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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 781  

Introduced by Representative Sabiniano “Ben” S. Canama  

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11364, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHARTER OF 2019”  

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2019, Republic Act (RA) No. 11364, otherwise known as the “Cooperative Development Authority Charter of 2019,” created the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) to promote the viability and growth of cooperatives as instruments of equity, social justice and economic development;  

WHEREAS, RA 11364 reorganized and strengthened the CDA by granting it more powers to properly perform its regulatory functions and propel cooperatives to become more competent and competitive in pursuit of sustainable operations and efficient delivery of quality services;  

WHEREAS, Section 5 of RA 11364 provides for the collegial policymaking body of CDA to be more representative of the various members of the cooperative sector with a board of directors composed of a chairperson and six (6) members with one director coming from each of the following cluster of cooperatives: (i) credit and financial services, banking, and insurance; (ii) consumers, marketing, producers, and logistics; (iii) human services: health, housing, workers, and labor service; (iv) education and advocacy; (v) agriculture, agrarian, aquaculture, farmers, dairy, and fisherfolk; and (vi) public utilities: electricity, water, communications, and transport;
WHEREAS, as presented during the orientation of the LBP, the price of oil palm bunches ranges from Php 6.00 to Php 7.00 per kilogram, but eventually Agumil bought only the same for a very low price of Php 3.00 per kilogram, thus, growers were unable to pay their loans to the cooperatives, and the cooperatives in turn were unable to cope with its obligations to LBP as a result of the substantial disparity in the price of the oil palm produce;

WHEREAS, given the urgency of the situation, there is a need to revisit the oil palm financing policy and the program of government-run Land Bank of the Philippines in the fulfillment of its role. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To direct the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Cooperatives Development, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of the implementation of the oil palm financing program of the Land Bank of the Philippines.

Adopted,

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