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## POSITION PAPER

RE : House Bill No. 2309 (Bill seeking to rationalize the income requirements for the creation of a province...)

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### Summary of Position


The League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) formally registers its approval to the passage of House Bill No. 2309, a bill seeking to rationalize the income requirements for the creation of a province, as introduced by Hon. Pablo John F. Garcia.

### Main Proposition of the Bill

The bill primarily seeks to increase the current income requirement of Twenty million pesos (P20,000,000.00) average annual income as certified by the Department of Finance to Two Hundred million pesos (P200,000,000.00) average locally-generated annual income for the last two consecutive years as a requisite for the creation of a new province.

### Reasons for Support

1. The bill sets an income requirement in the creation of a new province that is cognizant and responsive to the parallel income requirement changes for a municipality or cluster of Barangays to be converted into a component city as enunciated in R.A. No. 9009. In this light, it is imperative that in the creation of new provinces, a similar exacting income standard must be adopted.
2. The proposed measure effectively protects the just and equitable share of provinces of their Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) from unjust reduction resulting from the creation of new provinces with a real lacking of the income requirement for a province.
3. Given the protection of the IRA of provinces, these LGUs become better equipped to deliver basic services in their respective jurisdictions. IRA funds are needed by local governments to become effective partners in development, protectors of the general welfare and agents of the State and the community.

  
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