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Introduced by **SENATOR COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO**

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE CODE OF MARKETING OF BREASTMILK SUBSTITUTES AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7600, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ROOMING-IN AND BREASTFEEDING ACT OF 1992

Whereas, there is global evidence that good nutrition in the early months and years of life is vital in determining the health and survival of infants and children and their intellectual and social development in all aspects of life;

Whereas, it is scientifically established that exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life and sustained breastfeeding up to two years is a critical factor in preventing infant and childhood morbidity and mortality;

Whereas, it is due to the foregoing reasons that E.O. No. 51 and R.A. No. 7600 were enacted on 20 October 1986 and 2 June 1992, respectively.

Whereas, despite existing laws and policies, there have been reports showing that the number of mothers who breastfeed has considerably gone down;

Whereas, based on WHO assessment protocol, infant and young child feeding practices in the Philippines ranged only from poor to fair;

Whereas, there are reported violations of the aforementioned laws;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Committee on Health and Demography to inquire, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of Executive Order No. 51, otherwise known as The Philippine Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, and Republic Act No. 7600, otherwise known as The Rooming-in and Breastfeeding Act of 1992.

Adopted,


COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO
Senator