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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 579



Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT THE POSITION OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS INTENDED FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO THROUGH REGIONS IX, X, AND XII

WHEREAS, with the passage of Republic Act No. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law, public works was devolved to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region except for National Highways included in the National Road Inventory;

WHEREAS, the practice of coursing through the DPWH Regional Offices in Regions IX, X, and XII in implementing projects inside the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region has been the status quo even with the old ARMM laws;

WHEREAS, implementation of Public Works inside the ARMM requires approval through a Public Works Act passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS, no Public Works Act has been passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly authorizing the projects coursed through DPWH Regional Offices in Regions IX, X, and XII;

WHEREAS, the administrative jurisdiction of the aforementioned implementing regional offices is under the provisions of Executive Order No. 36 Series of 2001, and Republic Act No. 11054 for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;

WHEREAS, the implementation of projects intended for the BARMM through the DPWH Regional Offices in Regions IX, X, and XII exists without any Department Orders, and/or other pertinent regulations from the DPWH authorizing the implementation of these projects,

WHEREAS, Article X Section 14 of the 1987 Constitution also requires the endorsement of the Regional Development Councils for the formulation of the budget and implementation of projects for the development of their respective regional jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the projects for the BARMM coursed through DPWH Regional Offices in Regions IX, X, and XII are not endorsed by their respective Regional Development Councils;


WHEREAS, this practice should be evaluated to ensure that the State should not be operating beyond the provisions stipulated in Republic Act No. 11054 and the Constitutional requirement of the Regional Development Councils, particularly on the implementation of local projects by the National Government;

WHEREAS, it is the role of Congress to ensure compliance of the national budget and project implementation with existing laws to prevent abuse and corruption, as this may fall under the definition of graft or malversation of public funds;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the official position of the Department of Public Works and Highways on the conduct of such practice.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate House committee to solicit the position of the Secretary of Public Works and Highways on the implementation of projects intended for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao through Regions IX, X, and XII.

Adopted,


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