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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 375



Introduced by **Representative FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ**

**A RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES OF PUBLIC ORDER AND
DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE
PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL TRADE OF DRUGS AND OTHER
SUBSTANCES IN THE NEW BILIBID PRISON (NBP) AND TO
DETERMINE THE INVOLVEMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND TO
PROPOSE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE MATTER**

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides, that the State shall assure the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property and the promotion of general welfare by all the People;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs and for the State to pursue an unrelenting campaign against the trafficking and use of dangerous drugs and substances;

WHEREAS, in recent years, the unprecedented number of cases of drug abuse and trade has placed the country at the forefront of drugs in Asia and in Metro Manila alone, 99% of barangays have been pervaded by drugs;

WHEREAS, convinced by the alarming state of affairs, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte during his campaign and until his election to office, vowed to fight the proliferation of drugs in the country;

WHEREAS, the intensive campaign against drugs yielded reports about the personalities involved and whereabouts of their transactions;

WHEREAS, the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) which is under the supervision of the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor), an attached agency of the Department of Justice (DOJ), was among the highlight of the report as locations of transactions of the illegal drug trade;

WHEREAS, the New Bilibid Prison (NBP), as the main penitentiary in the country, which is principally tasked to rehabilitate prisoners and to prevent them from committing crimes, has been involved in high stake drug dealings and the high profile inmates are the key personalities in the operation of drug trade;

WHEREAS, the magnifying proliferation of drug use and trade in the NBP could have been halted and arrested if the responsible public officers were true to their sworn duty;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, direct the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs, to immediately conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the proliferation of drug trade in the NBP, the involvement of drug syndicates in dealings and transactions, and to determine accountability and responsibility from the public officers in charge of the institution, and to propose measures to address the matter.

Adopted,



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