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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS, AND THE EXPENDITURE AND IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF, OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIALIZATION AND EMPLOYMENT-GENERATION INITIATIVES, WITH THE END-VIEW OF DETERMINING THE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR A MULTI-YEAR EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR BOLSTERING FILIPINO OR "TATAK PINOY" PRODUCTIVE SECTORS AND ENCOURAGING INCLUSIVE GROWTH ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

1 WHEREAS, Article XII, Sec. 1 of the 1987 Constitution underscored that the  
2 broad goals of the national economy are to ensure the equitable distribution of  
3 opportunities, income, and wealth; achieve a sustained increase in the goods and  
4 services produced by the country; and expand productivity as the key mechanism for  
5 achieving prosperity and lifting the underprivileged from poverty;

6 WHEREAS, the same article and section also mandates the State to "promote  
7 industrialization and full employment based on sound agricultural development and  
8 agrarian reform, through industries that make full and efficient use of human and  
9 natural resources, and which are competitive in both domestic and foreign markets";

10 WHEREAS, effective governance entails curbing the underutilization of  
11 programmed funds and ensuring the optimization of assets through strategic  
12 planning, transparent stakeholder consultation and the efficient apportionment of  
13 scarce yet critical resources;

14 WHEREAS, the government's employment-generation and productivity-  
15 boosting initiatives include but are not limited to the following:

- 1 • the Department of Trade and Industry's shared service facilities (SSF)  
2 initiative; support for the Foreign Trade Service Corps (FTSC) and the  
3 presence of Filipino micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in  
4 global markets; ongoing establishment of Negosyo Centers; continued  
5 implementation and improvement of such programs as the "One Town,  
6 One Product (OTOP)" and Go Lokal!; the launching of new programs  
7 such as "Digital Philippines" for training entrepreneurs about e-  
8 commerce and "Industry 4.0" which aims to prepare Philippine  
9 industries for future modes of production through the build-up and  
10 promotion of regional inclusive innovation centers (RIICs); and the  
11 implementation of Republic Act 11337, also known as the Innovative  
12 Startup Act, and Republic Act 11293, also known as the Philippine  
13 Innovation Act;
- 14 • the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority's  
15 implementation of the Special Training for Employment Program  
16 (STEP), the Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP), and  
17 Republic Act 11230 or the Tulong Trabaho Act, which provides for free  
18 post-secondary technical-vocational education across the country;
- 19 • the Commission on Higher Education's (CHED) implementation of the  
20 Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (RA 109321), which  
21 provides for free college tuition in all state universities and colleges  
22 (SUCs), and select local universities and colleges (LUCs);
- 23 • the Department of Labor and Employment's (DOLE) Tulong  
24 Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged or Displaced Workers  
25 (TUPAD) program, Government Internship Program (GIP), DOLE  
26 Integrated Livelihood Program (DLIP), and JobStart initiative, as well  
27 as its continuous engagement with and monitoring of the Public  
28 Employment Service Offices (PESOs) across all local government units  
29 (LGUs);
- 30 • the Department of Agriculture's (DA) banner programs for high value  
31 crops, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture, rice and other staples; its

- 1 agribusiness incubation program; agripreneurship program; and the  
2 Young Farmers Program, among others;
- 3 • the Department of Information and Communications Technology's  
4 (DICT) initiatives in promoting ICT Literacy, and supporting ICT  
5 industry and countryside development, as well as ensuring nationwide  
6 connectivity through its programs on Free Internet Wi-Fi Connectivity  
7 in Public Places and implementation of the National Broadband Plan;  
8 and,
  - 9 • the research and development (R&D) and technology transfer work of  
10 the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), its attached  
11 research and development institutes (RDIs), the Philippine Space  
12 Agency (PSA) and the major sectoral planning councils—the Philippine  
13 Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and  
14 Development (PCAARRD), the Philippine Council for Health Research  
15 and Development (PCHRD), and the Philippine Council for Industry,  
16 Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development  
17 (PCIEERD);

18 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to inventory the investments government  
19 plans to make in the next five to ten years for such initiatives, covering information  
20 technology and business process outsourcing (IT-BPO), tourism, creative industries,  
21 trade, manufacturing, agriculture and fisheries, logistics, shipping, research and  
22 development (R&D), and other productive sectors, and assess whether such  
23 investments are in line with the Constitutional mandate to promote industrialization  
24 and full employment; expand productivity; and sustain the increase in the goods and  
25 services produced by Filipino workers, craftsmen, artisans, creatives, entrepreneurs,  
26 professionals, scientists and researchers;

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28 WHEREAS, such inventory and assessment may provide valuable inputs for  
29 the crafting of the 2023 General Appropriations Act and of future national budgets;

30 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the  
31 Senate of the Philippines, to urge the Senate Committee on Finance to conduct an  
32 inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the budgetary appropriations, and the expenditure

- 1 and implementation thereof, of the government's industrialization and employment-
- 2 generation initiatives, with the end-view of determining the funding requirements for
- 3 a multi-year expenditure plan for bolstering Filipino or "Tatak Pinoy" productive
- 4 sectors and encouraging inclusive growth across the country.

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