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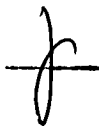


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Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SUBMISSION OF A POST BUDGET STATUS REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF LEGISLATING MORE EFFECTIVE AND RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS AND STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNMENT MECHANISMS TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OVER THE UTILIZATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS

WHEREAS, Section 28, Article II of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to adopt and implement a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest, subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law;

WHEREAS, Section 7, Article III of the 1987 Constitution recognizes the right of the people to information on matters of public concern, and affords to the citizens the access to official records, and to documents, and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as to government research data used as basis for policy development, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law;

WHEREAS, the right to information guarantees the right of the people to demand information, and recognizes the duty of the officialdom to provide information even if nobody demands¹;

WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is mandated, pursuant to Section 96 of Republic Act Number 10651, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of 2015, to submit to Congress a Post 2015 Budget Status Report together with the documents pertaining to the President's FY 2016 Budget of Expenditures and Source of Financing (BESF) no later than thirty (30) days after the opening of the third regular session of the Sixteenth (16th) Congress;

WHEREAS, such mandate was reiterated in Section 100 of Republic Act Number 10717, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of 2016, wherein DBM is directed to submit such report within the succeeding year;


WHEREAS, DBM has yet to comply with the Post 2015 Budget Status Report provision set forth in two appropriations laws;

WHEREAS, a Post Budget Status Report is vital in the exercise of the congressional oversight power on public expenditure to ensure that the government is held accountable for carrying out the letter and spirit of the appropriation law, and to monitor the compliance of government agencies with the requirements and/or conditions in the utilization of public funds;

WHEREAS, a Post Budget Status Report is also a crucial tool in the identification of priority programs and projects as well as in the determination of the appropriate funding levels for various government agencies and instrumentalities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on Finance to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the submission of a Post Budget Status Report of the national government, with the end in view of legislating more effective and responsive government appropriations and strengthening the government mechanisms to ensure transparency and accountability over the utilization of public funds.

Adopted,


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