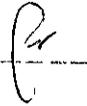


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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF BLOOD DONATIONS FOUND TO BE CONTAMINATED WITH THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENFORCING STRINGENT SCREENING PROCEDURES AMONG BLOOD COLLECTING AGENCIES AND ESPOUSING HONESTY AMONG DONORS TO ADVOCATE RECIPIENT SAFETY

Whereas, Section 2(c) of Republic Act 7719 or the National Blood Services Act of 1994 upholds “to provide for adequate, safe, affordable and equitable distribution of supply of blood and blood products”;

Whereas, the Department of Health (DOH) said the country needs about 950,000 bags of blood a year for patients who need about five bags of blood at a time;

Whereas, amid the rising number of dengue cases recently, the DOH, the Philippine Red Cross, local governments, hospitals, and private entities have been conducting bloodletting drives to address the steady supply of blood needed by patients;

Whereas, the DOH’s National Epidemiology Center (NEC) reports a rise in the number of donated blood units with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV): 74 cases in 2008, 89 in 2009 and 146 in 2010;

Whereas, to date, a total of 124 blood units were “confirmed to be positive for HIV by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM)” since January;

Whereas, according to the National AIDS Registry Report, a total of 178 new HIV cases were recorded in the country in June, marking a 63% increase compared to the same period last year;

Whereas, in many countries, the intentional or reckless infection of a person with HIV is considered to be a crime:¹ Now therefore be it

¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Criminal_transmission_of_HIV

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Health and Demography to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the increasing percentage of blood donations found to be contaminated with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), with the end in view of enforcing stringent screening procedures among blood collecting agencies and upholding honesty among donors to advocate recipient safety.

Adopted,


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Senator