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**RESOLUTION**  
**CALLING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE, IN**  
**AID OF LEGISLATION, THE GROWING NUMBER OF NEW CASES OF THE**  
**HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)**

**WHEREAS**, based on the December 2013 Philippine HIV & AIDS Registry Report of the Department of Health (DOH), there are 358 new cases of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, HIV is a retrovirus that infects cells of the immune system, destroying or impairing their function. The most advanced stage of HIV infection is acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). HIV is transmitted through unprotected sexual intercourse (anal or vaginal), transfusion of contaminated blood, sharing of contaminated needles, and between a mother and her infant during pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, according to the report: (1) most of the new HIV cases are in the National Capital Region, Calabarzon, Central Visayas, Central Luzon and Davao; (2) 95% of the cases are males and the 20-29 age group (59%) has the most number of cases; (3) 318 of 358 new cases were contracted through unprotected sex, with males having sex with other males (82%) as the predominant type of sexual transmission and 40 were infected through needle sharing among injecting drug users; and (4) from January to December 2013, 179 deaths were reported of which 172 were males and the highest number of deaths occurred in the 25-29 (28%) age group, followed by 30-34 (25%) and 35-39 (12%) age groups;

**WHEREAS**, the increasing number of HIV cases needs to be addressed in order to prevent the widespread prevalence of HIV and AIDS in the country;

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Philippines, to investigate, in aid of legislation, the growing number of new cases of HIV and AIDS in the country.

Adopted,

  
**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Senator

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Health- National Epidemiology Center, Philippine HIV & AIDS Registry, December 2013, retrieved from <http://pozziopinoy.blogspot.com/2014/01/philippine-hiv-aids-registry-december.html>

<sup>2</sup> World Health Organization, Health Topics, HIV/AIDS, [http://www.who.int/topics/hiv\\_aids/en/](http://www.who.int/topics/hiv_aids/en/)