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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO REVIEW GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT POLICIES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INTRODUCING MEASURES TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND LASTING RELIEF TO FILIPINO CONSUMERS, ESPECIALLY THE COMMUTERS, THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE PUBLIC TRANSITS IN THE FACE OF THE CONTINUING RISE IN OIL PRICES**

*Whereas*, world oil prices has reached a global upsurge of \$145 per barrel in the world market in June 2008;

*Whereas*, the soaring world oil prices has greatly affected the Philippines, which imports almost all of its fuels, leading to an unstoppable increase in local prices of gasoline and related petroleum products;

*Whereas*, the rising cost of oil has caused an increased number of commuters resorting to public transits such as the Light Rail Transit and Metro Rail Transit—in the National Capital Region;

*Whereas*, mentioned transits are open on a specified time and passes through selected stations thereby causing commuters to pay an additional amount for their fare as they ride a jeepney and/or other means of transportation in getting to their destination;

*Whereas*, amidst the limitations of said public transits, commuters continue to take advantage of them on the belief that they are saving time and money;

*Whereas*, the increasing number of passengers using public transits has alerted transport officials who anticipate that the current supply might not meet the growing demand for public transits;

*Whereas*, construction of new transit lines and extensions to existing lines should be looked into to address the increasing demand for public transits;

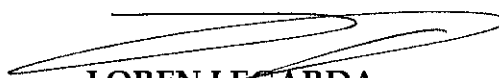
*Whereas*, existing transit projects are products of joint efforts from the private sector and the government pursuant to Republic Act No. 6957, otherwise known as the "Build-Operate and Transfer Law", as amended;

financing, construction, operation and maintenance of private sector infrastructure and development projects”;

*Whereas*, it is incumbent upon Congress to review present policies in order to encourage private sector participation in putting up more transport infrastructures in the country and thereby provide more means of transportation for Filipino consumers;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Senate Committee on Public Services to review government transport policies with the end in view of introducing measures to provide effective, sustainable and lasting relief to Filipino consumers, especially the commuters, through the construction of more public transits in the face of the continuing rise in oil prices.

Adopted,



**LOREN LEGARDA**

Senator