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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF BAGUIO CITY WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF MAKING THE SAID LOCAL GOVERNMENT A HEALTHY ECOLOGICAL SITE FOR THE RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS

Whereas, Baguio City is famous as the “Summer Capital of the Philippines” since it has been a premiere tourist destination in the Northern Philippines by the invitation of its cool climate, panoramic views and scenic mountainous terrain;

Whereas, yet, Baguio City is recently dealing with problems of garbage collection and management which is directly related with the issue of overpopulation that the city is coping with;

Whereas, last year, on July 2008, the city’s authorities prompted that a “state of calamity” was to be declared in Baguio City to safeguard the residents and visitors as well from health hazards due to the failure of the city government to handle and manage the city’s garbage disposal;

Whereas, a “state of calamity” would allow the local government to shell out the Php 85 million out of its supplemental budget and use it as calamity fund to safeguard the people’s health from the garbage dilemma;

Whereas, the issue started when the residents of Barangay Irisan and its neighboring subdivision in Tuba town, Benguet protested against the threats of garbage spillover from the Irisan dump site, which is the only dump in Baguio City;

Whereas, towards the end of June 2008, City Administrator Peter Fianza announced that the “state of calamity” has been lifted from the City of Baguio, as the government devised a clarified garbage collection scheme that encouraged heightened citizen participation for the stricter implementation of waste segregation;

Whereas, the city has also approved the allocation of 10 million pesos to devise means to overcome the garbage crisis of the city;

Whereas, very recently, it has been reported in the Philippine Daily Inquirer (PDI) dated April 19, 2009 that market wastes are once again noticed to be piling up the streets of downtown

Baguio, while the residents outside the central district suffered consequences of uncollected garbage over the past week;

Whereas, Vice Mayor Farinas stressed the city government's commitment to the "no segregation, no collection policy" applied to garbage collection which was pointed to be the reason for the uncollected garbage clumping the streets of Baguio;

Whereas, an immediate comprehensive environment plan must be formulated and assistance must be accorded to Baguio City, a premier Philippine destination: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and other appropriate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported environmental problems of Baguio City with the end-in-view of making the said local government a healthy ecological site for the residents and tourists.

Adopted,


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Senator