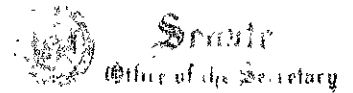


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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN  
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED INCREASE OF  
FILIPINOS UNDERGOING DIALYSIS TREATMENT AND KIDNEY  
TRANSPLANT

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

WHEREAS, Tempo.com.ph in a news article dated 23 February 2014, reported that there was an increase of Filipinos undergoing dialysis treatment and kidney transplant;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the number of Filipinos undergoing dialysis treatment and kidney transplant increases yearly, prompting doctors to encourage a more vibrant organ donation practice in the country;

WHEREAS, according to the National Kidney and Transplant Institute (NKKTI), kidney diseases, especially End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) are already the 7th leading cause of death among Filipinos;

WHEREAS, according to the report, chronic glomerulonephritis used to be the most common cause of chronic renal failure; however, today, diabetes mellitus and hypertension have taken center stage in causing ESRD, which together account for almost 60% of dialysis patients;

WHEREAS, according to Dr. Antonio Paraiso, program manager of the Department of Health Philippine Network for Organ Sharing, only 4,000 Filipinos underwent dialysis treatment in 2004;

WHEREAS, in 2013, the figure reportedly ballooned to an estimated 22,000 to 23,000, which translated to an increase of 10 to 15 percent each year;

WHEREAS, Dr. Paraiso reportedly added that every year, around 130 people per million get sick of kidney failure;

WHEREAS, the cost of medical treatment for kidney disease is exorbitant, beyond the reach of ordinary patients, and renal transplant is limited due to the expense and the shortage of donors;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the government to strengthen its campaign on the prevention of renal diseases; strict blood pressure and glycemic control and adopting a "healthy lifestyle" play a major role in reducing, if not totally controlling, the epidemic of renal failure and this could be achieved through proper education;

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 increase of Filipinos undergoing dialysis treatment and kidney transplant.

Adopted,

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*Miriam Defensor Santiago*  
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