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Introduced by Senator Gregorio B. Honasan II

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO INQUIRE AND LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE NON-CREATION OF THE SEAT FOR SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR WOMEN, AGRICULTURAL OR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND OTHER SECTORS SUCH AS THE URBAN POOR, INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES, OR DISABLED PERSONS IN THE CITY AND MUNICIPAL SANGGUNIANS AS MANDATED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 THUS, DEPRIVING THEIR RIGHTS TO BE HEARD AND FURTHER ITS INTERESTS IN THE SOCIETY

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991" was enacted into law in order to empower the Local Government Units (LGUs) for the advancement and to better serve the citizenry, among others;

WHEREAS, part of the stipulations on Sections 446 and 457 of RA 7160 provide for the composition of "Sangguniang Bayan" and "Sangguniang Panglungsod" to include three (3) sectoral representatives: one (1) from the women, one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers; and one (1) from the other sectors, including the urban poor, indigenous cultural communities, or disabled persons;

WHEREAS, it is perceived that the creation of such elected position for sectoral representation will enable to better serve the marginalized sectors of the local community by way of giving them the right to be heard and advance their interests;

WHEREAS, since the creation of the Local Government Code fifteen (15) years ago, the provision which calls for the inclusion of three sectoral representatives in the Local Sanggunians has never been enforced;

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 521 of the Local Government Code which mandated Congress to undertake a review of the code at least once every five years and as often as it may deem necessary, the Committee concerned of the Senate should prioritize the conduct of the same to include particularly the long overdue implementation of sectoral representatives in the Local Sanggunians;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Committee on Local Government and other appropriate committees to inquire and look into, in aid of legislation, the non-creation of the seat for Sectoral Representatives for Women, Agricultural or Industrial Workers and other Sectors such as the Urban Poor, Indigenous Cultural Communities, or Disabled Persons in the City and Municipal Sanggunians as mandated by the Local Government Code of 1991 thus, depriving their rights to be heard and further its interests in the society.

Adopted,

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