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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING THE SENATE INSTITUTE ON LEGISLATIVE
STUDIES AND TRAINING CENTER (SILSTC) FOR THE
CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM OF
THE SENATE SECRETARIAT AND THE SENATORS' STAFF
AND THE PROVISION OF CONTINUING TRAINING AND
LEGISLATIVE STUDIES RESEARCH SUPPORT TO THE
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is the fundamental principle and policy of the Senate of the Philippines to establish, implement, maintain, and support an integrated system of continuing education and training programs that would enhance the individual and collective standards of the institution which are critical in fulfilling the inherent functions it is constitutionally mandated to perform;

WHEREAS, it has been a compelling vision of the Senate to set in motion efforts toward the establishment of a legislative institute that would provide continuing research/studies and training support to the Members of the Senate in their duties on contemporary governance, and in enacting useful and relevant social legislation; and adequately prepare the Staff and personnel of the Senators' Offices and the Senate Secretariat in delivering efficient and effective services that would bring the Senate closer to the people by imparting to them the intricacies and dynamics of lawmaking and the role of the Senate in nation-building;

WHEREAS, to realize this, the Senate Institute on Legislative Studies and Training Center (SILSTC) is hereby established as the training arm of the Senate on local and national legislation, legislative governance, legislative research, and in inter-parliamentary and international relations;

WHEREAS, the objectives of the SILSTC include the strengthening of the Senate not only as a premier legislative institution but also as a responsible government training arm that promotes good legislative governance, encourages policy research and sharing of information, and advocates legislative transparency; popularizing the work of legislators and the role of Congress vis-à-vis the expectations of the people; enhancing the public's knowledge in legislation and legislative governance, and promoting capability building among those who are engaged in legislative work as well as those who are interested in it; serving as a bridge connecting the Senate to the local governments, academic communities, professional circles, student and youth organizations, and other local and foreign legislative assemblies; and serving as a venue for young Filipinos to learn more of the workings of parliamentary democracy and inspire them to pursue careers in legislation and policy advocacies;

WHEREAS, the SILSTC shall avail of the services and expertise of current and former Senate Secretariat and Senate Proper officers and staff who are knowledgeable and/or experts in legislation and policymaking because of their extensive work and trainings in the Senate and in other policy engagements, of incumbent and former Members of Congress, and of permanent faculty as well as guest lecturers and experts from the country and abroad;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, To establish the Senate Institute on Legislative Studies and Training Center for the continuing education and training program of the Senate Secretariat and the Senate Proper and the provision of continuing training and legislative studies research support to the Members of the Senate and as its training arm on local and national legislation, legislative governance, and in inter-parliamentary and international relations;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the Senate Secretary shall serve as the program administrator who shall supervise and coordinate the formulation and implementation of training and education activities and provide direction on the Institute's curriculum;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, That the initial funding for the first year of implementation of the program shall be set aside by the Senate

President chargeable against the existing savings of the Senate, and funds for the continuing implementation of the program shall be included in the appropriations of the Senate of the Philippines in the General Appropriations Act.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III