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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2562**



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**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION AND TO IMPROVE THE DESIGN AND  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE E-TRICYCLE PROJECT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ASIAN  
DEVELOPMENT BANK**

**Whereas**, the Philippine government is responsible for safeguarding the country's natural resources and preserving the environment by taking proactive actions through its legislative, executive, and judiciary branches.

**Whereas**, the Department of Energy announced an e-Tricycle Project in partnership with the Asian Development Bank, which is scheduled to be launched on the first to second quarter of 2013.

**Whereas**, media attention has risen in dismay and disfavor on the questionable project design of the e-Tricycle Project of the Department of Energy and Asian Development Bank.

**Whereas**, sustainable transportation initiative should be a long-term goal of the government and not just a project focused on immediate sales of new products.

**Whereas**, executive-level conflicts of interests have already been expressed by the Department of Finance and the Climate Change Commission regarding the project's design. DOF firmied on the parameter that market prices should determine the price of the e-Trike units as well as the identification of its market demand. On the other hand, CCC insisted that product-focused initiatives such as the electric tricycle project should and can be shouldered by the private sector and not by the Philippine government.


**Whereas**, the implementation design of the project centers power to endorse, choose, collect payments, and review e-Trike grants to Local Government Unit officials; thus, making the project prone to patronage and corruption.



**Whereas**, the e-Trikes Project is contrary to the central issue of DOE that is the persisting power shortage in Mindanao as well as the yellow alert in Luzon's power grids. The project will create more dependents on the current inefficient supply of electricity.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a Congressional Inquiry on the DOE-ADB e-Trikes is called, in aid of legislation, to address the issues raised in close consideration of the welfare and betterment of the Republic of the Philippines.

*Adopted,*

  
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