



**SENATE**  
**P. S. Res No. 750**

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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY**  
**IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE**  
**SOCIAL MITIGATING MEASURES UNDER THE TAX REFORM FOR**  
**ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION LAW**

1 WHEREAS, social mitigating measures were provided under Republic Act  
2 10963 or the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law to protect poor  
3 and near-poor Filipino households from the inflationary impact of the law;

4 WHEREAS, Section 82 (c) of R.A. 10963 provides the following Social  
5 mitigating measures:

6 (i) Unconditional cash transfer to households in the first to seventh  
7 income deciles of the National Household Targeting for Poverty  
8 Reduction (NHTS-PR), Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, and  
9 the social pension program;

10 (ii) Fuel Vouchers to qualified franchise holders of Public Utility  
11 Jeepneys (PUJs);

12 (iii) For minimum wage earners, unemployed, and the poorest fifty  
13 percent (50%) of the population,

14 (1) Fare discount from all public utility vehicles (except trucks for  
15 hire and school transport service) in the amount equivalent to ten  
16 percent (10%) of the authorized fare,

17 (2) Discounted purchase of National Food Authority (NFA) rice from  
18 accredited retail stores in the amount equivalent to ten (10%) of

19 the net retail prices, up to a maximum of twenty (20) kilos per  
20 month, and

21 (3) Free skills training under a program implemented by the  
22 Technical Skills and Development Authority (TESDA);

23 (iv) Other social benefits programs to be developed and implemented  
24 by the government;

25 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Finance, for 2018, the  
26 government has allocated ₱25.67 billion for Unconditional cash transfers (UCTs)  
27 under the General Appropriations Act (GAA) to help low-income households cope  
28 with the slight inflationary impact of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion  
29 Act;

30 WHEREAS, on March 2018, the Department of Social Welfare Development  
31 (DSWD) started the release of UCT cash grants to 1.8 million Pantawid Pamilyang  
32 Pilipino Program beneficiaries amounting to more than ₱4.3 Billion, with each  
33 beneficiary receiving ₱2400;

34 WHEREAS, DOF Undersecretary Karl Chua stated that these UCTs of ₱200 a  
35 month or a total of ₱2,400 this year will be increased to ₱300 a month or a total of  
36 ₱3600 a year in 2019 and 2020;

37 WHEREAS, an update on the status of implementation of social mitigating  
38 measures provided under the TRAIN Law is necessary, to assure the protection of  
39 poor and the near-poor Filipino families from the inflationary impact of the law;

40 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate  
41 Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of  
42 implementation of the social mitigating measures under the Tax Reform for  
43 Acceleration and Inclusion Law.

Adopted,

  
**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Senator