



Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT THAT SOME ₱460  
MILLION IN FUND TRANSFERS MADE BY THE PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR HEALTH  
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT REMAINED OUTSTANDING AND/OR  
UNLIQUIDATED AS OF THE END OF 2014

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution provides, in Article 2, Sections 27 and 28:

2 Section 27. The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public  
3 service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption.

4 Section 28. Subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State  
5 adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions  
6 involving public interest.

7 WHEREAS, state auditors claimed in a recently released report that the Philippine  
8 Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) has not been able to monitor the fund  
9 transfers and the submission of liquidation reports by implementing agencies in 2014;

10 WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit (COA) said that this resulted in the accumulation  
11 of some ₱460.526 million in outstanding fund transfers, of which ₱117.674 million have  
12 remained unliquidated for one to over five years under the account of the Agency;

13 WHEREAS, the subject funds included:

14 - ₱351.737 million allocated to national government agencies (NGAs) for research projects  
15 which remained outstanding, of which ₱96.357 million have not been liquidated for one  
16 to over five years, and 36 percent or ₱129.817 million of which pertains to unliquidated  
17 balances of projects already completed as early as CY 2007;

18 - ₱108.789 million allocated to non-government institutions and private entities for  
19 research projects which remained outstanding, of which ₱21.317 million have not been  
20 liquidated for one to over five years, and 30 percent or ₱32.943 million of which pertains  
21 to unliquidated balances of projects already completed as early as CY 2007;

1           WHEREAS, all government agencies must be responsible for funds allocated to them,  
2 and must diligently require utilization or liquidation reports from implementing agencies for all  
3 funds they disburse;

4           WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must ensure that the PCHRD will  
5 adhere to COA guidelines, especially amid the more than 500 percent increase of the granted  
6 budget of the agency under the National Expenditure Program in the past five years;

7           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
8 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Commission on  
9 Audit report that some ₱460 million in fund transfers made by the Philippine Council for Health  
10 Research and Development remained outstanding and/or unliquidated as of the end of 2014.

Adopted,

  
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