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## Introduced by Representative Rico B. Geron AGAP Party-list

## A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN THE AID OF LEGISLATION, TO REVISIT THE MANDATE OF THE LANDBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (LBP) WITH RESPECT TO THE NEEDS OF AGRICULTURAL SECTORS

WHEREAS, the Landbank of the Philippines (LBP) is a universal bank owned by the government of the Philippines which caters in serving the needs of farmers and fishermen. Being one of the largest banks in the country with its social mandate to spur countryside development and poverty alleviation.

WHEREAS, LBP is also classified as a "specialized government bank" which it enjoys dual functions. While it is said to be a universal bank and full service commercial bank, the profits derived from its commercial banking operations are used to support the agricultural development programs and initiatives.

WHERES, The LBP under P.D. 251 had the specific power to grant loans to farmers' cooperatives/associations to facilitate production, marketing of crops and acquisition of essential commodities. It could also guarantee acceptance(s), credits, loans, transactions or obligations of any person, co-partnership, association or corporation in favor of any financing or banking institution, , whether foreign or domestic, so long as the proceeds of such acceptances, credits, loans, transactions or obligations were to be utilized or earmarked for the development and/or expansion of agriculture and industry.

WHEREAS, Recently, on President Duterte's State of the Nation Address (SONA) last July 2019, he called the attention of Landbank to focus on its mandate, particularly to finance agricultural enterprises and endeavors on countryside development. Landbank on supposed financial assistance on cooperatives and coconut farmers for which it is created.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the House of Representatives are hereby urged to direct the appropriate committee to conduct an investigation, in the aid of legislation, to revisit the mandate of the LBP with respect to the needs of agricultural sectors.

