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Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REGULAR RECRUITMENT PROGRAM, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY IN THE UTILIZATION OF ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article II of the Constitution states that: "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;"

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Police (PNP) Integrated Transformation Program is the roadmap for long-term and lasting reforms in the organization, which aims to resolve organizational dysfunctions and improve the quality of police services; strengthen law enforcement capabilities; and enhance the welfare and benefits of PNP personnel and dependents;

WHEREAS, the PNP currently has 130,545 uniformed personnel performing duties in different Police Regional Offices, National Support Units, and at the National Headquarters, with a ratio of 1 policeman for every 700 people;

WHEREAS, under the Regular Recruitment Program, the PNP is recruiting more policemen in order to achieve a security ratio of 1 policeman for every 500 people;

WHEREAS, for 2012, the PNP has recruited 3,000 new policemen under the Regular Recruitment Program, in order to offset the separation of an average of 3,000 policemen annually due to attrition and retirement;

WHEREAS, the PNP has been receiving an annual budget to recruit more personnel as part of the Regular Recruitment Program under the PNP Integrated Transformation Program;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for Congress to determine if the funds allocated for the recruitment of policemen are being utilized for its purpose, and if further legislation is needed to prevent its misuse for other purposes;

WHEREAS, in the interest of transparency, it is necessary to inquire on the status of the recruitment of policemen, and the funds allocated for its purpose;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of the Philippine National Police Regular Recruitment Program with the end in view of ensuring its effectiveness and to promote transparency in the utilization of the allocated funds for its purpose.

Adopted,

RALPH G. RECTO