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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED RISE IN CASES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AMONG TEENAGERS AS YOUNG AS TWELVE AND THIRTEEN YEARS OLD

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 states, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* in its 9 August 2010 article reported that local city officials of Lucena City have expressed concern over the alarming rise in cases of sexually transmitted diseases (STD) among teenagers as young as 12 and 13 years old;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vincent Martinez, assistant city health officer of Lucena City, claimed that most cases are walk-in patients, and that the number of STD cases this year has surpassed the average number of victims for the past five years;

WHEREAS, according to Martinez they were bothered that the victims were indifferent to having STD; he claimed that for the victims, STD was not a matter of serious concern;

WHEREAS, it was reported that hiring sex workers for one-night stands was as easy as renting a computer unit for video games;

WHEREAS, the report stated that young sex workers, most of them students or pretending to be one, often transact business inside the bars which serve as their hangouts;

WHEREAS, although Albay Governor Joey Salceda has committed support to measures to reduce the number of HIV infection among Albayanos, there is a need to determine whether there has been an increase of STD cases in other provinces as well;

WHEREAS, the lack of information on STD could be one of the reasons for the youth's indifference on such an issue; hence, it is imperative that proper educational measures should be implemented in order to inform the public, especially the youth, on the dangers of STD;

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 reported rise in cases of sexually transmitted diseases among teenagers as young as twelve and thirteen years old.

Adopted,

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