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Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO ALARMING REPORTS THAT THE PHILIPPINES HAS BECOME THE WORLD'S THIRD BIGGEST PRODUCER OF SHABU AND THE WORLD'S FOURTH BIGGEST CONSUMER OF AMPHETAMINE AND METHAMPHETAMINE, WITH THE END VIEW OF REVIEWING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD AND THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND RECOMMENDING THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION AND/OR POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental well-being;

WHEREAS, the United Nations World Drug Report revealed that the Philippines ranked third, behind Burma and China, among the world's largest shabu-producing countries. The report was commissioned by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);

WHEREAS, shabu produced in the Philippines reaches as far as Australia and the United States;

WHEREAS, the UN report also said Filipinos were the world's fourth biggest consumers of amphetamine and methamphetamine based on population percentage;

WHEREAS, 2.8 percent of Filipinos aged 15 to 24 were shabu users based on 2000 figures;

WHEREAS, methamphetamine, in general, is more potent than amphetamine and carries more serious health problems like paranoia and strokes and problems of drug-related violence;

WHEREAS, the UN report disclosed that the illegal drugs trade in the country is estimated at 216 billion pesos to 400 billion pesos a year despite the enactment of Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Republic Act No. 9165 imposes the penalty of 12 to 20 years imprisonment and a fine ranging from 100,000 pesos to 500,000 pesos upon any person, who, unless authorized by law, shall manufacture any controlled precursor and essential chemical. The penalty of life imprisonment to death and a fine ranging from 500,000 pesos to 10,000,000 pesos shall be imposed upon any person, who, unless authorized by law, shall engage in the manufacture of any dangerous drug;

WHEREAS, the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) is the policy-making and strategy formulating body in the planning and formulation of policies and programs on drug prevention and control, while the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) serves as the implementing arm of the Board, and is responsible for the efficient and effective law enforcement of all the provisions on any dangerous drug and/or controlled precursor and essential chemical as provided in Republic Act No. 9165;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, into alarming reports that the Philippines has become the world's third biggest producer of shabu and the world's fourth biggest consumer of amphetamine and methamphetamine, with the end view of reviewing the performance of the Dangerous Drugs Board and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and recommending the effective implementation and/or possible amendment of Republic Act No. 9165.

Adopted,


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Senator