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House Resolution No. 1101



Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED ANOMALOUS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PROJECT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH)

WHEREAS, in a recent report of the Commission on Audit (COA), it was found that a proposed PhP2.1-billion information technology project of PhilHealth which was supposed to put a stop into the frauds and scams employed by its corrupt personnel, was in itself laden with irregularities;¹

WHEREAS, in the report, COA flagged as anomalous the procurement of various equipment worth PhP734 million, which was not included in the initial budget proposal submitted by PhilHealth;²

WHEREAS, the state auditor found that some of the equipment and software programs listed in the budget proposal of PhilHealth were extremely overpriced, such as an Adobe software which was listed as PhP21 million each, a whopping 12,400-percent increase from its original price;³

WHEREAS, in a letter addressed to PhilHealth CEO Ricardo Morales, Atty. Thorsson Keith, an anti-legal fraud officer of the agency, resigned from his post due to alleged widespread corruption within the agency and rampant and patent unfairness in the promotion process of the agency;

WHEREAS, it is high time that an intensive investigation be done since the role of PhilHealth as the state insurer is all the more highlighted now that the country is in the thick of battling the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, it is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability to investigate all matters directly and principally relating to malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance in office committed by officers and employees of the government and its political subdivisions and instrumentalities inclusive of investigations of any matter of public interest, on its own initiative or upon the order of the House of Representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to direct the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability to conduct an investigation, in aid

¹ <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1312035/coa-flags-overpriced-philhealth-it-project>

² Id.

³ Id.

of legislation, into the alleged anomalous information technology project of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.

ADOPTED,


PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO