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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN**  
**INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UNCLAIMED P1.3 BILLION**  
**CASH GRANTS UNDER THE CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAM**

1 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 28 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides  
2 the State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its  
3 transactions involving public interest;

4 WHEREAS, the Conditional Cash Transfer Program, locally known as the  
5 Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, or 4Ps, is a government program spearheaded  
6 by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) that provides cash  
7 grants to the poorest of the poor in the country;

8 WHEREAS, cash grants were paid to beneficiaries through cash cards used to  
9 withdraw the money from automated teller machines, or deposited with the Land  
10 Bank of the Philippines;

11 WHEREAS, beneficiaries may also claim the grants through Globe G-Cash or  
12 rural banks if the abovementioned modes were unavailable;

13 WHEREAS, an article from the Philippine Daily Inquirer, dated August 13,  
14 2018, reported on the findings of the Commission on Audit (COA) that P1.3 billion  
15 allocated for cash grants under the Conditional Cash Transfer Program for nearly  
16 two (2) million beneficiaries were not claimed in 2017;

17 WHEREAS, the 2017 Annual Audit Report of the COA on the DSWD provided  
18 that 1,889,994 individual beneficiary accounts have accumulated balances ranging

19 from P501 to more than P50,000 which were not withdrawn from thirty (30) to over  
20 2,190 days upon payout;

21 WHEREAS, the 2017 Annual Audit Report further provided that the lapse of  
22 time that the beneficiaries failed to claim their grants showed that they were not in  
23 severe need of the subsidy;

24 WHEREAS, the article from the Philippine Daily Inquirer reported that  
25 beneficiaries were not delisted from the Conditional Cash Transfer Program despite  
26 failing to claim the grants;

27 WHEREAS, the COA recommended in the 2017 Annual Audit Report that the  
28 funds used in the cash grants be rightfully returned to the coffers of the  
29 government;

30 WHEREAS, a Senate inquiry on the matter is necessary in order to ensure that  
31 public funds allocated for alleviating poverty is effectively distributed to the poorest  
32 of the poor for the purpose of addressing their immediate needs;

33 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate  
34 Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the unclaimed P1.3 billion  
35 cash grants under the Conditional Cash Transfer Program.

Adopted,

  
**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Senator