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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPENDING TUITION FEE
INCREASES IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS NATIONWIDE

WHEREAS, a total of 353 private universities and colleges have filed petitions to raise their tuition fees this coming school year;¹

WHEREAS, the number of educational institutions applying for tuition fee increases are as follows:²

- 74 schools from Metro Manila
- 46 schools from Calabarzon
- 41 schools from Central Luzon
- 33 schools from Davao region
- 25 schools from Western Visayas
- 23 schools from Ilocos
- 21 schools from Central Visayas
- 19 schools from Northern Mindanao
- 18 schools from Bicol
- 12 schools from SOCCSKSARGEN
- 11 schools from Cordillera Administrative Region
- 9 schools from Cagayan Valley
- 9 schools from Mimaropa
- 6 Zamboanga Peninsula
- 6 Caraga;

WHEREAS, under Batas Pambansa Bilang 232 or Education Act of 1982, private schools determine their tuition fee rates and other school fees and charges subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the government;

¹ The Philippine Star, Tuition hike by private schools: No appeal from Palace, May 12, 2014, <http://www.philstar.com/headlines/2014/05/12/1322049/tuition-hike-private-schools-no-appeal-palace>

² Ibid.

WHEREAS, for the school year 2013-2014, a total of 354 out of 1,683 private higher education institutions were allowed to implement increases in tuition and other fees; and the average tuition fee increase per unit was P37.45 or 8.5% nationwide;⁴

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepED) reported that at least 244 private elementary and high schools, including in Metro Manila and in Yolanda-devastated areas in Eastern Visayas, were allowed to increase their tuition rates for the coming school year 2014-2015⁵;

WHEREAS, according to DepEd assistant secretary Tonisito Umali, the additional fees would be used to raise teachers' salaries and improve school facilities;

WHEREAS, increases in tuition fee rates and other school fees and charges should be thoroughly examined to determine whether such increases are appropriate and reasonable;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Philippine Senate to direct the proper Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the impending tuition fee increases in educational institutions nationwide.

Adopted,


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Senator

³ Ibid.

⁴ Philstar.com, DepEd approves tuition hike for 244 private schools, May 15, 2014, <http://www.philstar.com/headlines/2014/05/15/1323293/deped-approves-tuition-hike-244-private-schools>