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Introduced by Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III

**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 DELAYED
ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

1 **WHEREAS**, on 6 August 2018, Republic Act No. 11055, also
2 known as the “Philippine Identification System Act” was signed into law
3 by former President Rodrigo Duterte, with a declared policy to establish
4 a single national identification system referred to as the “Philippine
5 Identification System” or the “PhilSys”;

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7 **WHEREAS**, according to Section 3 of Republic Act No. 11055,
8 the PhilSys was established primarily to provide a valid proof of identity
9 for all citizens and resident aliens as a means of simplifying public and
10 private transactions;

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12 **WHEREAS**, under a memorandum of agreement with the
13 Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), which manages the Philippine
14 Identification System (PhilSys) database, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
15 (BSP) was mandated to produce and deliver 116 million pre-personalized
16 IDs from 2021 to 2023. But as of end of 2021, the Commission on Audit
17 noted that the BSP delivered only 27,356,750 pre-personalized cards or
18 76 percent of the 36 million required number of IDs for 2021. Previously,

1 in 2020 and 2021, the BSP delivered only 8,764,556 personalized cards
2 or 17.53 percent of the 50 million required number of IDs for those years¹;

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4 **WHEREAS**, apart from the delay in meeting the quota for the
5 number of ID cards to be accomplished, there have been complaints about
6 inaccuracy of personal information and blurry images on the cards. In
7 some cases, the IDs are no longer readable after about three months²;

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9 **WHEREAS**, people who registered for the national ID will have to
10 wait around four months before receiving their PhilSys number³;

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12 **WHEREAS**, even the usefulness of the ID is in question, as some
13 financial institutions refused to recognize the national ID because it lacks
14 the holder's signature⁴;

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16 **WHEREAS**, given the unreasonably prolonged delivery,
17 questionable usefulness, and substandard quality of the national IDs,
18 there is already cause to believe that there is malfeasance, misfeasance,
19 or nonfeasance on the part of the leadership in the PSA, the BSP, and
20 other relevant agencies in fulfilling its mandate under Republic Act No.
21 11055;

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as it is hereby
24 resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Accountability of Public
25 Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon) to conduct an inquiry, in aid of
26 legislation, on the long delayed issuance of the national identification
27 cards, with the end in view of identifying accountability for malfeasance,
28 misfeasance, or nonfeasance, if any, on the part of the leadership in the

¹ *What's delaying nat'l ID?*. Philippine Daily Inquirer. July 19, 2022.
<<https://opinion.inquirer.net/155163/whats-delaying-natl-id>>

² Ellson Quismorio. *Fed up with problematic national ID rollout? This solon is*. Manila Bulletin. October 12, 2022. <<https://mb.com.ph/2022/10/12/solon-has-had-enough-of-inefficient-national-id-rollout-calls-for-house-probe/>>

³ Clarist Zablan. *NATIONAL ID | Inadequate machines delay printing of national ID – PSA*. News5. October 21, 2022. <<https://news.tv5.com.ph/breaking/read/national-id-inadequate-machines-delay-printing-of-national-id-distribution-psa>>

⁴ Jamael Jacob, Esq. *Philippine ID system is set up for failure*. Ateneo.edu. October 24, 2022. <<https://www.ateneo.edu/analysis-opinion/2022/10/24/philippine-id-system-is-set-up-for-failure>>

- 1 PSA, the BSP, and other relevant agencies concerning the issuance of the
- 2 national identification cards.

Adopted,


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