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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO LOOK INTO THE SHARE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THE OVERALL ENERGY MIX OF THE COUNTRY WITH THE END VIEW OF DETERMINING WEAKNESSES IN THE CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9513 ALSO KNOWN AS THE RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2008

**WHEREAS**, Article II Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution declares that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with rhythm and harmony of nature;

**WHEREAS**, signed into law on 16 December 2008, Republic Act 9513 or the Renewable Energy Act of 2008 directs the State to accelerate the exploration and development of renewable energy resources which include biomass, solar, wind, geothermal and ocean energy resources;

**WHEREAS**, providing for a strategic framework on the utilization of renewable energy in the country, the National Renewable Energy Program 2011-2030 targets to raise the country's installed capacity of renewable energy from only 5,438 megawatts (MW) in 2010 to 15,304.3 MW by 2030 with the Department of Energy hoping to raise the share of renewable energy in country to 50% by 2050;

**WHEREAS**, based on the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) Country Investment Plan (CIP) developed by the Philippine government together with the Asian Development Bank, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Finance Corporation, it finds that the country's renewable energy remains underdeveloped due to factors such as higher capital costs for renewable energy technologies and transmission costs;

**WHEREAS**, the continued development of existing resources will reduce the contribution of the power sector in the country's greenhouse gases emissions which already accounted for 35% of emissions as found in a 2010 World Bank report;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that these resources be tapped now in the government's pursuit of energy security;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to direct the Senate Committee on Energy to look into the share of renewable energy in the overall energy mix of the country with the end view of determining weaknesses in the current implementation of Republic Act No. 9513 also known as the Renewable Energy Act of 2008.



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Senator