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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, TO INTENSIFY ORGANIC FERTILIZER USE IN THE COUNTRY'S  
AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution, Article 2, Section 15, provides: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

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

WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* in its 14 February 2014 online article reported that the Department of Agriculture (DA) encouraged farmer organizations and local government units (LGUs) to intensify organic fertilizer production to expand organic agriculture (OA) areas in the region;

WHEREAS, DA officials reportedly said that there is a need to produce organic fertilizer and make it available for use by farmer organizations and LGUs;

WHEREAS, DA officials also noted that a sufficient supply of organic fertilizer will motivate farmers to shift into organic farming, adopt OA technologies and decreases the price of organic fertilizer in the market;


WHEREAS, the establishment of vermicomposting project is said to be one of the most proposed projects under the OA program for 2014, which was proposed by the municipality of Calinog, Dumangas and Leon in Iloilo province and of the Filamer Christian College in Roxas City, Capiz;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the province of Negros Occidental proposed to establish a natural farming system production center which will mass-produce NFS concoctions;

WHEREAS, DA officials reportedly encouraged LGUs to incorporate in their project proposals their target areas to be converted to organic agriculture farming, and that this will help expand focus areas devoted to OA of at least five percent of the total agricultural land nationwide;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to intensify organic fertilizer use in the country's agricultural sector.

Adopted,

  
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