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**SENATE**  
Proposed Senate Resolution No. **1553**

**INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MANNY VILLAR**

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2001, Republic Act No. 9003 Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 was approved;

**WHEREAS**, Section 37 of RA 9003 provides that "no open dumps shall be established and operated, nor any practice or disposal of solid waste by any person, including LGUs, which constitutes the use of open dumps for solid wastes, be allowed after the effectivity of this Acts: *Provided*, That within three (3) years after the effectivity of this Act, every LGU shall convert its open dumps into controlled dumps, in accordance with the guidelines set in Sec. 41 of this Act: *Provided, further*, That no controlled dumps shall be allowed five (5) years following the effectivity of this Act.";

**WHEREAS**, Section 17 of the law mandates local government units to close existing open dumpsites, and develop and operate sanitary landfill sites as final disposal sites for solid and residual wastes of a municipality or city or a cluster of municipalities or cities;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 32 of the same law, there should be an LGU Materials Recovery Facility in every barangay or cluster of barangays in a barangay-owned or leased land or in any suitable open space. The Materials Recovery Facility should include a solid waste transfer station or sorting station, drop-off center, a composting facility and a recycling facility;

**WHEREAS**, there are reports that some of the local government units have failed to fully implement the mandates of RA 9003 despite the fact that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources had been extending technical assistance to the LGUs so that they can fully comply with the requirements of said law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to direct the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Ecological Solid Waste Management Program.

  
**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senator