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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF
EARTHQUAKE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSIVENESS IN LIGHT
OF THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY THE 7.2 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE
THAT HIT BOHOL, CEBU, AND NUMEROUS OTHER AREAS IN VISAYAS AND
MINDANAO ON 15 OCTOBER 2013

WHEREAS, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) and the United States Geological Service reported that at 8:12 in the morning of 15 October 2013, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck several kilometers southeast of Carmen town, Bohol;

WHEREAS, the earthquake lasted for thirty seconds, was felt in several other areas in Visayas and Mindanao, and caused numerous aftershocks in said areas;

WHEREAS, as of the morning of 16 October 2013, there have been a reported number of over 90 casualties and at least 164 injured as a result of the devastating earthquake;

WHEREAS, infrastructures suffered ruinous damage and public services, such as air and water transportation, were forced to a standstill;

WHEREAS, there is a further need to establish policies that look into public education and awareness strategies or programs for safety procedures in times of natural disasters, government-initiated programs on disaster preparedness, and government-led programs on disaster preventiveness;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the proper Senate committees to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the state of earthquake disaster preparedness and responsiveness in light of the devastation caused by the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that hit Bohol, Cebu, and numerous other areas in Visayas and Mindanao on 15 October 2013.

Adopted,


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Senator