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House Resolution No. <u>921</u>

Introduced by Representatives PAOLO Z. DUTERTE and ERIC GO YAP

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTR) TO LOOK INTO THE CURRENT STATUS OF AIRPORT SECURITY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT IN THE COUNTRY'S AIRPORT TERMINALS

WHEREAS, the gradual ease on the safety and health protocols during the surge COVID-19 pandemic has resulted to an increase in the mobility of transportation;

WHEREAS, following the said ease, the country's airport terminals became congested due to the great influx of passengers, especially during holiday seasons;

WHEREAS, the significant increase in the number of passengers resulted to a disparity in the ratio of the airport's facilities and equipment and the number of passengers to be catered, resulting to missed flights, inter-terminal flight transfers, and jam-packed check-in counters;

WHEREAS, the consistent congestion in these airports necessitates an increase and advancement in airport security facilities and equipment, particularly full body scanners and baggage scanners, in order to serve larger number of people as well as ensure public safety in exercise of every citizen's right to travel;

WHEREAS, as part of the duties and functions of the House of Representatives, it is prudent to revisit and scrutinize existing laws, regulations, and circumstances that affect the country's passengers as well as public order and safety;

WHEREAS, there is a need to inspect the status of the country's airport terminals to reiterate the condition of their facilities and equipment and ensure the smooth passage of the country's passengers;

WHEREAS, in consonance with the preparation of the Department of Transportation's budget proposal in the 2024 National Expenditure Program (NEP), the allocation for the airport security facilities and equipment is highly encouraged in

the said budget proposal following these facilities and equipment's role in national security and public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives of the Philippines urge the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to look into the the current status of airport security facilities and equipment of the country's airport terminals, particularly their full body scanners and baggage scanners, and to include in its budget proposal for the 2024 National Expenditure Program (NEP) the provision of the said airport security equipment that shall be allocated in all airport terminals in the country.

Adopted, PAOLO Z. DUTERTE

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