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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,**  
**IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EMERGING USE OF ARTIFICIAL**  
**INTELLIGENCE IN DIFFERENT SECTORS AND/OR INDUSTRY, AND FOR**  
**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAMEWORK RELATED TO THE ADOPTION,**  
**PROMOTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND FAIR-USE IN THE PHILIPPINES**

1           **WHEREAS**, artificial intelligence (AI) is an emerging technology that affects  
2 various sectors of society, including but not limited to, industry, healthcare,  
3 agriculture, education, work and employment;

4           **WHEREAS**, the use of AI has expanded into various sectors of the Philippine  
5 economy, including healthcare, education, transportation, and finance, with its  
6 potential to provide solutions for critical challenges, such as labor shortages, natural  
7 disasters, and security threats;

8           **WHEREAS**, the Philippine government has recognized the importance of AI  
9 as a key enabler for economic growth and competitiveness, with the creation of the  
10 Philippine AI Roadmap launched in December 2019;

11           **WHEREAS**, the use of AI can bring both opportunities and risks to the  
12 country. While it has the potential to augment human capabilities, increase efficiency  
13 and accuracy, and eliminate manual labor, there are also risk that the adoption of  
14 this technology will result to displacement of jobs, widen income inequalities and  
15 exacerbate biases, and may expose the national security under the hands of a wrong  
16 person;

1           **WHEREAS**, the Senate recognizes the value of AI development and  
2 promotion in the Philippines while ensuring the protection of its citizens and the  
3 country from its adverse effects;

4           **WHEREAS**, the Department of Information and Communications Technology  
5 (DICT) has been mandated to oversee and promote the development and growth of  
6 ICT, including AI, in the country;

7           **WHEREAS**, considering the potential benefits and risks by the emergence of  
8 this technology, there is a need for a comprehensive Philippine framework for AI  
9 adoption, promotion, development, and fair use that ensures the alignment of AI  
10 with Philippine laws, rules, regulations, and policies, as well as the protection of  
11 public interest, social welfare, and human rights;

12           **WHEREAS**, an inquiry in aid of legislation is necessary to achieve the  
13 following:

- 14           a) Mapping the current state of AI development and use in the Philippines,  
15           including its socio-economic impact, and identifying gaps and  
16           opportunities for future growth;
- 17           b) Exploring international best practices and models for AI regulation,  
18           governance, and ethical standards, as well as evaluating their relevance  
19           and applicability to the Philippine context;
- 20           c) Assessing the legal and ethical dimensions of AI development and use,  
21           including data privacy, intellectual property rights, accountability, bias, and  
22           transparency;
- 23           d) Consultation with stakeholders from different sectors, including industry,  
24           academy, civil society, government agencies, and affected communities,  
25           about their views and concerns regarding the adoption, promotion,  
26           development, and fair use of AI; and
- 27           e) Propose a legislation or policies in line with the inquiry's objectives.

28           **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolved, to direct the  
29 appropriate committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, to establish a  
30 National Framework for Artificial Intelligence to regulate existing and future  
31 development, use, and introduction of artificial intelligence in the Philippines for its  
32 promotion, development and fair use in the country, protection of the citizen to its

- 1 adverse effects and to better understand the emerging use of AI in various sectors
- 2 by identifying the opportunities and risks for Philippine society, economy, and
- 3 culture.

*Adopted.*



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