committee on Health Committee Report No. 96
 (2) Proposed Resolution No. 530





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Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament)
 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao)
 3rd Regular Session)

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 96

Submitted by the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform on 21 FEB 2022

Re: Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Proposed Resolution No. 530
 Recommending for its approval without amendments

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Mr. Speaker,

The Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform to which was referred

Proposed Resolution No. 530 entitled,

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND AGRARIAN REFORM TO MODIFY THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS IN ITS PROCUREMENT OF MOTORIZED BANCA FROM FIBERGLASS BOATS TO WOODEN HULLED BOATS AND EXPEDITE THE PROCUREMENT AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR MOTORIZED BOAT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.”

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has been deliberated and respectfully recommending for its approval without amendments.

The BTA Proposed Resolution No. 5 ~~30~~ is attached to this committee report.

Respectfully submitted,


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THIRD REGULAR SESSION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 530

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND AGRARIAN REFORM TO MODIFY THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS IN ITS PROCUREMENT OF MOTORIZED BANCA FROM FIBERGLASS BOATS TO WOODEN HULLED BOATS AND EXPEDITE THE PROCUREMENT AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR MOTORIZED BOAT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.

INTRODUCED BY PRINCIPAL AUTHORS:

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WHEREAS, Sections 2 and 7, Article IV of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) pertinently provide that:

Section 2. Self-Governance. In the exercise of its right to self-governance, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region is free to pursue its political, economic, social, and cultural development as provided for in this Organic Law.

Section 7. Social Justice. - The Bangsamoro Government shall ensure every Filipino citizen in its territorial jurisdiction the provision of the basic necessities and equal opportunities in life. xxx

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao has been accorded greater autonomy that is farther in reach than its predecessor and thus can validly conduct its government affairs with minimal intervention, if not none, from the national government agencies.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 8, Article IX of the Bangsamoro Organic Law mandating the Bangsamoro Government to “provide, maintain, and ensure the delivery of xxx, livelihood opportunities”, the Ministry of Fisheries and Agricultural Resources proposed the project “Municipal Payao” and “Basnigan with Fishing Net”, which included the procurement and distribution of fiberglass hulled motorized boats to our marginalized and individual fishermen in the year 2020;

WHEREAS, the said procurement activities included the purchase of Motorized Banca with the following Technical Specifications:

- a. 30-footer fiberglass boat; and
- b. 20-footer with paddle, made of fiberglass reinforcement boat.

WHEREAS, the implementation of the above projects is long overdue as it has been allotted in 2020, to the detriment of the communities in the Bangsamoro Region.

WHEREAS, per information from MAFAR, the delay was due to lack of responsive bidders in the procurement of fiberglass hulled motorized boats resulting in multiple failure of bidding.

WHEREAS, per information from MAFAR, the initiative to resort to fiberglass hulled motorized boats was to conform to the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Circular No. 2016-02 or the *Revised Rules on The Phase Out of Wooden-hulled Ships Carrying Passengers in Domestic Shipping*.

WHEREAS, *MARINA Circular No. 2016-02, s. 2016* provides for the Revised Rules on the Phase-out of Wooden-Hulled Ships that is intended for carrying passengers in domestic shipping and not for fishing purposes.

WHEREAS, a closer look at the specific requirement of the Ministry shows that the procurement of fiberglass hulled motorized boat may not be practicable in most areas and in most cases due to: (1) its weight compared to the wooden-hulled boat of the same size and dimensions; (2) difficulty to maintain or to repair damage as there are no trained fiberglass workers; (3) poor craftsmanship of the fiberglass boat is easily concealable and difficult to detect; (4) fiberglass becomes considerably weaker when exposed to repetitive stress as compared to a wood/epoxy boat.

WHEREAS, fishing cooperatives have consistently requested for the provision of wooden-hulled boats instead of fiberglass boats for the following reasons:

1. Wooden-hulled boats are easier to repair because of availability of materials unlike that of fiberglass boats;
2. In terms of seaworthiness, wooden-hulled boats are easier to maneuver whereas fiberglass boats are heavier and difficult to manage when sailing on rough waters;
3. In case of accidents causing damage to the hull, wooden-hulled boats remain afloat while fiberglass boats sink; and
4. By centuries-old practice, wooden-hulled boats have been continuously and heavily relied upon, trusted, and used by fisherfolks in the Bangsamoro Region.

WHEREAS, the procurement by MAFAR of *Municipal Payao and Basnigan with Fishing Net* is devoted for the use of regular fisherfolks to assist them in their livelihood and not for the purpose of carrying passengers.

WHEREAS, the fact is wooden-hulled motorized boat is not purely made of wood, but of marine epoxy-coated plywood and therefore does not contribute to the degradation of our environment.

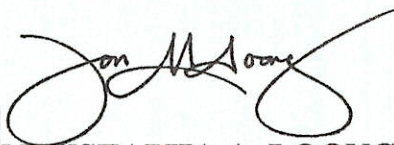
WHEREAS, the absence of a reliable and established fiberglass boat maker in the Region further contributes to the delay of the implementation of this project to the prejudice of our marginalized fishermen and our constituents.

WHEREAS, the fishermen in our Region are accustomed to using the wooden-hulled boats and they are proven to be sturdy, lighter, easier to make and maintain, and similar type of boat are also being given away by some local government units.

WHEREAS, because of the difficulty in procuring fiberglass boats, the MAFAR has already removed provision of motorized banca in its 2021 development programs because of the fiberglass issue, to the prejudice and detriment of the fisherfolks especially in the Island Provinces of Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi as well as coastal communities of Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform to modify the technical specifications in its procurement of the Project Municipal Payao and Basnigan motorized banca from fiberglass boats to plywood/epoxy hulled boats and proceed with the procurement and full implementation thereof.

Adopted, _____.



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