

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 45

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG SENSE OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY TO STRENGTHEN THE 2020 FISCAL FRAMEWORK OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO THROUGH INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE ALLOCATION IN ALL BANGSAMORO SUB-REGIONS

WHEREAS, Sec. 1, Article XII of Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, provides:

Section 1. Fiscal Autonomy. - The Bangsamoro Government shall enjoy fiscal autonomy with the end in view of attaining economic self-sufficiency and genuine development. The Bangsamoro Government is entitled to all fund sources enumerated herein and shall have the power to create sources of revenues as provided in this Organic Law, which shall be spent in a programmatic, transparent, performance-based, and phased manner. It shall prepare its budget and allocate funds in accordance with an annual appropriations law passed by the Parliament;

WHEREAS, the fiscal framework comprises the processes and institutions which governs the planning and implementation of the budgetary policies in the region;

WHEREAS, the fiscal framework for 2020 should be crafted with the primary objective of social justice, bringing about a positive transformation through the implementation of successful reforms;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Finance, and Budget and Management (MFBM-BARMM) continues the deliberation of the budget proposals of the Ministries during the 2020 BARMM Technical Budget Hearing anchored on the 12-point priority agenda of the BARMM Interim Chief Minister;

WHEREAS, as the Bangsamoro Region moves toward the achievement of providing for a fiscal framework that is based on credible and disciplined policies guaranteeing long-term fiscal sustainability for the Bangsamoro people, the budget must aim to lay strong foundations for real and lasting change that will benefit all Bangsamoro territories;

WHEREAS, this Bangsamoro expansionary fiscal framework must focus on equitable progress, sustaining the growth in the Bangsamoro sub-regions, namely the southwestern, north central, and south central sub-region and, thus, increasing the Bangsamoro people's access to quality social protection programs and public services such as education, health, housing, and employment;

WHEREAS, the fiscal framework must focus on its most urgent priorities and deliver measurable results, and accomplish these within an environment that empowers the Bangsamoro people through greater transparency, accountability, and meaningful citizens' participation;

WHEREAS, in all of these, the BTA must not overlook the crucial role of all Bangsamoro sub-regions in effecting public financial management reform, along with their influence in the pursuit of transformative governance;

WHEREAS, the fiscal framework must be based on strengthening policy-based budgeting which harmonizes all of the Bangsamoro territories' development plans, investment programs, and policies, and linking the budget to these harmonized plans and policies pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the Bangsamoro Organic Law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;

WHEREAS, the equitable allocation shall be based on the representation of the Bangsamoro communities from congressional districts apportioned among the provinces;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Parliament in session that in the budget for 2020 all sub-regions in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao will have an equitable share for an inclusive fiscal policy and growth of the region consistent with the letter and spirit of RA 11054 and the cardinal principle underlying the block grant.

Adopted, October 24, 2019.

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