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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NON-INCLUSION OF QUESTIONS ON DISABILITY IN THE 2015 AS REQUIRED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) has expressed its disappointment with the Philippine Statistics Authority for the exclusion of questions on disability in the 2015 census;

**WHEREAS**, according to the primer of the Philippine Statistics Authority, the lead agency tasked to take an inventory of the population of the entire Philippines, the 2015 Census of Population (POPCEN 2015) aims to "provide government planners, policy makers and administrators with data on which to base their social and economic development plans and program.";

**WHEREAS**, furthermore, the Philippine Statistics Authority said that the POPCEN 2015 may be useful to the government in the "formulation of policies concerning various segments of the population and development of policies and programs relative to the delivery of basic social services";

**WHEREAS**, the non-inclusion of questions related to persons with disabilities in the POPCEN 2015 could have consequences for the country's overall development agenda as a sector of the populace have not been accounted for and this would make the country remiss in its obligation as a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of PWDs (UNCRPD);

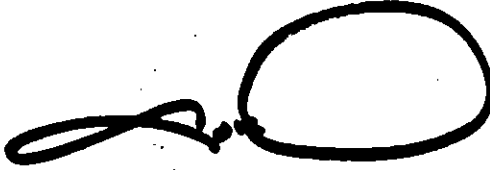
**WHEREAS**, Article 31 of the Convention on the Rights of PWDs directs state parties to "collect appropriate information, including statistical and research data" on disability which can be used to "identify and address the barriers faced by persons with disabilities in exercising their rights.";

**WHEREAS**, disability questions have been included in previous censuses in the country, in fact, the 2010 census show that of the 92.1 million household population, 1.57 percent or some 1.4 million persons had disability and that there were more males than females with disabilities;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to inquire into the exclusion of questions on disability in the 2015 Census of Population which may affect the delivery of social services to this significant sector of our society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate committees in the Senate to conduct an inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the reported non-inclusion of questions on disability in the 2015 census as required by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

*Adopted,*



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