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Introduced by Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO
INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE ISSUE OF THE MANDATORY MANAGEMENT LEVEL COURSE
PRESCRIBED BY THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION AS
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATE
OF COMPETENCY FOR SEAFARER'S EMPLOYMENT

Whereas, there is a shortage of maritime officers for deployment abroad as overseas Filipino workers;

Whereas, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), in the issuance of certificate of competency for seafarer's employment abroad of maritime officers, requires among others, an additional mandatory management level course;

Whereas, the additional mandatory management course is a course requirement with a fee ranging from P42, 000.00 for deck courses and P52,000.00 for engine courses which last for six to eight weeks;

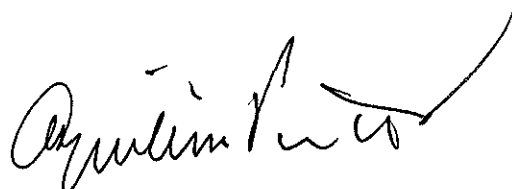
Whereas, the mandatory management level course, besides being an additional cost to seafarers, is allegedly a repetition of their bachelor's degree since most of the topics are already part of their four to five years marine deck and maritime engineering courses;

Whereas, the mandatory management level course is not even one of the minimum requirements of the Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping Convention (STCW), neither is it also required by the foreign principals as condition for employment;

Whereas, the mandatory management level course is an additional burden for seafarers, not duly recognizing their valuable contributions in stabilizing the national economy in the form of their remittances of their dollar earnings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee/s to investigate, in aid of legislation, on the issue of the mandatory management level course prescribed by the Professional Regulation Commission as additional requirement for the issuance of certificate of competency for seafarers' employment.

Adopted,


AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.