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Introduced by **Hon. GABRIEL LUIS R. QUISUMBING**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the principal objectives for the passage of **Republic Act No. 10625** is to "*to enhance responsiveness to the requirements of equitable national development*" as well as "*to promote the orderly development of a statistical system capable of providing timely, accurate and useful data for the government and the public*".¹ The primacy of these purposes in the said law only serves to underscore the indispensability of ensuring that the nature and scope of the statistics and figures to be gathered and centralized in and through the **Philippine Statistical Authority** will result in the formulation of comprehensive and responsive programs for national development and social upliftment.

It is in this context that this proposed legislation is being put forward for consideration and passage into law. In an increasingly interconnected and borderless society, the social and economic impact of **Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) Programs and Projects** is not only recognized but also forms an integral component of the economic and social development programs of the government. For this reason, the proposed law seeks to ensure that commensurate attention is given to monitoring **ODA Programs and Projects**, from the request for, and receipt of the funds from foreign aid partners and international organizations, to the completion of the projects and programs. More importantly, the proposed amendments are also intended to ensure that these processes will be undertaken in a fully transparent manner that is beyond question or reproach from the very sectors who are intended to be benefitted – the Filipino People.

For the foregoing considerations, this proposed law is respectfully and earnestly submitted for proper consideration.


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**AN ACT FURTHER REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL
SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 6, 9, AND 10
OF REPUBLIC ACT 10625, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL ACT"**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress
assembled*

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as "Philippine Statistical Act".

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – In order to further enhance and strengthen the powers, functions, and effectiveness of the Philippine Statistical Authority, it is imperative that certain provisions thereof be amended or supplemented with respect to areas of national concern that require the establishment of specific departments and other official bodies for purposes of oversight and coordination.

SECTION 3. *Information Database for Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) Funds and Projects.* – Section 6 (c) of Republic Act No. 10625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) Collect, compile, analyze, abstract and publish statistical information relating to the country's economic, social, demographic, political affairs and general activities and condition of the people **including the establishment of the corresponding information database for the aforementioned areas as well as for the purpose of monitoring the various sources of Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) and the manner in which the same have been**

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applied to the socio-economic programs of the National Government and the LGUs.

SECTION 4. *Inclusion of (ODA) Statistics in the Preparation of the Integrated Budget.* - Section 9 (d) of Republic Act No. 10625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

d. Review budgetary proposals involving statistical operations and submit an integrated budget for the PSS to the DBM **WHICH SHALL INCLUDE AND INCORPORATE THE INFORMATION AND STATISTICS PERTAINING TO THE NATURE, APPLICATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ODA PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.**

SECTION 5. *Creation of Inter-Agency Committee for ODA Projects.* - Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10625 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 10. *Inter-Agency Committees on Statistics.* - The following inter-agency statistical committees (IACs) shall be created by the PSA Board to coordinate and resolve agency and sectoral concerns on statistical matters. The IAC shall serve as a forum for discussion of the issues raised by concerned producers, users and other stakeholders of sectoral and agency-specific statistics:

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N. COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION - NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

O. COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS.

SECTION 33. *Separability Clause.* - If any part, section or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, no other parts, sections or provisions hereof shall be affected thereby.

SECTION 35. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

