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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT
AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, COMMITTEE ON
YOUTH AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO
INQUIRE AND REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE
CREATION OF A MULTISTAKEHOLDER COUNCIL PRIMARILY
IN CHARGE OF ADDRESSING JOB MISMATCH AMONG THE
YOUTH

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution further provides that the State shall afford full protection to labor and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all;

WHEREAS, according to the Labor Force Survey of 2015, Filipino youth aged 15-24 years old constitute 20.6% of the country's labor force;

WHEREAS, the same survey found that Filipino youth aged 15-24 account for the largest portion of the unemployed in the country at 49%;

WHEREAS, based on both local and international surveys, the Filipino youth suffers from the highest rate of unemployment among all age groups. The International Labor Organization (ILO) estimates show that the Philippines registered one of the highest unemployment rates in the ASEAN region. The ILO estimates indicate that unemployment rate among Filipino youth (age 15-24) averaged at 16.5% from 2010 to 2015. In the same period, the Philippines ranks second to Indonesia whose youth unemployment rate averaged at 22.1%. However, while Indonesia managed to significantly reduce youth

unemployment rate (from 25% in 2010 to 21.8% in 2015), the high rate of unemployed youth persisted in the Philippines throughout the same period;

WHEREAS, the United Nations estimates that the number of unemployed young people this year is set to increase to 71 Million, with global youth unemployment rate at 13.1%;

WHEREAS, the mismatch between the skills and qualification among workers and the labor needs and requirement of the industry significantly contributes to persistent high level of unemployment among the Filipino youth;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address the increasing rate of youth unemployment consistent with the principles enshrined in our Constitution. Moreover, addressing unemployment among the youth will significantly reduce the overall unemployment and improve the labor situation in the country;

WHEREAS, the feasibility of creating a multi-stakeholder council composed of representatives from the government, business and civil society must be looked into as one of the ways to address this problem;

WHEREAS, the multi-stakeholder council shall be tasked to, among others, (1) ensure the relevance of technical education in contributing to the reduction of job mismatch and unemployment among the youth; (2) review and assess the curricula of the country's technical education courses and ensure that the courses offered match the demand of the private and public sector; and (3) ensure that the budget allocated for technical education is used efficiently;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development, Committee on Youth and other appropriate committees, to inquire and review, in aid of legislation, the creation of a multi-stakeholder council primarily in charge of addressing job mismatch among the youth.

Adopted,


SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA