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## Introduced by SEN. WIN GATCHALIAN

## A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9513, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2008

**WHEREAS**, the achievement of self-reliance and self-sufficiency in energy supply through the development of indigenous energy resources has been the longstanding guiding principle in the country's various energy laws;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. (R.A.) 9513, otherwise known as the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, mandates the government to accelerate the exploration and development of renewable energy resources to minimize the country's exposure to external energy supply; <sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, after more than ten (10) years of the law's existence, its full potential has not yet been realized because several provisions have not been fully implemented such as the Renewable Portfolio Standards, Renewable Energy Market, Green Energy Option, the Renewable Energy Trust Fund, and fiscal incentives for renewable energy developers;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the failure to fully implement R.A. 9513 has led to a stagnant growth of renewable energy in the country with 24% of power generation in the years 2016 and 2017, and even a decline in installed capacity from 32.48% of in 2016 to 31.15% in 2017;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to be apprised of the Department of Energy, Energy Regulatory Commission, National Renewable Energy Board, Bureau of Internal Revenue, and all other relevant government agencies'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Republic Act No. 7638 or the "Department of Energy Act of 1992", Presidential Decree No. 87 or the "Oil Exploration and Development Act of 1972", Republic Act No. 7156 or the "Mini-Hydroelectric Power Incentive Act", Republic Act No. 9136 or the "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001", Republic Act No. 9367 or the "Biofuels Act of 2006", and Republic Act No. 9513 or the "Renewable Energy Act of 2008".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 2, Republic Act No. 9513 or the "Renewable Energy Act of 2008".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Renewable Energy Development Still Not a Priority, available at: https://www.philstar.com/business/2018/07/29/1837674/renewable-energy-development-still-not-priority; p. 19, Transcript of Stenographic Notes of 27 September 2017 Hearing of the Joint Congressional Power Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 2017 Power Demand and Supply Highlights. Department of Energy.

plans, policies, and timetables to implement the provisions of the law and achieve the full potential of R.A. 9513;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of the implementation of the various provisions of R.A. 9513 to achieve the law's objective of attaining energy selfsufficiency towards energy security.

Adopted,

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