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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 168



Introduced by **KABATAAN PARTY-LIST Representative Sarah Jane I. Elago**

RESOLUTION
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COMMISSION ON AUDIT, AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES FOR THE SPEEDY RELEASE OF COMPLETE AND CLEAR GUIDELINES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN FUNDS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 20 (a) of the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015 (Republic Act [RA] No. 10742), ten (10%) percent of the general fund of the barangay shall be set aside for the Sangguniang Kabataan. The Sangguniang Barangay shall appropriate the Sangguniang Kabataan funds in lump-sum, which shall be distributed solely for youth development and empowerment purposes.

Furthermore, Section 20 (b) of the act provides that the Sangguniang Kabataan shall have financial independence in its operations, disbarments, and encashment of their fund, income and expenditures;

WHEREAS, as Sangguniang Kabataan officials continue to seek the transparency on the allocation and release of their funding, it is imperative to hold the barangay officials accountable to ensure that the Sangguniang Kabataan is properly funded in their pursuit to enable the youth to meaningfully participate in local governance and nation building as stated in Section 2 of RA No. 10472;

WHEREAS, reports on the misuse of the funds reserved for the Sangguniang Kabataan been documented from different regions in the country while in other places, the funding of the Sangguniang Kabataan officials is solely based on the release of the temporary funds favored by the barangay and/or local government unit (LGU):

WHEREAS, other SK chairpersons either borrow money from their respective barangay captains and other local politicians or they use money from their own salaries to fund their

programs, projects and activities which hinders the development of youth leaders to enact their mandated duties;

WHEREAS, as of the 27th of May 2019 and until now, SK chairpersons all over the country have not utilized their funds due to the delays in the release and cascading of the complete set of guidelines;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, urging the Department of Budget and Management, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Commission on Audit, and other concerned agencies for the speedy release of complete and clear guidelines for the utilization of Sangguniang Kabataan funds.

Adopted,

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