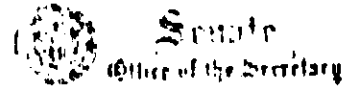



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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE**  
**TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,**  
**ON THE RECENT COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT THAT**  
**THE PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR INDUSTRY, ENERGY, AND EMERGING**  
**TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FAILED TO LIQUIDATE A**  
**SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF DISBURSED FUNDS TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE STATE**

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 that the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and  
8 Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) stated that ₱1.75 billion in funds  
9 the agency disbursed to national government agencies and ₱78.9 billion of fund transfers to non-  
10 government and people's organizations remained unliquidated as of the end of 2014;

11 WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit (COA) said in its recently released report that the  
12 unliquidated funds resulted from the non-submission of liquidation reports and insufficient  
13 monitoring of projects implemented;

14 WHEREAS, state auditors also criticized the agency's practice of granting additional  
15 funds to implementing agencies or partner organizations even when previously disbursed funds  
16 have yet to be accounted for;

17 WHEREAS, such unconscionable amounts of unliquidated funds are indicative of gross  
18 inefficiency at best, and graft and corruption at worst;

19 WHEREAS, the government has a duty to ensure that state funds are used in a timely,  
20 efficient, and transparent manner;

1           WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must provide for effective measures  
2 to ensure the proper utilization of government 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 report that the  
5 Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development  
6 failed to liquidate a significant amount of funds to the detriment of the state.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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