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House Resolution No. 881



**Introduced by Representatives Sergio C. Dagooc, Presley C. De Jesus,
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**A RESOLUTION
CALLING UPON THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF ENERGY
TO CREATE AN OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE
ON TOTAL RURAL ELECTRIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the United Nation Development Programme's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity;

WHEREAS, the UNDP SDG No. 7 aims to ensure "universal access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy by 2030";

WHEREAS, SDG No.7 is in line with Article 2, Section 9 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution which provides that "the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all";

WHEREAS, in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 269, otherwise known as the "National Electrification Administration Decree," it is the policy of the State to pursue the attainment of total electrification of the country on an area coverage basis for the welfare of the Filipino people and the sound development of the nation;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the policy of Total Electrification, the State promotes, encourages, and assists all public service entities engaged in supplying electric service, particularly electric cooperatives, which are willing to diligently pursue this objective;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of PD 269 authorized the National Electrification Administration to promote, encourage, and assist public service entities, particularly electric cooperatives, for the purpose of making service available throughout the nation on an area coverage basis as rapidly as possible;

WHEREAS, while the NEA initiates interventions for unelectrified areas, effective measures should likewise be in place to ensure the necessary funding for rural electrification as implemented by the electric cooperatives. This is done while still performing their duty of providing dependable and adequate service to the Filipino communities;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10531, it is a national policy of the state to promote sustainable development in the rural areas through rural electrification and to empower and enable electric cooperatives to cope with the changes brought about by the restructuring of the electric power industry;

WHEREAS, latest data from the NEA would show that there are about 14,876 sitios left without access to electricity;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued a directive to DOE and NEA to ensure total electricity access for all Filipinos by 2022;

WHEREAS, in a 2017 study by the Philippine Institute of Development Studies, it was determined that Filipinos in general have high access to basic social services, with around 83.5% of the population of the population reported to have access to electricity in particular;

WHEREAS, further disaggregation of the data reveals that there is a major disparity, in terms of access, prevailing across ethnic groups and geographical areas. For instance, 86.9% on Non-muslim/Non-IP ethnic groups as compared with 61.5% of Muslim ethnic groups have access to electricity across the Philippines. The disparity is even more pronounced when the data focuses exclusively on the island of Mindanao with 79.9% for Non-muslim/Non-IP ethnic groups and 60.2% for Muslim ethnic groups;

WHEREAS, the lack of access to basic social services is a function of social exclusion and discrimination as well a universal indicator of poverty and inequality;

WHEREAS, taking concrete measures towards providing access to electricity for marginalized communities of the Philippines significantly contributes to the nation's fight against poverty and inequality;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the House Committee on Energy to determine whether or not laws and programs addressing subjects within their jurisdictions are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Congress and whether or not they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Rules of the 18th Congress, each Committee may establish an oversight subcommittee to assist in carrying out its oversight functions;

WHEREAS, the House Committee on Energy has jurisdiction on all matters directly and principally relating to the exploration, development, utilization, or conservation of energy resources, and entities involved in energy or power generation, transmission, distribution and supply;

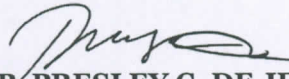
WHEREAS, the state policy on Total Rural Electrification is clearly and definitively within the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Energy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the House Committee on Energy create an Oversight Subcommittee on Total Rural Electrification to assess the national electrification strategy with the end in view of achieving total electrification for the welfare of the Filipino people and the development of the nation.

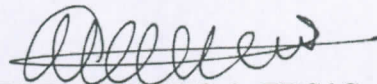
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