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House Resolution No. 121

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Introduced by **HON. JOSEFINA B. TALLADO**

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**A RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON  
BIOFUELS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, IN INCREASING THE  
USE OF COCO METHYL ESTER FROM 2% TO 5% IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 9367**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9367 entitled "An Act To Direct the Use of Biofuels, Establishing For this Purpose The Biofuel Program, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes" also known as Biofuels Act of 2006, was enacted to reduce dependence on imported fuels and would expand opportunities for livelihood by mandating the use of biofuels as a measure to develop and utilize indigenous renewable and sustainably-sourced clean energy source to reduce dependence on imported oil and increase rural employment and income, among others;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5.3 of the Biofuels Act of 2006 mandated that within three (3) months from its effectivity, a minimum of one percent (1%) biodiesel by volume shall be blended into all diesel engine fuels sold in the country, and, within two (2) years from the effectivity of the said Act, the National Biofuels Board (NBB) created by the law is empowered to determine the feasibility and thereafter recommend to Department of Energy to mandate a minimum of two percent (2%) blend of biodiesel by volume which may be increased taking into account considerations including but not limited to domestic supply and availability of locally-sourced biodiesel component;

**WHEREAS**, within the first year of the effectivity of the Act, diesel was blended with one percent (1%) coco biodiesel or coconut methyl ester (CME) and was increased into two percent (2%) in 2007<sup>1</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1074753>

**WHEREAS**, since 2007 up to the present, or for a period of 12 years, the level of CME blended in diesel remained at 2%;

**WHEREAS**, the NBB and the Philippine Coconut Authority has recommended the increase of current 2% blend to 5%;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture has also been pushing the increased blend to assist the coconut industry<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, it was strongly suggested that increasing the current biodiesel blend to 5% as mandated by the Biofuels Act of 2006 will increase domestic crude coconut oil utilization and thereby contribute greatly in the stabilization of domestic copra process<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the very low prices of copra is adversely affecting the livelihood of 3.5 Million coconut farmers and their families, as well as the coconut-based export, and, thus, the increase in the percentage of blend requirement could effectively support our coconut farmers and farmworkers, whose livelihoods are threatened by the declining prices of crude coconut oil in the world market<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 16 of the Biofuels Act, a Biofuels Oversight Committee, is constituted to determine compliance with and proper implementation of the Biofuels Act of 2006;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to urge the Congressional Oversight Committee on Biofuels, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the feasibility of increasing the current 2% blend of CME in diesel to 5%, in accordance with the Biofuels Act of 2006.

July 22, 2019, House of Representatives, Quezon City, Philippines.

Adopted,



HON. JOSEFINA B. TALLADO

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.bworldonline.com/content.php?section=Economy&title=biofuels-board-orders-study-on-5-biodiesel-blend&id=102231&fbclid=IwAR32NWGGGhY37zNLDIYQG8vnPdJipcAHcFi5JSN8yOkub0ly5yGMP5nv1MQ>

<sup>3</sup> <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2018/07/25/stakeholders-to-biofuels-board-raise-biodiesels-cme-content/>

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.