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FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bangsamoro region is endowed with vast tracts of agricultural lands being harnessed for the production of food and commercial crops, including coffee. However, there is a diverse array of barriers that lead to impediments that constrain the development of the industry in the region, including low volume of production and low quality of coffee.

While the Department of Agriculture's seeding program has had some successes in increasing input distribution, the quality of the plants can be substandard. With little formal training and education, coffee farms in the region continue to produce coffee with outdated agricultural techniques. Key operations for driving productivity and quality improvements in coffee production such as pruning, weeding, irrigation, fertilizer use, and tree replacement are sporadic and unevenly applied.

In addition, while there is government attention to the sector and cooperation within individual segments of the industry, communication often falters between the various offices. Although the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Trade and Industry have both issued separate road maps and planning documents for the industry, implementation of these strategies is uneven due to the autonomy of local governments to select which recommended initiatives to undertake.

Through this measure, an initial boost will be provided to coffee farmers with the creation of the Bangsamoro Coffee Research and Development Institute. This body will spearhead the provision of well-established extension packages among farmers, traders, and processors in the region. This includes inputs such as seedlings, fertilizer, and irrigation equipment as well as free training services in coffee production.

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Extension services, access to quality seedlings, and access to credit are key elements for achieving the upgrade of the coffee industry. Extension services are essential in teaching small farmers about modern farming and harvesting techniques to increase their quality and yields, while access to credit is essential for small farmers to invest in new coffee plantations, and other inputs.

Furthermore, the government must provide market linkages and export support for smaller producers that are not yet in a position to engage directly with buyers. It must also play a strong role in branding the region's coffee and engaging traders directly in a business-to-business model to promote the particular characteristics of our coffee.

We must recognize that the region has had a strong reputation for coffee. This needs to be further developed once the region has improved its production and processing techniques. However, these efforts need to be tailored to raise the profile of the region as a specialty producer, drawing buyers and roasters, and creating linkages between producing organizations and buyers.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Bangsamoro Coffee Industry Development Act of 2022*”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy and Principles. – It shall be the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to advance agriculture as a key development strategy, promote productivity measures, and provide support for small farmers and landholders.

Towards this end, it shall promote the regional coffee industry as a viable income source for farmers through the delivery of extension packages, including inputs such as quality seedlings, fertilizer, free training services, and easy access to low-interest financing instruments to further develop coffee production and processing techniques within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

The Bangsamoro Government shall increase the quality and production of coffee harvested from the region, with due regard to ecological balance, environmental protection, and rural development. With the growth of the regional coffee industry, it shall endeavor to attain economic development that facilitates growth and full employment, human development, and social justice.

Section 3. Creation of a Bangsamoro Coffee Research, and Development Institute. – There shall be a Bangsamoro Coffee Research, and Development Institute, hereinafter referred to as the Institute, that shall be direct, supervise, and monitor the development and promotion

of the coffee industry within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. The Institute shall be based at the Mindanao State University (MSU), in the Municipality of Jolo, Province of Sulu.

Section 4. Powers and Functions. – The Institute shall have the following powers and functions in line with the research, development, and extension programs of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform – Research, Development and Extension Services, and the Ministry of Trade, Investments, and Tourism – Bureau of Trade and Industry. It shall:

- a. Create and maintain a regional coffee industry roadmap that will outline the planned programs and projects to develop the coffee industry, focused on increasing input intensity, both incorporating short-term and long-term concrete goals;
- b. Improve the availability and cost of fertilizers and quality seedlings;
- c. Provide low-interest financing and credit instruments to invest in new coffee plantations and other inputs.
- d. Provide market linkages, and exports support for smaller producers that are not yet in a position to engage directly with buyers;
- e. Create a branding of the region’s coffee and engage traders directly in a business-to-business model to promote the particular characteristics of the region’s coffee.
- f. Endeavor product differentiation throughout the industry towards producing a higher quality product;
- g. Provide free training and technical assistance on modern farming and harvesting techniques to increase quality and yields;
- h. Establish coffee processing facilities; and
- i. Assist qualified and viable farmers’/growers cooperatives in the availment of soft-loans, grants, and other incentives provided in Republic Act No. 7900, or the High-Value Crops Development Act of 1995.

Section 5. Executive Director. – The Institute shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall be responsible for the planning, implementation, and supervision of the Institute’s programs. The Executive Director shall possess the following qualifications:

- a. Must have completed substantial and relevant education and experience in coffee research and development;
- b. Must be of good moral character and has not been involved in a legal case involving moral turpitude.

All other officers and employees of the Institute shall be appointed by the Executive Director, consistent with the provisions of the Civil Service laws, rules, and regulations.

Section 6. Advisory Board. – The plans and programs of the Institute shall be reviewed annually by the Advisory Board, which shall be composed of:

- a. Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform, as Chairman;
- b. Minister of the Ministry of Trade, Investments, and Tourism, as Vice-Chairman;

- c. Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology;
- d. One (1) bona fide member of a registered company, cooperative, or organization of coffee farmers;
- e. One (1) bona fide member of a registered company, cooperative, or organization of coffee traders;
- f. One (1) bona fide member of a registered company, cooperative, or organization of coffee processors.

Section 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the passage of this Act, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform, in close coordination with the Ministry of Trade, Investments, and Tourism and Ministry of Science and Technology, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

Section 8. *Appropriations.* – Such sums as may be necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be taken from the current appropriations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform. Thereafter, the fund necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro.

Section 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders or issuances, or any parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 11. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication.

Adopted,

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