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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 501**

Submitted by the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship on  
NOV 15 2018.

Re: Senate Bill No. 2100 prepared by the Committee

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 721

Sponsor: Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

**Mr. President:**

The Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship to which was referred Senate Bill No. **721**, introduced by Senator Villar, *entitled*:

**"AN ACT  
DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS BUY PINOY, BUILD PINOY  
MONTH"**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 2100 prepared by the Committee, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS "BUY PINOY, BUILD PINOY  
MONTH" TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO  
PRIORITIZE THE PURCHASE AND UTILIZATION OF FILIPINO PRODUCTS,  
LABOR AND SERVICES"**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 721 with Senators Villar and Pimentel as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

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*Vice-Chairperson*


  
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(In Substitution of Senate Bill No. 721)

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**LABOR AND SERVICES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines  
in Congress assembled:*

1           **Section 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "**Buy Pinoy, Build**  
2 **Pinoy Month Act**"

3           **Sec. 2. State Policy.** - It is the policy of the State to develop a self-reliant  
4 and independent national economy effectively controlled by Filipinos (Article II,  
5 Section 19), and to promote the preferential use of Filipino labor, domestic materials  
6 and locally produced goods, and adopt measures that help make them competitive  
7 (Article XII, Section 12).

8           It is also the policy of the state to promote the growth and development of  
9 Filipino entrepreneurs, especially those involved in micro, small and medium  
10 enterprises (MSMEs) as defined by the Republic Act No. 6977, as amended by the  
11 Republic Act No. 8289 and Republic Act No 9501, or the *Magna Carta for Micro,*  
12 *Small and Medium Enterprises.*

1           **Sec. 3. Filipino Products.** – refers to products created, invented,  
2 manufactured, developed or produced by Filipinos in the Philippines, made either  
3 using locally obtained raw materials or a combination of local and imported raw  
4 materials, where the majority of the materials used in the product shall be sourced  
5 locally from the Philippines. It shall include tangible products, such as but not limited  
6 to, processed food, agri-based products, arts and crafts, home, fashion or creative  
7 artisanal materials, and also skill-based services, such as but not limited to, *hilot* and  
8 sculpting.

9           **Sec. 4. Declaration of Buy Pinoy, Build Pinoy Month.** - The month of  
10 November is hereby declared as "*Buy Pinoy, Build Pinoy Month*" in recognition of the  
11 contribution of the MSME sector and other Filipino businesses to the growth of the  
12 Philippine economy especially to job generation, national development and economic  
13 enhancement.

14           **Sec. 5. Observance of Buy Pinoy, Build Pinoy Month.** - To ensure the  
15 meaningful observance of the "*Buy Pinoy, Build Pinoy Month*" as herein declared, all  
16 heads of the government offices, including government-owned and controlled  
17 corporations, as well as local government units, and employers in the private sector,  
18 shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for MSMEs and other  
19 Filipino businesses to engage and participate in any and all activities to mark the  
20 month.

21           a) The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall be the lead agency for  
22 the implementation for this Act. The activities for the observance of the "Buy Pinoy,  
23 Build Pinoy Month" shall be included in the annual work program and action agenda  
24 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Council.

25           b) Activities for the "*Buy Pinoy, Build Pinoy Month*" shall include MSME  
26 trade fairs, bazaars, marketing missions, information dissemination activities,  
27 education and advocacy campaigns, and similar events featuring Filipino products,  
28 inventions, technologies and resources. These shall be conducted in all national  
29 government agencies as well as cities and municipalities in the country.

30           c) A National Trade Fair shall be held for at least two (2) weeks every  
31 November, with participation limited to Filipino creators, inventors, producers,

1 manufacturers, and service providers. *Provided*, that the said Fair shall be held  
2 simultaneously in Metro Manila, Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao.

3 d) The Philippine Information Agency, in coordination with the DTI, shall  
4 formulate and implement a nationwide information and advocacy campaign for the  
5 “*Buy Pinoy, Build Pinoy Month*” activities.

6 e) The private sector is encouraged to conduct similar initiatives as those  
7 enumerated in this Act.

8 **Sec. 6. Separability Clause.** – If any part or section of this Act is declared  
9 unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect in any manner the other parts or  
10 sections hereof.

11 **Sec. 7. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules or  
12 regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the  
13 provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

14 **Sec. 8. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after  
15 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general  
16 circulation.

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18 Approved,