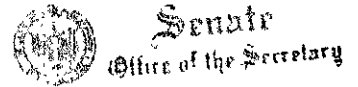


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED QUAKE-VULNERABILITY OF AT LEAST THIRTY-TWO (32) BUILDINGS IN CEBU CITY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTITUTING MEASURES TO MODIFY SAID EDIFICES AND PROTECT THE WELFARE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 15 of the Constitution states that "The State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations.";

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 16 of the Constitution further affirms that "All the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its disposition.";

WHEREAS, according to reports, after a three-week earthquake simulation conducted by the Cebu City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council or CCDRRMC, at least thirty-two (32) old buildings along the city's major thoroughfares were found to be extremely vulnerable to major earthquakes and are in dire need of retrofitting;

WHEREAS, said simulation also revealed that buildings built before 1992 have a higher risk of being damaged in a magnitude 7 earthquake and that if such were to happen on a weekday, the seismic activity is projected to affect up to 50,000 individuals;

WHEREAS, there is a need to look into this matter to institute proper modifications needed to make the edifices in question withstand strong ground movement in the event of a strong earthquake to safeguard the general public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines directs the Senate Committee on Public Works and other appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported quake-vulnerability of at least thirty-two (32) buildings in Cebu City with the end in view of instituting measures to modify said edifices and protect the welfare of the general public.

Adopted,


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