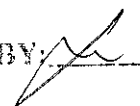


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON
THE PROVISIONAL FARE HIKE OF THE MASS RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEMS

Whereas, the Department of Transportation and Communication has approved provisional fare hikes for the mass rail transport systems or MRT and LRT Lines 1 and 2 at various percentage increases;

Whereas, the fare hikes are estimated to be at the following rates:

For LRT 1 From/To Baclaran, an average hike of 34.7% and 52.6% for stored value and single-journey respectively

For LRT 2 From/To Recto Station, an average hike of 33.7% and 50.3% for stored value and single-journey, respectively

For MRT From/To North EDSA, an average hike of 59.4% for stored value and single-journey;

Whereas, the fare hikes will increase the cost of transportation and communication for passengers of the respective rail transport systems who are already burdened by an 8.2 per cent cut in their income representing transportation and communication expense according to the latest National Statistical Coordination Board figures from the 2006 National Census;

Whereas, majority of the millions of riders of the mass rail transport systems are middle, low-middle to low income classes;

Whereas, passengers of the mass rail transport systems are already saddled with several price increases of basic commodities such as but not limited to bread, vegetables, poultry and meat products and liquefied petroleum gas;

Whereas, fare hikes for the mass rail transport systems should undergo extensive public consultations to ensure that the rights of the riding public as consumers and also as taxpayers are protected;

Whereas, the government as part of the consortium operating and owning the mass rail transport systems has recourse to other sources of income without the additional burden of a fare hike such as but not limited to stationary and mobile advertisements and rents paid by various concessionaires in the stations of the mass rail transport systems;

Whereas, the passengers have no way of recouping the additional fares they are supposed to pay if the provisional fare hikes are implemented in the event that the public consultations prove that the proposed fare hikes are unjustified and should not have been implemented in the first place;

Whereas, if the fare hikes are approved, the DOTC shall implement fare hikes at the maximum rate of 10% applicable to the single-journey and stored value that are more reasonable and acceptable to the passengers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to direct the Committee on Public Services and other appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the provisional fare hike of the mass rail transit systems.

Adopted,

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JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI