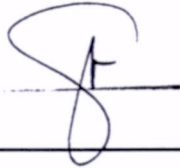


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RESOLUTION

URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A FULL ASSESSMENT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATURAL FIBER INDUSTRY AND THE ROLE WHICH THE PHILIPPINE FIBER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (PHILFIDA) PLAYS IN PROMOTING THE NATURAL FIBER INDUSTRY

1 **WHEREAS**, in pursuit of industrialization and full employment that is
2 mandated by Section 1 of Article XII of the 1987 Constitution, the State affirms to
3 put focus on all sectors of economy and all regions and provide them optimum
4 opportunity to develop;

5 **WHEREAS**, Section 5 of Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution supports the
6 agricultural industry by recognizing the need to support the industry through
7 "appropriate technology and research, and adequate financial, production, marketing
8 and other support services;"

9 **WHEREAS**, PhilFIDA was created through Executive Order 366 series of
10 2013, entitled, "*Directing a Strategic Review of the Operations and Organizations of*
11 *the Executive Branch and Providing Options and Incentives for Government*
12 *Employees Who May Be Affected by the Rationalization of the Functions and*
13 *Agencies of the Executive Branch*," with the mandate of promoting the growth and
14 development of the natural fiber industry through research and development;
15 production support; extension support, education and training services; fiber
16 utilization and technology; and standards implementation and trade regulation;

17 **WHEREAS**, despite the increase in demand of natural fiber both domestic
18 and international, which can provide the country beneficial economic opportunities,
19 and the increase in its allotted budget, PhilFIDA continues to underperform in
20 strengthening the natural fiber industry;

1 **WHEREAS**, PhilFIDA was allotted a budget of PhP398,508,000.00, of which
2 PhP241,910,000.00 is allotted to support the Fiber Development Program. PhilFIDA's
3 programs, however, puts primary focus on abaca developmental programs to the
4 disadvantage of the other natural fibers produced in the country;

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the
6 Senate to direct the appropriate Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of
7 legislation, into the continued incapacity of the Philippine Fiber Industry
8 Development Authority (PhilFIDA) in strengthening the natural fiber industry.

Adopted,



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