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Introduced by HON. RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

A RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PLANNED METRO RAIL TRANSIT (MRT) FARE INCREASE TO TAKE EFFECT ON 2013, IN VIEW OF THE STRONG OPPOSITION FROM THE RIDING PUBLIC IN GENERAL

Whereas, on 22 October 2012, the Department of Transportation and Communications announced that it is pushing through with its planned fare increase for MRT rides;

Whereas, the fare increase, as reported, is due to the government's proposal to reduce its subsidy for train operations;

Whereas, in September 2011, eleven (11) Senators has filed a resolution for the deferment of the implementation of fare increases for the Light Rail Transit (LRT), MRT, and toll fees in the country's expressways;

Whereas, similar to reasons posted last year, any fare increase is downright anti-poor as majority of train riders come from student and employed sectors, who are non- or low- to middle- income earners;

Whereas, MRT operations benefit the country as whole as opposed to what some sectors are saying that provinces subsidize the capital's operations since train passengers also come from the provinces who seek greener pastures here in the Metro;

Whereas, on November 3, 2012, one of the coaches of the MRT caught fire that caused stampede which injured at least two passengers;

Whereas, as has been reported in Senate hearings on this matter, all mass transit systems in the world are subsidized by the government;

Whereas, government subsidy to mass transit systems provide commuters the much-needed relief from high cost of transportation;

Be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Services and other appropriate Senate committees, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the planned Metro Rail Transit (MRT) fare increase to take effect on 2013, in view of the strong opposition from the riding public in general.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.