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SENATE  
P. S. R. No. 1499

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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 RECENT COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT THAT  
THE PHYSICAL ASSETS OF COTABATO CITY STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE  
WERE NOT INSURED AS OF 2014

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 28, provides: "Subject to reasonable  
2 conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure  
3 of all its transactions involving public interest";

4 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 656, otherwise known as the "Property Insurance Law,"  
5 as amended, states, in Section 5:

6 Every government, except a municipal government below first class, is  
7 hereby required to insure its properties, with the Fund against any insurable risk  
8 herein provided and pay the premiums thereon, which, however, shall not exceed  
9 the premiums charged by private insurance companies...;

10 WHEREAS, state auditors found that the office or school buildings and other physical  
11 assets of Cotabato City State Polytechnic College (CCSPC) amounting to P64,245,438.42 were  
12 not insured with the General Insurance Fund of the Government Services Insurance System  
13 (GSIS) as of 2014;

14 WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit (COA), in its recently released report<sup>1</sup> on the  
15 CCSPC, claimed that the College's failure to insure its assets is in violation of R.A. No. 656, and  
16 does not protect government interest;

17 WHEREAS, state auditors alleged that the non-insurance of CCSPC's assets deprives the  
18 government of recoverable amount in case of any damage or loss due to fire, earthquake, storm,  
19 or other casualties;

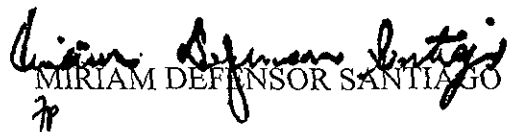
20 WHEREAS, the Commission on Higher Education, a commissioner of which sits as the  
21 chairman of the board of the CCSPC, must ensure strict compliance with COA guidelines;

<sup>1</sup> Commission on Audit's Annual Audit Report on the Cotabato City State Polytechnic College For the Year Ended 31 December 2014.

1           WHEREAS, it is the duty of the government to protect the interest of the people by  
2 insuring all properties acquired through public funds;

3           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
4 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the recent  
5 Commission on Audit report that the physical assets of Cotabato City State Polytechnic College  
6 were not insured as of 2014.

Adopted,

  
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