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House Res. No. 372



INTRODUCED BY: **Rep. GREG G. GASATAYA**

**A RESOLUTION
URGING THE LOCAL WATER UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION (LWUA) TO
IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF
LOCAL WATER SUPPLY IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF BACOLOD AND
FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT WILL ENSURE
QUALITY AND ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, this representation filed House Resolution No. 1382 of the same purpose and intent as referred to the House Committee on Public Works and Highways in the 17th Congress of the Philippines and reiterates the need for intervention from the LWUA;

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 1, paragraph 1 of the 1987 Constitution provides for the sustained increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of the people;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution states that promotion of general welfare is essential for the enjoyment by all the people of this State;

WHEREAS, Article II Section 10 of the 1987 Constitution provides for the promotion of the State of social justice in all phases of national development;

WHEREAS, Article II Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and to instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Article II Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution provides for the valuation of the State of the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, the human right to steady and clean water supply is stated in the 1947 United Nations Human Rights Declaration;

WHEREAS, as member of the United Nations, it is the duty of the State to ensure that clean, safe, and potable water as a basic human need is made accessible and affordable to the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, one of the pre-requisites to the orderly and well-balanced growth of urban areas is an effective system of local utilities, the absence of which is recognized as a deterrent to economic growth, a hazard to public health and an irritant to the spirit and well-being of the citizenry;

WHEREAS, Water is vital to local and national development and it has become increasingly necessary for government to intervene actively in improving the management of water resources;

WHEREAS, domestic water systems and sanitary sewers are two of the most basic and essential elements of local utility systems;

WHEREAS, the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), is mandated by law to promote and oversee the development of water supply systems and to monitor and evaluate local water standards in provincial cities and municipalities outside of Metropolitan Manila;

WHEREAS, Title II, Chapter II, Section 5 of Presidential Decree No. 198, as amended, provides for the purpose of water districts to acquire, install, improve, maintain and operate water supply and distribution systems for domestic, industrial, municipal and agricultural uses for residents and lands within the boundaries of such districts, and to conduct such other functions and operations incidental to water resource development, utilization and disposal within such districts, as are necessary or incidental;

WHEREAS, the good efforts of the Bacolod City Water District alone have become insufficient to deliver adequate water supply for the people of Bacolod and there is a need for assistance and intervention from the LWUA;

WHEREAS, according to the 2015 Census of the National Statistics Office, Bacolod City, as most populous in the Negros Island Region, is home to an estimated population of 562,000 residents and there is the imminent need for the improvement of facilities and services for the current and future water supply of the growing population;

WHEREAS, concerns over water supply have been consistently expressed by many residents of certain areas in the City of Bacolod;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO

URGE THE LOCAL WATER UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION (LWUA) TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF LOCAL WATER SUPPLY IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF BACOLOD AND FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT WILL ENSURE QUALITY AND ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Adopted,



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