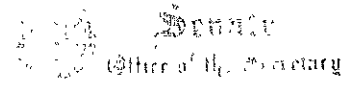


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON STRENGTHENING BOTH THE COUNTRY'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR VOCATIONAL AND ENGINEERING-RELATED COURSES IN LIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT'S CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TO TAKE UP CONSTRUCTION-RELATED COURSES

WHEREAS, *The Philippine Star* reported last 9 February 2012 that the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), through Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz, encouraged this year's high school graduates to take training courses related to construction;

WHEREAS, the DOLE has already set plans to intensify its career advocacy program for school year 2012-2013, and noted that construction is an industry which has been identified by stakeholders as having tremendous job-generating potential;

WHEREAS, a report from the DOLE's Bureau of Labor and Employment reportedly said that careers in construction can earn a monthly salary ranging from P13,000 to 40,000 per month, and as high as P50,000 for highly-trained workers;

WHEREAS, DOLE compared this potential salary to the tuition fees for construction-related courses, which costs between P3,000 to P15,000, depending on the duration and type of training;

WHEREAS, DOLE explained that compared to others, the construction industries usually seek and compensate their employees according to experience and hard work rather than degrees, and jobs as CAD operators, electricians, and metal fabrication technicians only require minimum training cost but guarantee a return of high income;

WHEREAS, the DOLE noted that Filipino electricians are highly in-demand whether here or abroad due to their impeccable expertise in electronic wiring and maintenance of equipment, appliances, apparatus, and fixtures, while welders are also in demand with the highest recorded deployment in the construction industry;

WHEREAS, while the Department of Science and Technology provides a Science Education Institute Scholarship Grant for high school graduates interested in construction-related jobs, Congress should seek ways to further strengthen education programs that tackle both the vocational courses and engineering courses, especially in state universities and colleges, in order to produce more skilled workers for the construction industry;

WHEREAS, Congress should concurrently craft legislation strengthening and intensifying the local construction industry in order to cater to skilled workers the country produces in order for the Philippines to make use of its own skilled workers in its own soil;

WHEREFORE, to direct the proper Senate to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on strengthening both the country's construction industry and education system for vocational and engineering-related courses in light of the Department of Labor and Employment's call for high school graduates to take up construction-related courses.

Adopted,

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