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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED JOB VACANCIES IN THE
GOVERNMENT SECTOR WHICH MAY CURB THE ESCALATING
UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 18 states: The State affirms labor as the primary social economic force. It shall protect the right of workers and promote their welfare;

WHEREAS, at least 2,248 job vacancies in various local government units, government agencies, government-owned and controlled corporations, and state universities and colleges in Eastern Visayas are reportedly waiting to be filled;

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission in the region urged and encouraged these government entities to fill these vacancies to provide employment during these difficult times; which is pursuant to the mandate given by President Arroyo;

WHEREAS, among the six provinces in the region, Leyte has supposedly the most jobs available having 1,857 vacant positions;

WHEREAS, a CSC official allegedly said that with these vacant positions made available, they are sure that there are intended funds for this purpose, considering that the government is a stable source of employment;

WHEREAS, while the CSC regional office has not seemingly received any report of government employees, particularly casuals who lost their jobs, some LGUs have stopped hiring new personnel as part of its cost saving measures;

WHEREAS, the government claims that fighting unemployment is its top priority; hence, its very own agencies and departments should inventory their respective job vacancies in order to help lessen the Philippines' unemployment rate;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the reported job vacancies in the government sector which may curb the escalating unemployment in the country.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO