

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF
PASSPORTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING DELAYS AND TO IMPROVE
THE PASSPORT APPLICATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the online passport application system with scheduling and appointment of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is for the convenience of Philippine citizens residing locally or abroad seeking to apply for a passport for the first time or intending to renew the most recently issued booklet in his/her possession;¹

WHEREAS, an article from News5-InterAksyon Online dated January 25, 2018 reported on the slow or delayed processing of passports that caused a disservice to the people;²

WHEREAS, the delay in the processing of passports can be attributed to limited appointment slots available in the DFA's appointment system and the inability of the passport printer-supplier to produce enough passports;³

WHEREAS, it is imperative to address lapses and delays in the passport application system in order to make it easier and accessible for Filipinos to travel abroad;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the issuance and renewal of passports for the purpose of addressing delays and to improve the passport application system.

Adopted,


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¹Department of Foreign Affairs Website, Passport Appointment System: <https://www.passport.gov.ph/>

²News5-InterAksyon News Online: <http://www.interaksyon.com/lawmaker-asks-house-panel-to-probe-slow-passport-processing-alleged-printing-anomaly/>

³Philippine Star Online: <http://www.philstar.com/metro/2018/01/28/1782057/house-probe-passport-processing-delays>