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Introduced by **Senator Biazon**

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND OTHER
APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT A REVIEW, ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW TO
DETERMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING FUNDING AND OTHER
APPROPRIATE AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW

Whereas, Article II, Section 21; Article XII, Section 1 par. 2; Article XIII, Sections 4-6 and 8; and Article XVIII, Section 22 of the 1987 Constitution provide that the State shall promote and undertake comprehensive rural development and agrarian reform;”

Whereas, In pursuit of these constitutional mandates, then President Corazon C. Aquino issued Proclamation No. 131 on 22 July 1987 that instituted a Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) covering all public and private agricultural lands as provided in the Constitution, regardless of tenurial arrangement and commodity produced, including whenever applicable and in accordance with law, other lands of the public domain suitable to agriculture;

Whereas, Republic Act No. 6657, otherwise known as the “*Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988*” was enacted on June 10, 1988 cognizant of the provisions of the Constitution and subsequent executive issuances on the establishment of a Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP);

Whereas, The CARP is envisioned to pave the way for the country’s aspirations for economic development and industrialization through the development and full utilization of agricultural lands;

Whereas, An initial amount of P50 Billion Pesos was provided to cover the initial funding of the CARP from 1987 to 1992 and another P50 Billion pesos in additional funding was provided until 2008 by Republic Act No. 8532;

Whereas, Of the estimated 9 million hectares covered by the CARP, around 5.2 million hectares was assigned to the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and about 3.7 million hectares to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for distribution to around 5.7 million beneficiaries;

Whereas, According to figures from the DAR, there are still about 1.45 million hectares and 0.79 million hectares to be distributed by the DAR and the DENR respectively to around 1.6 million beneficiaries;

Whereas, There is also a need to make an assessment of the implementation of the law covering the three (3) major components of the CARP namely: (1) Land Tenure Improvement (includes land acquisition and distribution and leasehold arrangements); (2) Agrarian Justice Delivery; and (3) Program Beneficiaries Development;

Whereas, More importantly, there is a need to assess the impact of the program on the beneficiaries in terms of utilization and productivity of the lands distributed to them and in the improvement of the quality of their lives;

Whereas, Lastly, there is a need to determine the actual amount that has actually been released for the CARP including where this was spent to determine the possibility of extending funding and other appropriate amendments to the law;

By The Senate, To Direct The Senate Committee On Agrarian Reform And Other Appropriate Senate Committees, To Conduct A Review, On The Implementation Of The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law To Determine The Possibility Of Extending Funding And Other Appropriate Amendments To The Law.

Adopted,



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Senator