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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1522**



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Introduced by Representatives Roger G. Mercado and Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza

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**A RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO HASTEN THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING THE TARGETING OF BENEFICIARIES SO AS TO LESSEN PROGRAM LEAKAGE; TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL PROTECTION/WELFARE SERVICES TO 4PS BENEFICIARIES; AND TO IMMEDIATELY LIFT THE SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION OF NEW BENEFICIARIES OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps)**

WHEREAS, the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) is a human development program of the national government which seeks to provide social protection and welfare services to the poor families and alleviate their poverty;

WHEREAS, Congress approved a budget of Php 72.1152 B for the implementation of 4Ps covering 4.4 M household-beneficiaries for the year 2017;

WHEREAS, as of 05 December 2017, there are about 4.3 M active household-beneficiaries, based on the statement of DSWD Undersecretary Maria Lourdes Turalde-Jarabe during the Sixth Regular Committee Meeting;

WHEREAS, Undersecretary Turalde-Jarabe disclosed that the discrepancy between the number of active household-beneficiaries and the targeted 4.4 M households is attributed to (a) suspension of pay-out due to non-compliance to conditionalities among some beneficiaries; and (b) suspension of registration of new beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, Undersecretary Turalde-Jarabe explained that said suspension is brought about by the need to resolve operational problems, particularly the exclusion/inclusion errors in identifying 4Ps beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, Undersecretary Turalde-Jarabe admitted that a DSWD memorandum signed by then Sec. Judy Taguiwalo effected said suspension beginning July 2016;

WHEREAS, the members of the Committee and authors of bills seeking to institutionalize 4Ps expressed dissent and dismay over the suspension;

WHEREAS, the Committee members and authors of the bills pointed out the apparent consequences of this suspension, to wit: (a) the potential poor beneficiaries remain unserved and unassisted; (b) the approved budget to cover 4.4 M will not be fully disbursed:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, through the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, to urge the Officer-In-Charge of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to hasten the process of improving the targeting of beneficiaries so as to lessen program leakage;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, through the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, to urge the Officer-In-Charge of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to increase the level of effectiveness of the delivery of social protection/welfare services to 4Ps beneficiaries; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, through the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, to urge the Officer-In-Charge of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to immediately lift the suspension of registration of new beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

Adopted,



**HON. ROGER G. MERCADO**



**HON. RAYMOND DEMOCRITO C. MENDOZA**