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**SENATE**  
**Proposed Senate Resolution No. 443**

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**Introduced by Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III**

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**A RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON**  
**ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND**  
**INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON), TO CONDUCT AN**  
**INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ANOMALOUS**  
**PROCUREMENT BY THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND**  
**GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) OF ITS THIRD-PARTY**  
**AUDITOR, GLOBAL COMRCI**

1       **WHEREAS**, during the November 23, 2022 and January 23, 2023  
2 hearings of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Chair, Senator  
3 Sherwin Gatchalian, disclosed the questionable credentials and credibility  
4 of the third-party auditor procured by the Philippine Amusement and  
5 Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) to examine the revenues of Philippine  
6 Offshore Gaming Operations (POGO) in the country;  
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8       **WHEREAS**, according to Sen. Gatchalian, PAGCOR failed to vet  
9 the qualifications and competence of the third-party auditor, Global  
10 ComRCI, which it awarded a ten (10)-year contract worth P6 Billion in  
11 2017;  
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13       **WHEREAS**, during the last hearing of the Senate Committee on  
14 Ways and Means, Sen. Gatchalian divulged that Global ComRCI has no  
15 office, lacks capital, has not been paying taxes, is not registered with the  
16 Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Securities and Exchange

1 Commission, and has not complied with other requirements of the Terms  
2 of Reference provided in the bidding documents of the PAGCOR;  
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4 **WHEREAS**, Sen. Gatchalian even said that PAGCOR got conned:  
5 “Ang assessment ko in short, *nabudol* ang PAGCOR”. And for him,  
6 PAGCOR should rescind its contract with Global ComRCI;  
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8 **WHEREAS**, it is apparent from the foregoing that the third-party  
9 auditor, Global ComRCI, is not legally, technically, and financially  
10 capable to be a consultant of PAGCOR as required under our procurement  
11 rules and regulations, and should not have been awarded the contract for  
12 being ineligible and disqualified from the start;  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Commission on Audit (COA) also found  
15 deficiencies in the processes of Global ComRCI in its audit of the POGOs  
16 in 2020;  
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18 **WHEREAS**, considering the huge amount involved for a multi-  
19 year contract of this magnitude, this matter should be further investigated  
20 for possible malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance and corruption on  
21 the part of the PAGCOR officials involved in the anomalous procurement  
22 of the said third-party auditor and possible conspirators in the private  
23 sector;  
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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as it is hereby  
26 resolved to direct the Senate Committee on Accountability of Public  
27 Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon), to conduct an inquiry, in aid  
28 of legislation, on the anomalous procurement of the Philippine  
29 Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) of its third-party  
30 auditor, Global ComRCI, with the end in view of identifying  
31 accountability; making changes to our procurement laws and processes;  
32 amending the PAGCOR charter; and abolishing POGO operations in the  
33 country, if found necessary.

*Adopted,*

  
**AQUILINO “KOKO” PIMENTEL III**