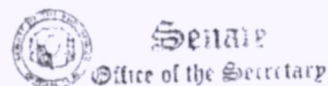


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE VIABILITY OF THE PREVAILING PENSION PROGRAMS OF THE MILITARY AND OTHER UNIFORMED PERSONNEL ORGANIZATIONS, WITH THE INTENT OF ENSURING EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF GOVERNMENT RESOURCES, ADEQUATE BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE TO FILIPINO PENSIONERS, AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF GOVERNMENT PENSION PROGRAMS

1 WHEREAS, the State is mandated, pursuant to the Constitution, to provide
2 immediate and adequate care, benefits, and other forms of assistance to war veterans
3 and veterans of military campaigns, their surviving spouses and orphans;

4 WHEREAS, the Philippine Government upholds such policy through the annual
5 appropriation for pension and other benefits for war veterans, military pensioners and
6 their qualified dependents;

7 WHEREAS, the government appropriations for military and other uniformed
8 personnel pension increased by 225.0% from Twenty-Six Billion, Nine Hundred Sixty
9 Million, Nine Hundred Fourteen Thousand Pesos (P26,960,914,000.00) in FY 2005 to
10 Eighty-seven Billion Six Hundred Twenty Million Pesos (P87,620,000,000.00) in FY
11 2019;

12 WHEREAS, the amount appropriated for military and uniformed personnel
13 pension for FY 2019 is equivalent to 59.2% of the total base pay appropriations for
14 active duty military and uniformed personnel for the same fiscal year;

15 WHEREAS, the Executive Department proposed an appropriation of P132.89
16 billion for veterans and military/uniformed personnel pension for FY 2020;

1 WHEREAS, despite the annual appropriations for military and other uniformed
2 personnel pension, the Philippine Government still owes billions of pesos worth of
3 pension arrears from retired military and uniformed personnel and their qualified
4 dependents;

5 WHEREAS, a former Secretary of Budget and Management has raised the
6 question on the sustainability of financing the pension program for the military and
7 other uniformed pensioners and opined that drastic reform is needed in order to
8 reduce the hemorrhaging of the budget due to ballooning pension payments;

9 WHEREAS, the failure to institutionalize a pension reform program would pose
10 a serious threat on the sustainability of government finances and on the solvency of
11 the military pension program for pensioners and new entrants in the uniformed
12 services;

13 WHEREAS, pension reform for military and other uniformed personnel requires
14 a more stable institutional framework that is responsive not only to the needs of
15 Filipino veterans and military pensioners but also to the fiscal realities of our times,
16 the limitation of government resources, and the needs of an active military and other
17 similar organizations: Now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To direct the appropriate
19 Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the viability of the
20 prevailing pension programs of the military and other uniformed personnel
21 organizations, with the intent of ensuring equitable allocation of government
22 resources, adequate benefits and assistance to Filipino pensioners, and the
23 sustainability of government pension programs.

Adopted,



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