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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, *IN AID OF LEGISLATION*, TO DETERMINE THE STATE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN THE COUNTRY AND THE NEED TO INCENTIVIZE GRID-SCALE ENERGY STORAGE OF THE SAME WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROMOTING EFFECTIVE AND COST-EFFECTIVE COMMERCIAL UTILIZATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGIES

*WHEREAS*, Republic Act No. 9513, otherwise known as the "Renewable Energy Act of 2008," states that it is the policy of the State to "increase the utilization of renewable energy by institutionalizing the development of national and local capabilities in the use of renewable energy systems, and promoting its efficient and cost-effective commercial application by providing fiscal and nonfiscal incentives;"

*WHEREAS*, the Department of Energy announced during a press conference held on December 3, 2013 that it approved the generation of 633.5 megawatts of energy sourced from various renewable energy developers as part of its mandate to implement R.A. 9513;

*WHEREAS*, fossil fuel energy, which is the energy source most relied upon by our country at this time, is a leading carbon emitting technology and also a fast depleting energy source thereby exposing consumers to volatile and rising market prices;

*WHEREAS*, there is a need to promote and incentivize grid-scale storage of renewable energy, as opposed to mere development, marketing and transmission thereof, in order to fully utilize the harvest thereof as well as to sustain its commercial application;

*WHEREAS*, there is a need to study whether further legislative measures are necessary to truly promote a shift to more sustainable, reliable and affordable energy;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to determine the state of renewable energy sources in the country and the need to incentivize grid-scale energy storage of the same with the end in view of promoting effective and cost-effective commercial utilization of renewable energies.

*Adopted,*

  
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Senator