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2 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
3 Quezon City

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6 Third Regular Session

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 2103**
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10 **Introduced by**

11 **BAYAN MUNA Representatives EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT,**
12 **CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE and FERDINAND R. GAITE,**
13 **GABRIELA Women's Party Representative ARLENE D. BROSAS,**
14 **ACT TEACHERS Party-List Representative FRANCE L. CASTRO,**
15 **and KABATAAN Party-List Representative SARAH JANE I. ELAGO**
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17 **RESOLUTION**

18 **URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE COMMITTEE**
19 **ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,**
20 **THE STEADILY INCREASING PRICES OF FERTILIZER**
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22 **WHEREAS**, since May this year, prices of fertilizer have constantly increased, further burdening
23 rice farmers shouldering the entire cost of production;
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25 **WHEREAS**, rising fertilizer prices will affect the domestic rice production and livelihood of rice
26 farmers;
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28 **WHEREAS**, according to the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA), the average price of
29 fertilizer imported by the country was at \$500 per metric ton (MT) as of July which is higher than
30 the \$276 per MT average price registered from January to May this year;
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32 **WHEREAS**, the average price of fertilizer has increased by as much as 40.5 percent on an annual
33 basis depending on the grade. The average price of granular urea in the last week of July rose by
34 40.5 percent to P1,393.32 per 50-kilogram bag from P991.45 per 50-kilogram bag recorded in the
35 same period of last year, and also higher than the P1,130 registered in May;
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37 **WHEREAS**, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) gave assurance that the country has
38 sufficient inventory stocks of fertilizer, which stood at almost 300,000 metric tons (MT) as of June
39 21, 2021, to last until the next cropping season;
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41 **WHEREAS**, according to Nueva Ecija farmers interviewed by the Kilusang Magbubukid ng
42 Pilipinas (KMP), starting August, the retail prices of urea further increased to P1,500 per bag,
43 considered unreasonable and exorbitant by farmers;
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45 **WHEREAS**, according to national peasant women federation AMIHAN, additional fertilizer
46 costs, will trim a farmer's profit to just P198 from P302 a day, which could go even lower with the
47 expected decline in palay prices during the lean months of September and October;
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49 **WHEREAS**, Department of Agriculture Secretary William Dar said the agency will reach out to
50 international fertilizer suppliers to ensure affordable prices in the country amid rising global prices.
51 DA is also eyeing further importation of fertilizer;

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2 **WHEREAS**, due to the increasing cost of fertilizer, farmers have renewed their call for a onetime
3 production subsidy of P15,000 for small-scale farmers who each own less than three hectares;
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5 **WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to probe the real cause of the steadily increasing fertilizer
6 prices, and to know the actions of the DA-FPA in addressing this important concern;
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the
9 House of Representatives, through the Committee on Agriculture and Food conduct an
10 investigation, in aid of legislation, on steadily increasing prices of fertilizer.
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