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INTRODUCED BY THE HONORABLE MAR ROXAS

**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE
AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING NUMBER OF COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES RECOGNIZED BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER
EDUCATION (CHED) WITH THE END VIEW OF RECOMMENDING
REMEDIAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN
THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that: "It is the policy of the State to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation in development;"

WHEREAS, according to a study funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Philippines may be suffering from having too many colleges and universities;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) record shows that there are 1,512 universities and colleges throughout the country and 1,338 of these are privately run, while 174 are state run, having an enrollment of 2.4 million students;

WHEREAS, according to the ADB-funded study made by the British Council, there could be an oversupply of colleges and universities in some areas. The study indicates that allowing hundreds of new colleges and universities to operate could lead to the failure of ensuring the quality of learning;

WHEREAS, our country's premiere state university, The University of the Philippines was ranked only as 48 by Asiaweek in its list of Asia's Best Universities for the year 2000 and that it was followed by De La Salle University and Ateneo de Manila University, which were ranked at 71 and 72 respectively;

WHEREAS, the poor ranking of top Philippine universities vis-à-vis the other Asian universities is an indication of the declining quality of tertiary education in the country;

WHEREAS, to bring back the quality of tertiary education in the country, minimum quality standards have to be reviewed and the institutions' competency in offering certain courses and degrees should be monitored and well evaluated;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate direct the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture and other appropriate committee/s to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the increasing number of colleges and universities recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), with the end view of recommending remedial measures to improve the quality of education in the Philippines.

Adopted,


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Senator