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Introduced by Senator Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE REPORTEDLY PLANNED CLOSURE OF THE LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES (LCP) AND ITS POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE DELIVERY OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE

WHEREAS, various newspapers reported the impending closure of the Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP), pursuant to the implementation of Executive Order 366, which seeks to replace the LCP with the New Women's Medical Center;

WHEREAS, albeit the establishment of a new health institution solely focusing on women's health concerns is a welcome development, the dissolution of the LCP will indubitably result into serious repercussions anent delivery of basic health services;

WHEREAS, in the absence of the LCP, those, suffering from pulmonary related diseases, will have difficulty availing of affordable medical attention and service;

WHEREAS, the same will create serious health predicament that will confront the health sector for years to come, considering that five of the top ten killer diseases, as reported in the latest National Objectives for Health Philippines (1994-2004), are pulmonary in nature, while six out of the ten leading causes of morbidity are respiratory in nature;

WHEREAS, with said impending closure, more than 500 health workers, who have been involved in one way or another in the daily operations of the LCP for considerably along period of time, will not only be displaced but will go outright jobless;

WHEREAS, the dissolution of the LCP runs contrary to public policy and morals what with the tremendously deleterious impact it may cause and is clearly unconstitutional as it deprives the people of their inherent right to essential health services;

WHEREAS, it is critical at this point to determine with caveat the social dimension and the political and economic implications of the dissolution of a recognized and dependable health institution instead of hastily implementing a policy that seeks to deny what Filipinos should be legally and naturally entitled to;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to direct the Senate Committee on Health and Demography to investigate, in aid of legislation, the reportedly planned closure of the Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP) and its possible impact on the delivery of basic health services to the people

Adopted,


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Senator