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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED PREVALENCE OF HEPATITIS E VIRUS (HEV) AMONG BACKYARD GROWN PIGS

WHEREAS, Section 15 of Article II of the Constitution states that "The State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, according to a recent study by a team of Japanese and Filipino doctors and scientists, there is a high prevalence of hepatitis E virus (HEV) among pigs raised by backyard hog farmers, posing risks of infection among local residents;

WHEREAS, in said study conducted on backyard farms in San Jose, Tarlac, pigs appear to be infected with HEV genotype 3 which according to the World Health Organization the same is transmissible to humans and is recognized as among the causes of sporadic hepatitis;

WHEREAS, backyard piggeries are common in rural areas and accounts for up to 70% of the country's hog production;

WHEREAS, there is a need to look into this matter to safeguard the general public on HEV infections brought by backyard piggeries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines directs the Senate Committee on Health Agriculture and Food and other appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported prevalence of hepatitis E virus (HEV) among backyard grown pigs.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID