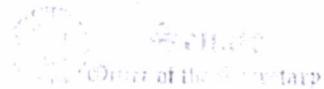


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED RISE IN JAPANESE
ENCEPHALITIS CASES IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, according to news reports there is a rise on Japanese encephalitis cases in the country¹;

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), Japanese encephalitis (JE) is a viral disease characterized by inflammation of the brain²;

WHEREAS, symptoms include high fever, headache, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, confusion, and in severe cases, seizures, paralysis and coma³;

WHEREAS, JE virus is transmitted by mosquitoes in a cycle with water birds and sometimes pigs⁴;

WHEREAS, JE is fatal in up to 30% of cases. Among survivors, 30-50% have long-term neurologic sequelae⁵;

WHEREAS, vaccination against JE virus is the single most important preventive measure⁶;

¹ The Manila Times News Website, Japanese encephalitis on the rise in PH, <http://www.manilatimes.net/japanese-encephalitis-rise-ph/314588/>

² World Health Organization, Western Pacific Region Website, Health Topics, Japanese Encephalitis, http://www.wpro.who.int/topics/japanese_encephalitis/en/

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

WHEREAS, the Sunstar reported that The Department of Health (DOH) has recorded a total of 149 cases of the deadly Japanese encephalitis with at least 22 cases noted in Pampanga, the highest in the region during the first quarter of 2017⁷;

WHEREAS, the upsurge of Japanese encephalitis cases in the country, a fatal viral disease, is a paramount concern that needs to be addressed;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to direct the proper Senate committees to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the reported rise in Japanese encephalitis cases in the country.

Adopted,



MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
Senator

⁷ Sunstar News Website, 22 cases of Japanese encephalitis recorded in Pampanga, <http://www.sunstar.com.ph/pampanga/local-news/2017/08/18/22-cases-japanese-encephalitis-recorded-pampanga-559150>