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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RISE OF FRAUDULENT ONLINE
RECRUITMENT AGENCIES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 18 states that, "The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare";

WHEREAS, the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) issued an advisory last 22 May 2008 warning against job scams being circulated on the Internet;

WHEREAS, the POEA has already reported recently several cases of local and international agencies victimizing Filipino workers through the promise of employment opportunities;


WHEREAS, the POEA listed Reserve Petroleum Nederland BV, Western Nursing and Day Care Services Limited, and First Global Manpower as agencies that allegedly operate an internet scam offering jobs to applicants and asking them to pay for various fees;

WHEREAS, while the POEA fulfills its functions to protect Filipinos who wish to seek employment abroad from such fraudulent scheme, legislation should strengthen the agency's capabilities in identifying and reporting such activities;

WHEREAS, the government should find ways to apprehend these recruitment agencies who use information technology to prey upon our countrymen as advances in technology brings about new nuances and complications in enforcing the country's laws and policies regarding overseas employment;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the rise of fraudulent online recruitment agencies.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO