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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE OPERATIONS AND INCESSANT OVERSEAS JOB RECRUITMENT OF AGENCIES WITH CANCELLED AND SUSPENDED LICENSES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF SAFEGUARDING THE DIGNITY AND THE RIGHTS OF THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS**

*Whereas*, the Philippine Constitution supports and encourages the broadening of job opportunities for the Filipinos, as enconced in Article II, Section 18, "[t]he State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare.";

*Whereas*, in the year 2008 and in the first six months of 2009 alone, the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) had reportedly cancelled 76 licenses of recruitment agencies commencing overseas job trade to Filipinos and penalized 57 other agencies associated with the commission of recruitment violations;

*Whereas*, POEA Administrator Jennifer Jardin- Manalili confirmed in the Philippine Daily Inquirer (PDI) on September 17, 2009 that POEA has canceled or suspended the operation licenses of a number of recruitment agencies due to their engagement in serious recruitment offenses pertaining to charging fees from the applicants that correspond beyond the limit of what is allowed by law;


*Whereas*, the same news article confirmed that a number of the said agencies continuously operate and are actively recruiting Filipino workers for employment to overseas jobs although already unlicensed to engage in such business;

*Whereas*, the illegal scheme being employed by identified recruitment agencies has prompted the POEA to warn the applicants to be more vigilant and keen in investigating on the background of the agencies where the applicants are entrusting their applications;

*Whereas*, the POEA shall enforce stern measures to streamline the recruitment agencies that provide for jobs to the people and ensure that not only broad employment opportunities but dignified working environment and conditions are delivered to our overseas workers;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the operations and incessant overseas job recruitment of agencies with cancelled and suspended recruitment licenses with the end in view of safeguarding the dignity and the rights of the overseas Filipino workers.

Adopted,

  
MANNY VILLAR  
Senator