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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

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## RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND  
FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON  
ALLEGATIONS OF DEFECTIVE HYBRID SEEDS SOLD TO FARMERS  
IN NUEVA ECIJA

*Whereas*, the use of high yielding seeds by our farmers is key to significant improvements in agricultural productivity and incomes as studies show there is 10-15% yield advantage in planting hybrid rice over ordinary seeds;

*Whereas*, the government has appropriated sums of money to extend subsidies in the procurement of seeds in order to encourage farmers in the use of high yielding varieties under the Ginituang Masaganang Ani (GMA) Program;

*Whereas*, the government though the municipal agriculture offices paid a subsidy of P1,500 for every 20-kilogram bag of hybrid seeds on top of P2,000 paid by the farmers;

*Whereas*, farmers belonging to the group BUMALIKAT in the village of Guimba, and to the group UNLAD BUHAY in Llanera, Nueva Ecija have complained that the hybrid rice variety SL-8H sold to them by the SL Agritech Corp under the Program and were planted in December 2008 are defective and failed to grow properly;

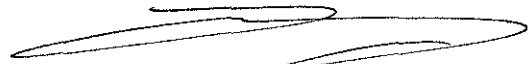
*Whereas*, the farmers report that the *palay* from the hybrid seeds are crowding out the plants, so that they had to uproot the plants, replot the soil and replant with ordinary seeds, resulting in significant loss of time, manpower and resources;

*Whereas*, it is incumbent upon Congress to determine the circumstances that led to the failure of planting in the towns of Nueva Ecija and ensure that the

government's productivity programs are effectively implemented and the welfare of farmers sufficiently safeguarded.

***NOW BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED***, to direct the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged sale of defective hybrid seeds to farmers in Nueva Ecija.

Adopted,



**LOREN LEGARDA**

Senator