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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION

1  
2 DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,  
3 IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPENDING FARE HIKE IMPLEMENTED BY  
4 THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS (PNR)

5 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides: "The State shall  
6 promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence  
7 of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate  
8 social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved  
9 quality of life for all";

10 WHEREAS, in an article on 10 March 2015, the *Manila Bulletin* reported that the  
11 Civil society group #Strike The Hike Network, composed of commuters, students and  
12 other activists, staged a protest on 9 March 2015 at the España station of the PNR to  
13 voice their opposition to the implementation of the ₱10 to ₱15 fare hike;

14 WHEREAS, the group reportedly said that the fare increase is unjustifiable  
15 considering the deplorable condition of the train system;

16 WHEREAS, the report said that once implemented, the minimum fare will be  
17 raised from ₱10 to ₱15, and maximum fare will be raised to ₱60 from its previous value  
18 of ₱45, in accordance with PNR Board Resolution No. 094-2014;

19 WHEREAS, the group is now conducting a signature campaign against the fare  
20 hike, which they intend to submit to Malacañang;

21 WHEREAS, the signature drive will allegedly complement the scheduled protests  
22 in Tutuban (Divisoria) station and in various stations in Bicutan and Alabang;

1           WHEREAS, the government must ensure that safe and affordable modes of  
2 transportation is made available to the public;

3           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE  
4 to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the impending fare hike implemented by  
5 the Philippine National Railways (PNR).

6           Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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