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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 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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