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Introduced by SENATOR SONNY ANGARA

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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742 OR THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) REFORM ACT OF 2015 IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE SUPPLEMENTARY STEPS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN YOUTH REPRESENTATION IN THE COUNTRY

1 WHEREAS, recognizing the importance for youth awareness and participation
2 in matters relating to the development of both the community and the country,
3 Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 established the
4 Sangguniang Kabataan to serve as a venue for young Filipino leaders to contribute to
5 local governance;

6 WHEREAS, since its inception almost three decades ago, the Sangguniang
7 Kabataan remains present in local governance notwithstanding the various issues that
8 criticize its existence as an institution – among those are the lack of proper leadership
9 and legislative training among the SK members as well as the lack of diversity in its
10 implemented programs and projects;

11 WHEREAS, a 2007 study commissioned by the United Nations Children’s Fund
12 (UNICEF) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) revealed that
13 while the SK has the potential to be an adequate platform to encourage the youth to
14 take on leadership roles in the government, its performance for the past ten years has
15 been assessed as generally weak particularly in legislation, the promotion of youth
16 development, submission of reports, and consultation with constituents;

17 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10742 or the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Reform
18 Act of 2015 sought to address these issues by establishing mandatory and continuing

1 training programs to be taken by SK officials and the creation of Local Youth
2 Development Councils (LYDCs) in every province, city, and municipality to assist the
3 SK in the planning and execution of its projects and programs;

4 WHEREAS, while R.A. 10742 introduced reforms to improve the performance
5 of the SK, many argue that problems continue to hinder SK officials from
6 accomplishing their mandate such as the lack of institutionalized honoraria given to
7 SK officials, SK secretaries and SK treasurers;

8 WHEREAS, this lack of financial support force the SK officials – who are mostly
9 still in school and/or unemployed – to use their limited personal resources to perform
10 their mandate and likewise deters well-meaning youth in the marginalized sectors of
11 the community from seeking positions in the SK;

12 WHEREAS, considering that it has been five years from the enactment of R.A.
13 10742 and the recently held 2018 SK elections, there is a need to evaluate whether
14 the SK Reform Act has accomplished its vision of engaging right-minded young
15 Filipinos to participate in local governance. There is also a need to determine: i) if
16 LYDCs have been properly established and funded in all cities, municipalities and
17 provinces and ii) if there is a need to institutionalize monetary support given to SK
18 officials;

19 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines direct
20 the Senate Committee on Youth to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the
21 implementation of Republic Act No. 10742 or the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Reform
22 Act in order to determine the supplementary steps to further strengthen youth
23 representation in the country.

Adopted,



SONNY ANGARA