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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RATIONALE OF E.0 182, AS AMENDED BY E.O. 392, MANDATING THE TRANSFER OF OFW MEDICARE FUNDS FROM THE OWWA TO PHILHEALTH

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 182as amended by Executive Order No. 392, mandated the transfer of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Medicare Fund to the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth);

WHEREAS, such transfer of funds from the OWWA to PhilHealth was allegedly done without the prior consent and approval of the OWWA Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, such transfer of funds was also made without prior and due consultation from the OFWs and their beneficiaries who own the Fund not to mention the absence of any justifiable reason for its transfer;

WHEREAS, various migrant workers organizations not to mention numerous OFWs have expressed dissatisfaction and dismay over the transfer of funds since such arrangement is perceived to result in lower medical benefits from what was previously enjoyed by OFWs when the Fund was administered by OWWA;

WHEREAS, PhilHealth, unlike OWWA, does not have the machinery, manpower and organizational set-up such as offices abroad to fully deliver needed medical assistance and benefits to OFWs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Senate Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development, to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, into the rationale of E.O 182, as amended by E.O. 392, mandating the transfer of OFW medicare funds from the OWWA to PhilHealth.

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