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Introduced by SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO

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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, INNOVATION, AND FUTURES THINKING TO CONDUCT A HEARING, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE COUNTRY FOR THE NEW NORMAL AND IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE PANDEMICS AND OTHER HEALTH EMERGENCIES**

1           **WHEREAS**, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic carry a major shift in the  
2 country's health service delivery, compelling the government to re-examine its health  
3 service practices as the world waits for a vaccine;

4           **WHEREAS**, with the onset of the New Normal, existing practices and systems  
5 in health service delivery, such as physical clinics, face-to-face triage, and paper-based  
6 prescriptions, may be ineffective in responding to the need for stricter respiratory  
7 hygiene and physical distancing measures;

8           **WHEREAS**, the impact of COVID-19 and the necessity to adapt to the New  
9 Normal urge the country to employ futures thinking as an essential strategy in dealing  
10 with pervasive issues that have long affected the country's healthcare system, which  
11 in turn impact other sectors, negatively affecting outcomes ranging beyond health;

1           **WHEREAS**, futures thinking is a method for informed reflections on possible  
2 futures of various aspects of life, by bringing into focus the scope of connection among  
3 issues and their potential impacts and implications;<sup>1</sup>

4           **WHEREAS**, various sectors of society, such as the academe, the private sector  
5 and the government, need to collaborate and explore possible outcomes, emerging  
6 ideas and innovative opportunities and strategies for the future of health service  
7 delivery;

8           **WHEREAS**, it is essential for these sectors to formally converge through an  
9 enabling platform that could inform policies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic  
10 and to future health emergencies;

11           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to urge the Committee on  
12 Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation, and Futures Thinking, to conduct a  
13 hearing, in aid of legislation, on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the future  
14 of health service delivery in the country for the new normal and in preparation for  
15 future pandemics and other health emergencies.

*Adopted,*

  
**PIA S. CAYETANO**

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<sup>1</sup> OECD. Futures Thinking In Brief. Retrieved from  
[https://www.oecd.org/site/schoolingfortomorrowknowledgebase/futuresthinking/futuresthinkinginbrief.h  
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