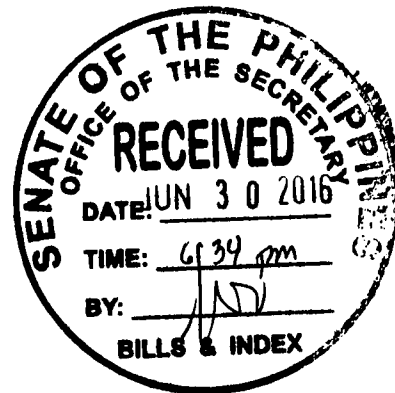


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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ROLE OF PHILIPPINE LABOUR ATTACHÉS IN NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRIES ABROAD AND MONITORING AND REPORTING THE SKILLS NEEDS OF THESE INDUSTRIES TO ENHANCE THE COUNTRY'S DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS)**

**WHEREAS**, there are many companies abroad, especially in the Middle East, Hongkong and Singapore, that prioritize Filipino workers because of their competencies and work ethic;

**WHEREAS**, results from the 2015 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) show that the number of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who worked abroad at anytime during the period April 1 to September 30, 2015 was estimated at 2.4 million with total remittance sent by OFWs estimated at 180.3 billion pesos;

**WHEREAS**, from June 1-30, 2016 alone, available job orders from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) reached over 65,000;

**WHEREAS**, recruitment firms in the Philippines were unable to fill most of the job orders approved by POEA because Filipinos who are seeking employment overseas lack the necessary skills and experience;

**WHEREAS**, in March 2014, Placewell International Services, a private manpower firm in the Philippines, informed TESDA that more than 4,200 jobs are available in Dubai, United Arab Emirates for female workers with certified specialization;

**WHEREAS**, these job orders did not match the availability of certified women in electrical installation and maintenance, plumbing, and refrigeration and air-conditioning, which resulted to a delay in the deployment of workers to Dubai;

**WHEREAS**, several other instances point to the need to adopt a more pro-active strategy in monitoring and reporting not only job orders abroad but also the skills requirements of companies that employ Filipino work force to better respond to the need to send new hires and competent and qualified manpower overseas;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) serves as the DOLE operating arm in the implementation of Philippines labor policies and programs for the protection of the rights and the promotion of the welfare and interests of Filipinos working abroad as contained in Administrative Order No. 168 series of 2013, Manual of Operations, Policies, and Guidelines for the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO);

**WHEREAS**, the POLO, headed by Labor Attachés, may perform other functions as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor and Employment;

**WHEREAS**, Labor Attachés are in the best position to network with industries abroad and to actively monitor and report industry skills requirements that can be used in developing and updating training regulations, training delivery, targeting of workers who are seeking employment overseas and filling job orders approved by POEA;

**RESOLVE BY THE SENATE**, to direct the appropriate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the role of Philippine Labor Attachés in networking with industries abroad and monitoring and reporting the skills requirements of these industries to enhance the country's deployment program for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs).

Adopted.

  
**SENATOR JOEL "TESDAMAN" VILLANUEVA**