



SENATE
P.S. Resolution No. 59

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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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RESOLUTION
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE
OPERATIONS AND PERFORMANCE OF THE LANDBANK OF THE
PHILIPPINES, IN COMPLIANCE WITH ITS MANDATE, AS PROVIDED BY
LAW

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides that, "*the State shall promote comprehensive rural development and agrarian reform.*" And that, the State shall undertake an agrarian reform program founded on the right of farmers and regular farmworkers who are landless, to own directly or collectively the lands they till or, in the case of other farmworkers, to receive a just share of the fruits thereof;

WHEREAS, according to R.A. No. 3844 otherwise known as the "*Agricultural Land Reform Code*", the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) was created to finance the acquisition by the Government of landed estates for division and resale to small landholders, as well as the purchase of the landholding by the agricultural lessee from the landowner;

WHEREAS, in line with its agrarian reform mission under R.A. No. 3844, the LBP serves as the implementing agency of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) occupied with agrarian land valuation, the payment of compensation to owners of private agricultural lands, and the collection of amortizations from CARP farmer-beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, being a depository of government funds the LBP is also mandated to provide credit and financial assistance to small farmers, fisherfolks and agrarian beneficiaries for the purpose of spurring rural development;

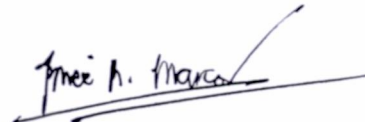
WHEREAS, Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III has said that LBP is today the country's fourth (4th) biggest bank in terms of consolidated assets, leading other universal banks in extending assistance to the agriculture sector;

WHEREAS, during President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's State of the Nation Address on 22 July 2019, he warned, *"You know you're called LandBank but you are now the number one commercial bank in the Philippines. What the heck is happening to you? You are supposed to finance agricultural enterprises and endeavors. Bakit wala (Why do you fail to do that)? Landbank should go back to land. Why are you mired in so many commercial transactions? Bumalik kayo (Go back to) where you were created for and that is to help the farmers";*

WHEREAS, confirming President Duterte's observations of his 4th SONA, and despite its agrarian reform mandate, the LBP has failed to address the abject lack of accessible and affordable credit in the countryside, admitting in its own Annual Report of 2017, that only 7.5% of the bank's gross loan portfolio was provided to farmers, including farmer-beneficiaries, and fisherfolk;

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 operations and performance of the Land Bank of the Philippines to ensure its compliance with its mandate, as provided by law.

Adopted,



IMEE R. MARCOS