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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SITUATION OF THE FLOOD-STRICKEN AREAS AND THE PROVINCES MOST VULNERABLE TO FLOODING IN THE PHILIPPINES INCLUDING THE STATUS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FLOOD CONTROL MANAGEMENT, WITH THE END VIEW OF EVALUATING THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMS ON FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Philippines is considered as one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, ranking 3rd globally according to the international bank HSBC report released on 1st quarter of 2018;

WHEREAS, the country's vulnerability to climate change makes the Philippines susceptible to extreme weathers such as storms and flooding, which cause a wide spectrum of social, physical, and economic damages as well as the loss of human lives;

WHEREAS, while a massive public spending is allotted by the government to ease the flood control problems in Metro Manila, experts have noted that the State must exert equal efforts and attention to the same problems suffered by areas outside Metro Manila to stimulate sustainable and inclusive development across the country;

WHEREAS, in a report by Asian Development Bank (ADB) released on mid 2017, entitled "A Region at Risk: The Human Dimensions of Climate Change in Asia and the Pacific," the cities of Butuan, Davao, Iloilo, Caloocan, Malabon, Manila and Taguig are identified to be the most susceptible cities to one-meter sea-level rise threat;

WHEREAS, apart from the most vulnerable cities mentioned, other coastal and low-lying areas remain agonizing from the perennial hazard of flooding;

WHEREAS, while natural calamities cannot be prevented, the State can minimize the risks and damages that they may cause through improvising and improving systems and mechanisms for the purpose;

WHEREAS, there is a need to revisit the flood control management of provinces that have been placed under the state of calamity due to flooding to determine the faults in the system, if there are, and to craft mechanisms needed to efficiently prevent and manage the problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Works to conduct an inquiry on the situation of the flood-stricken areas and the provinces most vulnerable to flooding in the Philippines, including the status of their respective flood control management to evaluate the implementation of the government's programs and the effectivity of the same.

Adopted,



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