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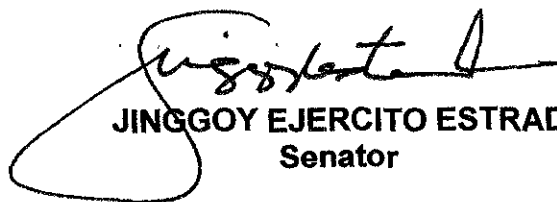
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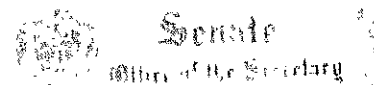
The country is presently facing increased levels of environmental degradation – air and water pollution, deforestation and the dumping of toxic water – that the Government must take the initiative to meet the challenge it presents.

It is for this reason that the bill seeks to establish a Committee on Environmental Protection in each local government legislative council in order that each Sanggunian can definitely focus itself on the conditions of each region as each has diverse characteristics peculiarly its own. Also, the enactment of this legislation will open awareness to the importance of protecting the environment not only for the survival of plants and wildlife but importantly to the health and welfare of the human race.

In view of the foregoing considerations early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA  
Senator

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AN ACT  
MANDATING THE CREATION OF A COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION IN EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** It is hereby mandated that a Committee on Environmental Protection shall be created in each Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Sangguniang Panglungsod and Sangguniang Bayan to address legislation in the said legislative bodies related to all environmental protection matters.

**SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

*Approved,*