

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Third Regular Session



15 AUG -4 P3:04

SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 1468

RECEIVED BY: 

---

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

---

**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED 175.7 PERCENT INCREASE IN HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE CASES**

*WHEREAS*, Section 15 of Article II of the Constitution states: The State shall protect the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

*WHEREAS*, news report reveal that the Department of Health recorded a 175.7 percent increase in the number of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) cases in the country with a total of 612 reported cases from January 1 to July 4, 2015, a far figure from the 222 reported cases last year for the same period;

*WHEREAS*, hand, foot and mouth disease is a common infectious illness among infants and children that causes sores in or on the mouth, hands, feet, and sometimes the buttocks and legs;

*WHEREAS*, most of the reported cases of HFMD were from Region 2 (23.7%), Region 4-A (20.1%), Region 10 (15.5%), NCR (9.6%), and Region 4-B (5.4%);

*WHEREAS*, there is a need to look into this matter to propose possible remedial legislation to safeguard the general public;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines directs the Senate Committee on Health and Demography and other appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported 175.7 percent increase in hand, foot and mouth disease cases.

*Adopted,*

  
MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID