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SENATE
P. S. R. No. 1649

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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 MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR INDIGENT PATIENTS REMAINED UNUTILIZED
IN 14 HOSPITALS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN 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, The Commission on Audit (COA) reported that funds under the Medical
8 Assistance Program (MAP) of the Department of Health (DOH) were not fully utilized in 14
9 hospitals in the National Capital, Central Luzon, and Davao Regions;

10 WHEREAS, state auditors said that the Medical Assistance Program was established to
11 grant medical assistance to indigent or poor patients, but only a total of ₱139.565 million or
12 32.41 percent of ₱430.643 million distributed to hospitals was actually utilized;

13 WHEREAS, state auditors also noted the lapses in the grant and use of ₱32.117 million
14 in financial assistance out of MAP cast doubts on the propriety and veracity of such transactions;

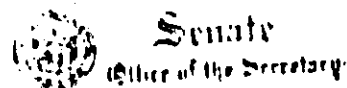
15 WHEREAS, the Congress, through relevant legislation, should mandate strict adherence
16 to the guidelines in the use of MAP allocations for efficient utilization of funds;

17 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
18 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the recent
19 Commission on Audit Report that medical assistance funds for indigent patients remained
20 unutilized in 14 hospitals under the Department of Health in 2014.

Adopted,

Miriam Defensor Santiago
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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT THAT ₱170 MILLION
IN LEYTE HOSPITAL SUPPLY CONTRACTS IN 2014 WERE ANOMALOUS

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 measurement 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, Rappler.com on 20 October 2015 reported that the Commission on Audit
8 (COA) found ₱170 million in discrepancies in the Leyte provincial government's acquisition of
9 medical and laboratory supplies in 2014;

10 WHEREAS, in its recently released report, the COA said the provincial government's
11 inventory of medical, dental, and laboratory supplies in 2014 totalled only ₱16.55 million, way
12 below its submitted yearend balance of ₱189.92 million;

13 WHEREAS, according to auditors, the ₱173.37 million disparity consisted of drugs and
14 medicines worth ₱85.36 million, and medical, dental and laboratory supplies worth ₱88.09
15 million, all of which were unaccounted for;

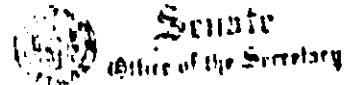
16 WHEREAS, Congress must ensure that funds earmarked for the healthcare services are
17 used judiciously and transparently;

18 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
19 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Commission on
20 Audit Report that ₱170 million in Leyte hospital supply contracts in 2014 were anomalous.

Adopted,


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SENATE
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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 WESTERN VISAYAS
REGION HAS SEVEN CONGESTED AND SIX EMPTY JAILS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 11 provides: "The State values the
2 dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights";

3 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 4 October 2015 reported that Western Visayas has
4 seven detention facilities that are overpopulated by 393 percent each, and six others that are
5 unused;

6 WHEREAS, the *Star* was quoting a recent Commission on Audit (COA) report, which
7 discovered the unique situation in Western Visayas jails;

8 WHEREAS, the COA said that the overpopulated detention facilities are found in
9 Dumangas, Iloilo City, Guimbal, and Pototan, all in Iloilo; Binalbagan and Isabela, both in
10 Negros Occidental, and Jordan in Guimaras;

11 WHEREAS, state auditors claimed that the facilities, owned by the local government, can
12 accommodate up to 189 inmates each, yet these hold up to 579 individuals;

13 WHEREAS, the COA report said there were also six unused jail facilities in the towns of
14 Leon, Maasin, and New Lucena, all in Iloilo; Libertad in Antique, and Jordan and Nueva
15 Valencia, in Guimaras;

16 WHEREAS, state auditors also claimed the government spent ₱3.294 million to construct
17 these unused facilities;

18 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) officials reportedly
19 said they lack manpower to manage the jails;

20 WHEREAS, the State should develop effective and efficient measures to deal with the
21 chronic problem of congestion in jails;

1 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
2 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the recent
3 Commission on Audit report that Western Visayas region has seven congested and six empty
4 jails.

Adopted,

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