

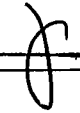


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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015 AND PLANNING FOR THE CONDUCT OF SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS THIS YEAR

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as the "Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Reform Act of 2015" provided for an adequate, effective, responsive, and enabling mechanism and support system to promote meaningful participation of the youth in local governance and nation-building;

WHEREAS, under the law, the National Youth Commission (NYC), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of Education (DepEd), and the Commission on Audit (COA) shall draft and release the Implementing Rules and Regulations for the SK Reform Act of 2015;

WHEREAS, the SK Reform Act of 2015 expands the age range of the members of the Katipunan ng Kabataan (KK) to 15 to 30 years old, aligned with Republic Act No. 8044, otherwise known as the "Youth in Nation Building Act." Among the members of the KK, they shall elect SK Officers, who must be between the ages 18 to 24 years old;

WHEREAS, the SK Reform Act of 2015 further expands the power of the NYC and DILG to provide mandatory training for all elected officials of the SK. This mandatory training will highlight certain values and principles in nation building such as patriotism, nationalism, and honor as a Filipino;

WHEREAS, the SK Reform Act of 2015 empowers the youth through financial independence in its operations, disbursements, and encashment of their funds, incomes, and expenditures. All these SK funds shall be subject to all existing accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) was created under the law in every province, city, and municipality to ensure multi-sectoral representation in the SK. The members of the LYDC are representatives of all

registered youth and youth-serving organizations within the municipality, city or province;

WHEREAS, the officers of the Sangguniang Kabataan must not be related within second civil degree if consanguinity or affinity to any incumbent elected national official or to any incumbent elected regional, provincial city, municipal or barangay official, in the locality where he or she seeks to be elected. This provision is the first anti-dynasty provision in any law written in the country;

WHEREAS, the COMELEC shall facilitate the conduct of SK elections, from registration of voters to filing of candidates for aspiring officers. As provided in the law, the SK elections should take place this October 2016, at the same time as the Barangay Elections;

WHEREAS, the concerned agencies should undertake the necessary planning and preparations for the upcoming SK elections to encourage broad participation among the youth and active engagement by new, promising and committed young leaders nationwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015 and planning for the conduct of Sangguniang Kabataan elections this year.

Adopted,

