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Introduced by **SENATOR LEILA M. DE LIMA**

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT**  
**AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE BUREAU OF**  
**IMMIGRATION'S FAILURE TO COLLECT EXPRESS LANE FEE**  
**CHARGES FROM JUNE TO DECEMBER 2017, WITH THE END IN VIEW**  
**OF CRAFTING LEGISLATION TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR**  
**GROSS MISINTERPRETATION OF THE LAW BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS**  
**WHO ARE TASKED TO ENFORCE THEM**

1 WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution states that "(p)ublic office  
2 is a public trust. Public officers and employees must, at all times, be accountable to the  
3 people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency; act  
4 with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives";

5 WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the Code  
6 of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, states that  
7 "...(a)ll government resources and powers of their respective offices must be employed  
8 and used efficiently, effectively, honestly and economically, particularly to avoid  
9 wastage in public funds and revenues";

10 WHEREAS, on 2016, President Rodrigo Duterte vetoed the proposed use of  
11 express lane charges collected by the Bureau of Immigration in the 2017 General  
12 Appropriations Act;

13 WHEREAS, the Veto Message for Fiscal Year 2017 states that the President is  
14 "constrained to directly veto the use of express lane charges collected by the [Bureau  
15 of Immigration]...for payment of salaries of casual and contractual personnel,  
16 confidential agents and job employees, augmentation of personnel who render  
17 services beyond office hours, and payment of health insurance premium. It is  
18 important to note that said agency have been provided appropriations for overtime