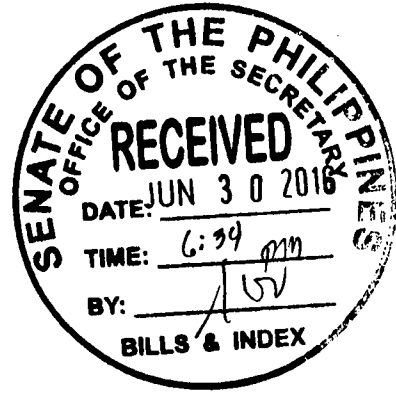


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Introduced by Senator JOEL "TESDAMAN" VILLANUEVA

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### RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SKILLS REQUIREMENTS OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMES) IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE ADOPTION OF A "TRAINING CONTRACT SCHEME" FOR MSMES**

**WHEREAS**, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) comprised over 99 percent of all business enterprises which account for 63.7 percent of total employment in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, in spite of the potentials of MSMEs to become strong drivers of inclusive growth in the Philippines, the skill requirements of MSME workers are the least analyzed;

**WHEREAS**, technical vocational education and training (TVET) can play a significant role to empower MSMEs to create jobs and achieve inclusive growth;

**WHEREAS**, the "Sari-Sari Store Training and Access to Resources Project" (S3TAR), a partnership between the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the Coca-Cola Philippines in training women entrepreneurs who own and operate sari-sari stores and *carinderias* helped them learn bookkeeping, inventory management, and product selection;

**WHEREAS**, the target beneficiaries of this project was doubled from 100,000 to 200,000 nationwide because of the relevance and impact of the training programs in helping women step up and take the lead in the local economy;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to extend skills training and scholarship grants to workforce of MSMEs in the county similar to this project;

**WHEREAS**, identifying the skill requirements of MSME workers can help the government extend relevant training programs and other support mechanisms, enhance their productivity, and ensure innovation in the provision of skills;

**WHEREAS**, a "training contract scheme" can be used in the provision of scholarship programs to address the skills requirements of MSMEs supportive of the government's effort to maximize their potential for job creation, growth and innovation;

**RESOLVE BY THE SENATE**, to direct the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the skill requirements of workforce in the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the Philippines and the adoption of a "Training Contract Scheme".

Adopted,

  
**SENATOR JOEL "TESDAMAN" VILLANUEVA**