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P. S. R. No. 1284

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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1 RESOLUTION

2 DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID  
3 OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
4 (DEPED) WASTED GOVERNMENT FUNDS ON THE PROCUREMENT OF TEXTBOOKS  
5 THAT HAVE ALLEGEDLY BECOME OBSOLETE DUE TO THE K TO 12 PROGRAM

6 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 17 provides: "The State shall give  
7 priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and  
8 nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development";

9 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 2 April 2015 reported that 16,296,231 textbooks  
10 worth ₱608.7 million bought by the Department of Education (DepEd) for the school year 2011-  
11 2012 textbook replenishment project under the old curriculum have become obsolete because of  
12 the K to 12 program;

13 WHEREAS, state auditors reportedly said that the delivered textbooks will eventually  
14 be regarded only as reference materials, because these are no longer responsive to the enhanced  
15 K to 12 program;

16 WHEREAS, the COA claimed that the textbooks were delivered only in school year  
17 2012-2013 or at the onset of the implementation of the K to 12 curriculum;

18 WHEREAS, the deliveries allegedly covered mostly the textbook requirements of the  
19 grade levels covered by the first and second year implementation of the K to 12 program;

20 WHEREAS, the COA claimed that the DepEd's lapses in planning and lack of foresight  
21 deprived the students their access to quality education, considering that it was already preparing  
22 the implementation of the K to 12 curriculum as early as 2010;

23 WHEREAS, according to COA, the procurement and delayed delivery or distribution of  
24 textbooks resulting in unnecessary expenses brought indiscriminate wastage of government

1 funds that would have been used in reference with the effort of DepEd to ensure adequacy of the  
2 much needed learning resources in the implementation of the new learning system;

3 WHEREAS, on the other hand, the DepEd management told the COA that the textbooks  
4 in question were not obsolete since these were still responsive to many learning competencies  
5 under the K to 12 curriculum;

6 WHEREAS, government funds for the welfare of the public should be cautiously spent in  
7 order to avoid unnecessary expenses and wastage of government funds;

8 WHEREAS, resources for the K to 12 program should ensure a quality education for all;

9 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
10 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that the  
11 Department of Education wasted government funds on the procurement of textbooks that have  
12 allegedly become obsolete due to the K to 12 program.

Adopted,

  
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