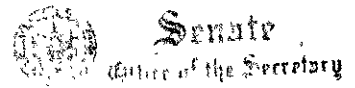


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED GROWING NUMBER OF
GIRLS INVOLVED IN PROSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 13 provides: "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs";

WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin*, on 1 October 2014, reported that a group working for the welfare of women, especially those lured into prostitution, recently aired their concern over the growing number of girls, some as young as nine, that scour the streets of Davao City at nighttime, selling themselves for meager sums of money for survival;

WHEREAS, Talikala Foundation executive director Jeanette Ampog revealed that 80 percent of these young girls, as young as nine years old, are already abused before prostitution; they are either neglected by their families or become victims of abuse right in their homes;

WHEREAS, Ampog allegedly pointed out that if these children felt that they were not safe in their homes or if they were hungry, they usually engaged in prostitution in order to survive in the streets;

WHEREAS, according to Ampog, most clients are drivers and bystanders;

WHEREAS, Ampog added that these clients usually ask for other girls, resulting in an increase in the number of children lured into prostitution;

WHEREAS, according to the report, Ampog stressed that the activities of these young girls are discreet and fluid because they do not operate in a specific or permanent location;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the State to protect the welfare of the youth and increase social services in destitute areas to prevent the proliferation of young girls entering prostitution;

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 growing number of young girls involved in prostitution.

Adopted,

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MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO