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Introduced by HON. ALETA C. SUAREZ

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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION  
BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE  
POSSIBLE PRIVATIZATION OF POORLY-PERFORMING ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES IN  
QUEZON PROVINCE

WHEREAS, the State is constitutionally mandated to encourage equity participation in public utilities by the general public. The Constitution provides that operation of public utility shall be granted to citizens of the Philippines or corporations or associations organized under Philippine laws, of which sixty percent of the capital are owned by Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the Constitution has granted Congress with the power to amend, alter, or repeal franchises granted when the common good so requires;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the EPIRA law, grants electric cooperatives the right to undertake the distribution of electric power to all end-users, especially in the rural areas;

WHEREAS, early this year, the Department of Energy ordered the review of franchise compliance and provision of services of electric cooperatives for their poor performance and recommended the cancellation of their franchises and consequent privatization of those underperforming cooperatives;

WHEREAS, the electric cooperatives in Quezon Province have also failed to provide satisfactory services as frequent power interruptions continue to affect households and businesses in the province;

WHEREAS, as power demand continue to increase, the importance of a stable supply of power is underscored;

WHEREAS, the previous governor of Quezon, now Representative of Second District of Quezon, Hon. David C. Suarez, has called out the disparity in the power rates between electric cooperatives and the big power utility companies and ordered the investigation of the higher rates imposed by the electric cooperatives in Quezon during his term as governor of the province;

WHEREAS, the privatization of the provision of electricity in the province may be a better option and may result to better and affordable services and reliable power supply,

THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved that the appropriate Committee of the House of Representatives conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation regarding the potential privatization of the poorly-performing electric cooperatives in the province of Quezon.

Adopted,



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