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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROPOSED NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution and Section 1, Chapter 1, Title I, Book III of Executive Order (EO) No. 292, or the "Administrative Code of 1987", provides that the President shall have the power of control over all executive departments, bureaus and offices;

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987 provides that the President shall have the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Executive Branch in accordance with the policy of the State to promote simplicity, economy and efficiency in the government;

WHEREAS, Section 88 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 11639 or the "General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022", provides that the Department of Budget and Management, in consultation with the agencies, shall determine the functions, programs, activities and projects that could be strengthened, scaled down, phased out or abolished, and recommend the corresponding structural, functional and operational adjustments to streamline the organization and operations of the agency and improve its performance and productivity, and the President is authorized to approve the organizational and staffing modifications needed in streamlining and improving productivity in agency organization and operations;

WHEREAS, since 1930 and up to present, the President, in the exercise of its power of reorganization, issued various executive issuances to implement the government's reorganization efforts. For instance, President Ferdinand E. Marcos issued Presidential Decree No. 1, series of 1972, to implement the Integrated

Reorganization Plan which reorganized the entire Executive Branch. In addition, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued EO No. 1, series of 2016, to reengineer the Office of the President by consolidating the office and functions of the Office of the Special Assistant to the President, the Office of the Appointments Secretary, and the Presidential Management Staff under the Special Assistant to the President and creating the Office of the President – Events Management Cluster;

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., in his first State of the Nation Address, announced that one of his administration's priority measures is the proposed rightsizing of government bureaucracy in order to promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services;

WHEREAS, on 30 June 2022, President Marcos Jr. issued E.O. No. 2 reorganizing and renaming the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) into the Office of the Press Secretary and abolishing the Office of the Presidential Spokesperson;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Budget and Management expressed her support to the proposed rightsizing since the government will be able to save a significant amount of budget which may be used to fund priority projects and programs of the national government. For instance, the government can save an estimated amount of Php 14.8 Billion per year supposing that 5% of the total number of government personnel will be affected by the proposed rightsizing;

WHEREAS, in an online press conference, the Confederation for Unity, Recognition and Advancement of Government Employees and its affiliate group *Kawani ng Gobyerno Laban sa Kontraktwalisasyon* slammed the proposed rightsizing of the government bureaucracy since it will affect the livelihood and job security of approximately 600,000 government workers;

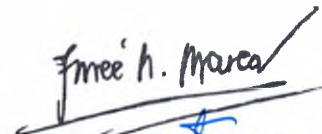
WHEREAS, over the years, based on studies and interactions with many academics and practitioners in public administration at the local, national, and global levels, it is concluded that it is equally important and relevant to include the principles of equity, ethics, and accountability in any public sector reform intervention;

WHEREAS, rightsizing efforts are not only for the present but should also consider the long-term effects because the efforts should be sustainable. This may be framed within the broader context of inter-generational equity;

WHEREAS, there is a need to examine and ensure that there is an equilibrium between the elimination of redundancies and inefficiencies in the bureaucracy and the protection of the public sector workers' rights and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, directing the appropriate Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the proposed national government reorganization plan.

Adopted,


IMEE R. MARCOS