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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUSTICE, PUBLIC ORDER, AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL PENITENTIARIES FOR DRUG OFFENDERS AND CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PENITENTIARY FOR DRUG OFFENDERS.

Whereas, It is the policy of the State to safeguard the well being of the citizenry against the evils of illegal and dangerous drugs;

Whereas, drug offenders comprise seventy percent (70%) of the inmates in our city jails and national penitentiary;

Whereas, drug offense is a special kind of crime, thus it requires a special rehabilitation program and security protocol for its offenders;

Whereas, there is an urgent and indispensable need to come up with measures to address the peculiarity of the rehabilitation and security requirement for drug offenders. That one of such measure is the establishment of Regional Penitentiary for Drug Offenders where convicts and those accused for violation of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as "The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002" shall be detained;

Whereas, concomitant to such establishment of regional penitentiaries is the creation of the Office of the National Penitentiary for Drug Offenders to ensure the establishment of such penitentiaries and to administer its operation;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committees on Local Government, Justice, Public Order and Illegal Drugs to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the establishment of Regional Penitentiaries for Drug offenders and creating the Office of the National Penitentiary for Drug Offenders.

Adopted.


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Senator