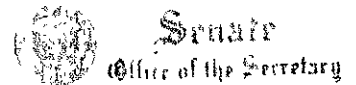


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED ERRONEOUS
GUARANTEE LETTERS, RELEASE OF MEDICINES, AND IRREGULAR
CHARGES TO PDAF AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-
PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 2 provides, "It is the policy of the State to promote a high standard of ethics in public service. Public officials and employees shall at all times be accountable to the people and shall discharge their duties with utmost responsibility, integrity, competence, and loyalty, act with patriotism and justice, lead modest lives, and uphold public interest over personal interest";

WHEREAS, the *Daily Tribune*, in its 14 February 2014 issue, has reported that the Commission on Audit (CoA) has discovered alleged erroneous guarantee letters (GLs) for the release of medicines and irregular charges to the priority development assistance fund (PDAF);

WHEREAS, it was reported that these disbursements of University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH) funds from the PDAF were not in accordance with the rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, according to the audit report of the CoA released 12 February 12, drugs and medicines that have been issued to indigent patients were more than the amount in the GLs, with a total of P2,891,827.77 by the Oncology Department;

WHEREAS, some 937 GLs amounting to P1.2 million were reportedly approved without the necessary approval of the Deputy Director for Fiscal Services, indicating that they were not officially received and logged which was a violation of existing rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, the report also noted that a non-UP personnel who was a liaison officer of a congressman was allowed to take out medicines from the Oncology Pharmacy amounting to P1 million;

WHEREAS, the original amounts were allegedly charged to a bigger amount and patients' names were substituted in some of the GLs and some prescriptions

for drugs and medicines issued to patients were submitted without the required pharmacy reports;

WHEREAS, the said department also reportedly released medicines and drugs to patients without the GLs amounting to P1.3 million;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine the culpability of officials of the UP-PGH because funds intended for the financial assistance to indigent patients being drawn from the PDAF were not in accordance with the rules and regulations;

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 alleged erroneous release of medicines for poor and irregular charges to PDAF at UP-PGH.

Adopted,

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