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SENATE

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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE BOUNDARY DISPUTES AMONG SEVERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE PROVINCES OF BUKIDNON AND NORTH COTABATO, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PRESERVING THE PEACE AND ORDER IN THE AREA AND UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW IN SETTLING THESE DISPUTES

WHEREAS, Bukidnon, being a landlocked province, shares boundaries with several provinces, such as Misamis Oriental in the north, Agusan del Sur in the east, Davao del Norte and North Cotabato in the south, and Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte in the west;

WHEREAS, with Bukidnon sharing boundaries with several provinces and municipalities within those provinces, it is expected that boundary disputes among these local government units will arise;

WHEREAS, a boundary dispute with the Municipality of Kadingilan in Bukidnon and Carmen in North Cotabato has recently arisen, thus, on December 1, 2022, the same municipalities have agreed to maintain status quo, that is, no development and construction in the disputed area will be undertaken by either municipality, until such time that the agreed joint survey is conducted;

WHEREAS, we recently received report that alleged that the Municipality of Carmen in North Cotabato is not respecting the status quo and has claimed the area, beginning the construction of infrastructure and positioning their personnel to claim farmlands which are already owned by the farmers living in the area;

WHEREAS, these incidents were already reported to the police and recorded in the police blotter in the Municipality of Kadingilan;

WHEREAS, if this situation persists, there is a possibility that the peace and order in the affected areas will worsen;

WHEREAS, we also received report that a similar situation is developing between the Municipality of Damulog, Bukidnon and Carmen, North Cotabato;

WHEREAS, there is a need to know what interventions the Department of Interior and Local Government and other concerned agencies of the national government have been undertaking in cases such as these, and if there are sufficient rules and regulations in place to resolve this kind of dispute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the boundary disputes among several local government units in the Provinces of Bukidnon and North Cotabato, with the end in view of preserving the peace and order in the area and to uphold the rule of law in settling these disputes.

Adopted,



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