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## SENATE SENATE RESOLUTION 101

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## Introduced by SENATOR FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE VIABILITY OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND INSTITUTE REMEDIAL MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE YOUTH'S PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Whereas, the State recognizes the vital participation of the youth in nation-building, and their active involvement in policy-making and civic affairs, thereby inculcating patriotism and nationalism among the young people of the country;

Whereas, through the years, the youth's contribution to local governance has been recorded in the history of Philippines laws;

Whereas, the Kabataang Barangay created through Presidential Decree 684, which defined the role of the youth in community affairs, has gradually evolved into the present structure of the Sangguniang Kabataan, under Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991:

Whereas, the Local Government Code of 1991, specifically under Book III, Chapters 8 – 10 thereof, provides for the structure of the Sangguniang Kabataan, the qualifications and term of office of its officers, the powers and duties of the said organization, and the privileges granted to the Sangguniang Kabataan officials;

Whereas, there is a general observation that the Sangguniang Kabataan, through the years, has lost its effectiveness in advancing the democratic ideals of service-oriented youth leadership;

Whereas, there are reports that the Sangguniang Kabataan leaders have become so politicized, and susceptible to dishonest practices in handling public funds entrusted to them for the projects and programs intended for the welfare of their constituents;

Whereas, there are strong clamor from the different sectors of the society calling for the restructuring, and/or in-depth evaluation of the existing Sangguniang Kabataan, and institute reforms therein;

Whereas, there is an imperative need to look into this significant and timely issue in order to bring true meaning to youth leadership, and to fully develop the potentials of the young generation in shaping the future of our country.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Local Government, to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, into the viability of the Sangguniang Kabataan under the Local Government Code of 1991, and institute remedial measures to strengthen the youth's participation in local governance.

Adopted,

FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.