

# Senate committee holds hearing on plastic waste management

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THE SENATE committee on environment and natural resources will hold a hearing today on the measures to prevent plastic waste leakage into the sea. "A 'business as usual' approach in reducing the plastic waste will barely contribute to efforts in reducing the prevalence of plastic wastes and its leakage into our seas," Senator Cynthia Villar said in a statement. "More particularly, I believe that the active participation of commercial manufacturers and distributors are crucial in initiatives to substantially reduce the generation of plastic wastes," she added. The hearing will tackle Senate resolution no. 329 filed by Ms. Villar, and Senate President Aquilino dL. Pimentel III's March 15 privilege speech on preserving the oceans. Representatives from government agencies, corporations, civil society groups and the academe are expected to attend. -- **Lucia Edna P. de Guzman**