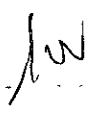


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**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE(S), TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT OF THE
OMBUDSMAN THAT, FOR FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE YEARS, LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TOP THE LIST OF THE MOST NUMBER
OF OMBUDSMAN CASES FILED AGAINST THEIR OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, *Article II, Section 27 of the Constitution* provides that, “[T]he State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption” while *Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution* states that, “[P]ublic office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives”;

WHEREAS, pursuant to this strong anti-corruption mandate under the Constitution, *Republic Act No. 3019* was enacted to repress certain acts of public officers and private persons alike constituting graft or corrupt practices or which may lead thereto;

WHEREAS, the Ombudsman recently released a report containing a listing of government agencies whose officials have the most number of Ombudsman cases filed in 2014. Alarminglly, since 2011, or for four (4) consecutive years, the most number of Ombudsman cases have been filed against officials of local government units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, the author of this resolution filed Senate Bill No. 2045, known as the “Bigger Pie, Bigger Slice Bill”, which will bring more resources to LGUs if and when it becomes law;

WHEREAS, it becomes imperative to conduct an inquiry into the Ombudsman report to find out the varying forms of graft and corrupt practices that have been committed by the LGU officials, which led to the filing of graft cases against them, as well as to determine if the existing anti-corruption laws such as *Republic Act No. 3019* (Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act), *Republic Act No. 6713* (Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees),

Republic Act No. 9485 (Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007) and other related laws are sufficient to deter graft and corruption;

WHEREAS, before the “Bigger Pie, Bigger Slice Bill” becomes law, positive steps must be taken to fight and eventually eradicate corruption at the local level;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE(S), BE DIRECTED TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT OF THE OMBUDSMAN THAT, FOR FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE YEARS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TOP THE LIST OF THE MOST NUMBER OF OMBUDSMAN CASES FILED AGAINST THEIR OFFICIALS.

Adopted,


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