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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE, CLIMATE CHANGE, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO STUDY MECHANISMS THAT WOULD PROMOTE AWARENESS ON EFFECTIVE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF EDUCATING FILIPINOS ON DISASTER RISK AWARENESS AND HELP THEM RESPOND APPROPRIATELY BASED ON SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 states that "it is the policy of the State to:

(d) Adopt a disaster risk reduction and management approach that is holistic, comprehensive, integrated, and proactive in lessening the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of disasters including climate change, and promote the involvement and participation of all sectors and all stakeholders concerned, at all levels, especially the local community;

(l) Recognize and strengthen the capacities of LGUs and communities in mitigating and preparing for, responding to, and recovering from the impact of disasters.";

WHEREAS, the Department of Science and Technology's Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards or Project NOAH has on March 31 and April 2, 2015 posted in YouTube.com a ten-minute video about early flood warning systems and other responses during natural calamities;

WHEREAS, entitled "Paano Gamitin ang DOST-Project Noah" Grades 1 and 2, Project NOAH's Executive Director Dr. Mahar Lagmay showed mostly in Filipino how to use the flood warning system;

WHEREAS, he stressed the need to pay attention to rising water levels and the amount of rain being unleashed by weather disturbances such as storms or typhoons;

WHEREAS, Dr. Lagmay said of his plan to make versions of said videos in local dialects such as Ilocano, Ilonggo, Cebuano, and Waray to name a few, in fact, Project NOAH has recently posted on YouTube a Bikolano version of said tutorials;

WHEREAS, despite the very useful information these tutorials promise, the highly educational and handy videos has yet to catch the attention of millions of Filipinos since the said materials had registered a total of 417 views as of May 10, 2015;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to look into this matter and tap state agencies to launch a massive information campaign to educate the general public on said video tutorials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Senate of the Philippines to urge the Senate Committees on Education, Arts and Culture, Climate Change, Public Information and Mass Media, and other appropriate Senate committees to study mechanisms that would promote awareness on effective disaster risk management and response with the end in view of educating Filipinos on disaster risk awareness and help them respond appropriately based on scientific information.

Adopted,



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