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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE 2014 COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT THAT THE PASIG RIVER
REHABILITATION COMMISSION HAS FAILED IN ITS MANDATE TO RESTORE THE
PASIG RIVER'S WATER QUALITY IN THE PAST SIX YEARS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 provides: "The State shall protect and
2 advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm
3 and harmony of nature";

4 WHEREAS, the 2014 Commission on Audit (COA) report criticized the Pasig River
5 Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) for failing to restore the Pasig River into "Class C" criterion
6 in the past six years;

7 WHEREAS, the COA cited the results of the monitoring of Biochemical Oxygen
8 Demand and Dissolved Oxygen levels at the river's 14 stations, which all exceeded the standard
9 for Class C water quality level;

10 WHEREAS, the COA alleged that the water quality of the 125-kilometer river did not
11 improve due to several reasons, such as pollutants coming from residential, commercial, and
12 industrial establishments;

13 WHEREAS, the report also alleged that fund transfers to several government agencies
14 and local government units (LGUs) amounting to ₱16.124 million have yet to be liquidated
15 despite the fact that these funds were transferred four to eight years ago;


16 WHEREAS, the COA recommended that the PRRC should continuously coordinate
17 with concerned LGUs and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to
18 conduct an intensive information education campaign on how to improve water quality to meet
19 DENR standards;

20 WHEREAS, the COA also recommended that the PRRC should designate representatives
21 from the LGUs that will be responsible for each monitoring station;

1 WHEREAS, the audit agency also stressed that the PRRC, in coordination with the
2 DENR, should strictly monitor the compliance of industrial and commercial establishments on
3 environmental regulations and standards based on the results conducted by the PRRC;

4 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
5 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report the 2014
6 Commission on Audit report that the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission has failed in its
7 mandate to restore the Pasig River's water quality in the past six years.

Adopted,


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