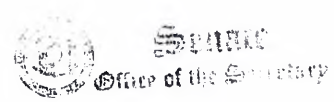



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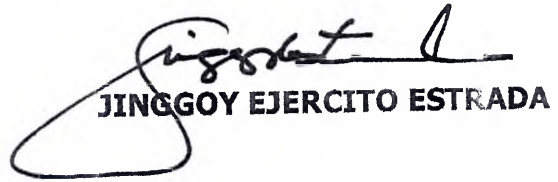
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The treatment of cancer, specifically breast cancer, continuously remains as a major challenge. Breast cancer incidence has alarmingly increased over the recent years. Breast cancer is now the leading type of cancer among women in the Philippines. Data presented by the Philippine Statistics Authority and the Department of Health show that 3 in every 100 Filipina women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. The data show that survival from breast cancer is the lowest in the Philippines compared to other countries globally.

Despite efforts in campaigning for breast cancer in our country, there are still lot of people who lack awareness and the proper knowledge of the disease.

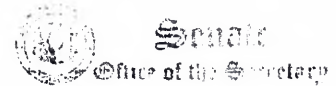
This proposed measure seeks to establish breast care centers in every region nationwide. It utilizes less resources since these centers will merely be attached departments to existing regional hospitals of the national government. The goal of this proposal is to assure that women, diagnosed with breast cancer, have the opportunity to receive safe, timely and efficient care.

In this light, the immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.



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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 Section 1. *Establishment of Breast Care Centers.* – A Breast Care Center,
2 known as the “Center,” shall be established in every region of the country to
3 spearhead the fight against breast cancer. It shall be a new department of existing
4 regional hospitals of the National Government. Should there be no regional hospital
5 in a region, the Center shall be attached to any district hospital in the region which is
6 most accessible to the highest number of constituents.

7 *Sec. 2. Equipment and Personnel.* - The Center shall be provided with such
8 equipment, tools, implements, devices, apparatus, and personnel as may be
9 necessary for them to carry out multiple programs such as Breast Protection, Breast
10 Surveillance, Breast Imaging, Breast Diagnostic and Surgery, Breast Cancer
11 Chemotherapy and Breast Cancer Awareness and Information.

12 *Sec. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Secretary of the
13 Department of Health shall issue such guidelines, orders or rules and regulations as
14 may be necessary for the establishment of a Center in every regional hospital of the
15 national government or in a district hospital to be designated by the Secretary of
16 Health for being the most accessible to the highest number of constituents in a

1 region where there is no existing regional hospital; for the acquisition of the
2 necessary equipment, tools, implements, devices and apparatus, the hiring of
3 personnel and fix reasonable fees for the services of the Centers and to carry out the
4 provisions and purposes of this Act.

5 *Sec. 4. Functions.* - The Centers shall, in coordination with local government
6 units, local health offices, the Philippine Information Agency and other government
7 agencies, shall spearhead a sustained and extensive information and awareness
8 campaign within their respective region to raise the level of awareness of the
9 region's constituents especially the women sector on the ills, causes and symptoms
10 of the disease for its early detection and prevention.

11 It shall coordinate with regional and local education officials to ensure that
12 female high school students in both public and private schools are taught the
13 pertinent information about the disease and are trained to habitually self-examine
14 themselves as a part of the regular secondary curriculum.

15 *Sec. 5. Operationalization and Appropriations.* - To fully implement the
16 provisions of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the
17 Department's program the operationalization of the Centers, the funding of which
18 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

19 *Sec. 6.* This Act shall take effect immediately upon its complete publication in
20 at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,