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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTRY'S ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING THE POLICIES AND ADDRESSING GAPS TO ENSURE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL FILIPINOS

Whereas, Article II, Sect. 16 of the Philippine Constitution states, "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

Whereas, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) maintains that a country's progress is linked to its efforts to protect and preserve the environment;

Whereas, there are laws governing the protection of the environment such as the Clean Air Act (Republic Act 8749), Clean Water Act (RA 9275), Solid Waste Management Act (RA 9003), Toxic, Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Management (RA 6969), among others;

Whereas, at present, we have 42 environmental laws in the fight against environmental violators;

Whereas, the judiciary is also taking a more active role in protecting nature and the country's environment through the establishment of green courts;

Whereas, Earth Day Network Philippines (EDNP) observes that while the Philippines is quick in enacting green laws, the measures are seldom enforced;

Whereas, despite the surfeit of ecological laws, the Philippine environment remains to be in a critical state;

Whereas, soil fertility has decreased while pollution has increased due to mining; fisheries have become increasingly less productive while flooding and landslides occur annually due to erosion from deforestation;

Whereas, it is everyone's responsibility to one another and to the future generations to see that the Philippine environment is preserved and protected; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and other appropriate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of the country's environmental laws, with the end in view of reviewing the policies and addressing gaps to ensure a healthy environment for all Filipinos.

Adopted,


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Senator