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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2087

Introduced by **Representatives FELIMON M. ESPARES, PRESLEY C. DE JESUS, GABRIEL H. BORDADO JR. SERGIO C. DAGOOC, RAUL ANGELO D. BONGALON**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED FINANCIAL AND PROCUREMENT ANOMALIES COMMITTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF IMPASUG-ONG, BUKIDNON

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2023, an anonymous complaint called for an investigation into the actions of Municipal Mayor of Impasug-Ong – Mayor Anthony A. Uy; Municipal Budget Officer – Mr. Windyl V. Cañete; members of the Local Finance Committee; members of the Bids Awards Committee, its Technical Working Group and Secretariat; and, Special Disbursing Officers;

WHEREAS, the complaint alleged that cash advances were granted by the Municipal Mayor to Accountable Officers despite their failure to liquidate prior cash advances, in violation of Sections 4 and 5 of Commission on Audit (COA) Circular No. 97-003, resulting in unliquidated cash advances of **P27,589,455.01** as of December 31, 2022;

WHEREAS, it was also alleged in the complaint that the procurement of various inventories for the Local Government Unit's (LGU) distribution and consumption, including bottled water, condiments, snacks, and school supplies totaling at least **P21,819,370.50**, did not follow proper procurement procedures such as competitive bidding, shopping, or small-value procurement, and were instead purchased *via* cash advances;

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2024 and August 15, 2024, two separate Affidavit-Complaints were filed before the Office of the Ombudsman in Davao City, against *Municipal Mayor Anthony A. Uy, Municipal Administrator Ben Gabriel Uy, Special Disbursing Officer Rhodeline C. Llerin, Municipal Accountant Heidi M. Suyat, Municipal Alberto O. Clarito, and Municipal Budget Officer Windyl V. Cañete*, reiterating the aforesaid allegations, as well as additional findings from 2021-2022 COA Reports;

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 COA Reports revealed other violations, including: (1) the

failure to revert the unexpended amount of **P456,481** from the Local Disaster Risk Management Fund to the general fund, as mandated by Section 21 of Republic Act No. 10121, and instead utilizing it for an unrelated project; (2) cash advances amounting to **P19.4 million** disbursed for the procurement of fuel, oil, and lubricants without proper documentation such as contract agreement forms and delivery receipts; (3) relatedly, despite showing an inventory valued at P20,549,531.42, there was no actual inventory held by the LGU as the tanks were found empty as of December 31, 2023; and (4) progress billings totaling at least **P70 million** were paid to contractors despite incomplete documentary requirements and, in some cases, even beyond the approved project period, among other irregularities;

WHEREAS, a 2014 COA Report shows that, as early as 2014, there were unliquidated cash advances totaling P1,180,993.90, a figure that has since increased significantly;

WHEREAS, if proven true, these violations represent a grave disregard and a mockery of government accounting rules and procedures under Republic Act No. 9184, as amended, COA guidelines, and the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, undermining public accountability;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for a thorough investigation into these flagrant, ongoing, and systemic unlawful practices, which have been occurring since 2014 and have already, and will continue to, cause significant financial loss to the government, potentially amounting to billions of pesos, unless promptly addressed, investigated, and put to an end: Now, therefore, be it

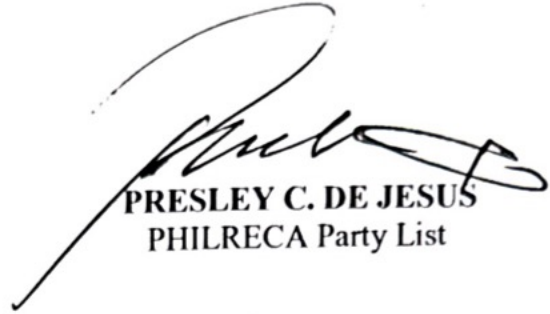
RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives direct the Committee on Public Accounts to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the alleged financial and procurement anomalies committed by local government officials and employees of Impasug-Ong, Bukidnon.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, directing the Committee on Public Accounts to issue a subpoena against the local officials and employees of Impasug-Ong, Bukidnon, named in the Complaints before the Office of the Ombudsman in Davao City, namely, Municipal Mayor Anthony A. Uy, Municipal Administrator Ben Gabriel Uy, Special Disbursing Officer Rhodeline C. Llerin, Municipal Accountant Heidi M. Suyat, Municipal Alberto O. Clarito, and Municipal Budget Officer Windyl V. Cañete, among others, for the purpose of said investigation..

Adopted,



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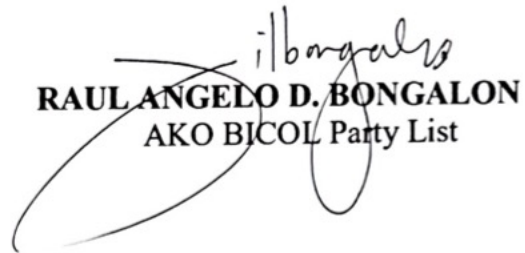
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