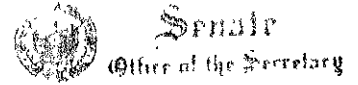


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE NEED FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS
TO IMPROVE PLANNING AGAINST DENGUE

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution Article 2, Section 14 provides: “The State shall protect and
2 promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them”;

3 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 17 June 2015 reported that the Department of Health
4 (DOH) urged local government units (LGUs) to plan ahead as the rainy season in the country
5 nears to prevent the spread of dengue;

6 WHEREAS, the *Star* quoted Health Secretary Janette Garin, who said that dengue
7 demands a response that not only engages government agencies, the private sector and the
8 community, but also anticipates a spike in infections;

9 WHEREAS, Garin cited DOH data which showed that a total of 25,616 cases of dengue
10 in the country have been reported from January to May 2015, 10 percent higher than the 23,151
11 cases in the same period in the previous year;

12 WHEREAS, the Health Secretary reportedly added that dengue has considerable and
13 often undervalued disease burden in terms of frequency, cost and quality of life;

14 WHEREAS, Congress must intensify existing legislation to improve coordination among
15 LGUs, other government agencies, and the private sector in combatting dengue;

16 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
17 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported need for
18 local government units to improve planning against dengue.

Adopted,

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