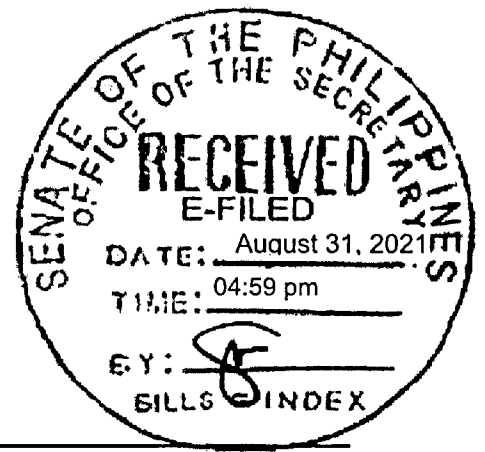


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Introduced by **SENATOR LEILA M. DE LIMA**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT**  
**AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
**TRANSPORTATION'S (DOTR) DEFICIENT DISBURSEMENT OF ITS**  
**ALLOCATED AID FUNDS UNDER BAYANIHAN 2, AS WELL AS OTHER**  
**DELAYS AND DEFICIENCIES IN ITS PROJECT**  
**IMPLEMENTATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF HOLDING**  
**OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE FOR SAID DEFICIENCIES AND DELAYS**

1           WHEREAS, Article II, Section 27 of the Constitution provides that “the State  
2 shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and  
3 effective measures against graft and corruption”;

4           WHEREAS, Article II, Section 28 of the same states that, “subject to  
5 reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts and implements a policy of  
6 full disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest”;

7           WHEREAS, the 2020 Commission on Audit (COA) Report on the DOTr noted  
8 the following deficiencies, delays, and irregularities in DOTR project  
9 implementation:

10           1. Deficient disbursement of allocated funds under the Bayanihan 2 Act, to  
11 wit:<sup>1</sup>

12           a. Out of the ₱1.161 billion funds allocated, only ₱839.52 million was  
13 distributed to 129,157 PUV drivers while 49,097 PUV drivers have yet  
14 to receive their cash subsidies as of December 2020;<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Aurelio, J. M. (15 August 2021). *DOTr also fails to fully use P 9.5-B aid funds*. Retrieved from <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1473727/dotr-also-fails-to-fully-use-p-9-5-b-aid-funds>

- 1           b. Delayed implementation of the service contracting program, resulting  
2           in “only ₱59.72 million or 1 % of the total project cost of ₱5.58 billion  
3           being obligated for the purpose”, and where, “of this amount, only  
4           ₱8.811 million, or 0.015 %, of the total project cost, was actually  
5           disbursed as of the end of 2020”;<sup>3</sup> and
- 6           c. Out of the 60,000 projected beneficiaries “only 29,871 drivers or  
7           49.79% were registered to the service contracting program, 16,410  
8           driver-participants were oriented about the program and 8,865 drivers  
9           signed contracts”.<sup>4</sup>
- 10          2. Failure of the Land Transportation Office to deliver license plates despite  
11          acquiring ₱2,159,036,340 amount of funds from registrants,<sup>5</sup>  
12          corresponding to 8,120,837 pieces of Motorcycle and 2,632,302 pairs of  
13          replacement Motor Vehicle license plates;<sup>6</sup>
- 14          3. Failure of several regional offices of the LTO Disposal Committee to  
15          dispose 2,595 units of Impounded Motor Vehicle (IMV) despite the lapse  
16          of the six-month period from the date of apprehension, which prevented  
17          the agency from earning more revenues;<sup>7</sup>
- 18          4. Delay in fifteen (15) DOTr Foreign Assisted Projects (FAPs) for 2020 with  
19          an aggregate cost of ₱1,312,605,770,000;<sup>8</sup> and
- 20          5. Misstatements in financial statements “due to unrecorded collections from  
21          online payment transactions and proceeds from the auction of impounded

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<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> CNN Philippines. (12 August 2021). *COA flags DOTr for ₱2.1-B undelivered license plates*. Retrieved from: <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2021/8/12/coa-dotr-license-plates.html>

<sup>6</sup> *Commission on Audit. Consolidated Annual Audit Report on the Department of Transportation for the Year, p. XV.*

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, p. XIV.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*, Commission on Audit. Consolidated Annual Audit Report on the Department of Transportation for the Year

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1 motor vehicles, undeposited collections and uncorrected prior year's  
2 errors".<sup>9</sup>

3 WHEREAS, the underutilization of DOTr's aid funds not only hindered its  
4 optimum use towards much needed programs, it also immobilized already scarce  
5 funds which could have been appropriated towards the health and education sectors  
6 especially in this time of pandemic. Concerned offices and officials must therefore be  
7 enjoined to explain their failure to perform their mandates;

8 WHEREAS, there should be no room for ineptitude and gross negligence in  
9 government service, especially at a time when such services are essential to the very  
10 survival of our citizens. The Senate must inquire into the gaps in existing laws that  
11 cause delay in public service. It is also imperative that DOTr's policies are looked into  
12 to ascertain whether existing bureaucracies in its system hamper the performance of  
13 duties;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to direct the  
15 appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the  
16 Department of Transportation's (DOTr) deficient disbursement of its allocated aid  
17 funds under Bayanihan 2, as well as other delays and deficiencies in its project  
18 implementation, with the end in view of holding officials accountable for said  
19 deficiencies and delay.

*Adopted,*

  
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<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*