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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
FOR THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PROVIDE SIGN LANGUAGE
INTERPRETERS IN SENATE SESSIONS AND COMMITTEE HEARINGS WITH
THE INTENTION OF IMPROVING INFORMATION DISSEMINATION TO
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARTICULARLY INDIVIDUALS WITH
HEARING IMPAIRMENT

WHEREAS, Sec. 2 (a) of Republic Act No. 7277 or the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons" provides that disabled persons are part of the Philippine society, thus the State shall give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society. Toward this end, the State shall adopt policies ensuring the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled persons. It shall develop their skills and potentials to enable them to compete favorably for available opportunities;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the State to convey information and issues with national importance to all citizens including persons with disabilities (PWDs);

WHEREAS, the growing presence and involvement of PWDs in matters of national importance is an indication of their resolve to participate in the development of our nation;

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines is in full support of measures which will improve the participation of PWDs in significant social, economic and political issues;

WHEREAS, providing sign language interpreters in senate sessions and public hearings will further the rights and development of individuals with hearing impairment;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Senate to promote the rights of PWDs by policy or by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate provide sign language interpreters in senate sessions and committee hearings with the intention of improving information dissemination to PWDs particularly individuals with hearing impairment.

Adopted,


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Senator