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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF WASTE
MANAGEMENT IN ISLAND DESTINATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

1 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides
2 the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and
3 healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

4 WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2(d) of Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known
5 as the Ecological Solid Wastes Management Act of 2000, provides it to be the policy
6 of the State to ensure the proper segregation, collection, transport, storage,
7 treatment, and disposal of solid waste through the formulation and adoption of the
8 best environmental practice in ecological waste management excluding incineration;

9 WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9275, otherwise known as
10 the Clean Water Act of 2004, provides the State shall pursue a policy of economic
11 growth in a manner consistent with the protection, preservation and revival of the
12 quality of our fresh, brackish and marine waters;

13 WHEREAS, an article from the Philippine Star, dated April 10, 2018, reported
14 that the environmental challenges in El Nido, Palawan and Panglao, Bohol consists of
15 accumulating water pollution and lacking of proper waste disposal facilities;

16 WHEREAS, a report from the Environment Management Bureau in Region 7
17 provided that total coliform levels in the last quarter of 2017 was at 284.15 most
18 probable number (MPN) per 100ml which is way below the safe level of 1,000 MPN;

19 WHEREAS, an article from the Philippine Daily Inquirer, dated January 14,
20 2018, reported that the total coliform levels in Panglao, Bohol were within standards
21 but the level of fecal coliform continued to spike and breach acceptable levels;

22 WHEREAS, the article from the Philippine Daily Inquirer further reported that
23 the spike in coliform bacteria is attributed to waste disposal by tourist boats and the
24 lack of wastewater treatment facilities in the resorts of Panglao;

25 WHEREAS, a Senate inquiry on the matter is necessary in order to update the
26 appropriate Senate committees and to address the lapses in waste management in
27 island destinations across the country to prevent further degradation of the natural
28 environment and achieve sustainable tourism development;

29 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate
30 Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of waste
31 management in island destinations across the country.

Adopted,


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Senator