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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MILG) TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS AND FUNCTIONALITY OF LOCAL SPECIAL BODIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 was landmark legislation enacted by Congress that transferred more powers and functions from the National Government to the Local Government Units in accordance with the decentralization efforts of the government;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code created several Local Special Bodies that perform specific responsibilities in support of the mandated duties and responsibilities of the LGUs, these Special Bodies include the:

- 1) Local Development Council (LDC)
- 2) Local Prequalification, Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC)
- 3) Local School Board (LSB)
- 4) Local Health Board (LHB)
- 5) Local Peace and Order Council (LPOC)
- 6) People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB)

Two other Councils were also mandated to be established by the LGUs, namely:

- 1) Local Council for the Promotion of Cultures and Arts (LCPCA)

2) **Local Council for the Elderly (LCE)**

**WHEREAS**, as mandated by the aforementioned Code, the functions and responsibilities of the Local Special Bodies are hereby summarized, as follows:

- a) **Local Development Council** - the LDC is tasked with the formulation of a comprehensive multi-sectoral development plan and public investment program for its localities which shall be submitted to the legislative body for approval;
- b) **Local Prequalification, Bids and Awards Committee** - the PBAC shall be primarily responsible for the prequalification of contractors, bidding, evaluation of bids, and recommendations of awards concerning local infrastructure projects;
- c) **Local School Board** - the LSB shall determine, in accordance with the criteria set by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), the annual supplementary budget needs for the operation and maintenance of public schools within the LGU, and the supplementary local cost of meeting such needs;
- d) **Local Health Board** - the LHB aims to assist LGUs in the delivery of substantial health services and facilities devolved to them;
- e) **Local Peace and Order Council** - the LPOC shall formulate plans and recommend measures to improve the peace and order conditions in the locality;
- f) **People's Law Enforcement Board** - the PLEB shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide on people's complaints or cases filed before it against erring officers and members of the Philippine National Police;
- g) **Local Council for the Promotion of Cultures and Arts** - the LCPCA generally ensures the protection, preservation, conservation, and promotion of the local cultural and historical heritage; and
- h) **Local Council for the Elderly** - the LCE shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the community.

**WHEREAS**, the national legislation of the Local Government Code of 1991 beneficially includes the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, where some of its provisions are quoted and cited in the Bangsamoro Organic Law.

**WHEREAS**, after 30 years of implementation, there was no review and assessment of the effectiveness and relevance of the Local Special Bodies in local governance, especially in the autonomous regions;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed review and assessment of the Local Special Bodies is intended to determine the functionality of the local structure at all levels (municipal, city, and provincial);

**WHEREAS**, the results of a review and assessment of the functionality of the Local Special Bodies may serve as an input to further formulate policies, programs, and projects that would ensure the achievement of desired outcomes of creating such Local Special Bodies;

**WHEREAS**, the result of the review and assessment shall also be used by the Parliament to formulate or revise the Bangsamoro Local Government Code;

**WHEREAS**, the result of the review and assessment could also potentially inform policy-makers at the national level towards revisiting the RA No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991;

**WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Interior and Local Government shall ensure that the results of the review are properly communicated to the Local Government Units in order to guide them in improving the functionality of their Local Special Bodies as mandated by the local government code;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the BTA Parliament to pass and approve this Resolution urging the Ministry of Interior and Local Government to conduct review and assessment of the status and functionality of Local Special Bodies of the Local Government Units in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** to furnish copy of this Resolution the Ministry of Interior and Local Government, for information and appropriate action.

Resolution passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, Cotabato City, Philippines.

Adopted,

  
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