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Introduced by **Senator Risa Hontiveros**

**RESOLUTION**

**CALLING FOR THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE POLICY, PUBLIC SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF FOREIGNERS USING FALSIFICATION OR UNLAWFULLY-OBTAINED DOCUMENTS, AS WELL AS OTHER SCHEMES, TO POSE AS FILIPINOS, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE CONCENTRATION IN AREAS CRITICAL TO NATIONAL DEFENSE**

**WHEREAS**, in the past several months, concerns have been raised regarding the sudden and dramatic influx of foreign nationals into the country, some using falsified or unlawfully-obtained documents to pose as Filipinos;

**WHEREAS**, while the Philippine educational system has always sought to elevate the standards of its educational institutions and is cognizant of the importance of a diverse student population to facilitate global discourse and rich cultural dialogues, alarm has been raised by findings that there is a remarkable spike of Chinese enrollees in higher education institutions using questionable entry credentials;

**WHEREAS**, separate investigations conducted by the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee and the Senate Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality Committee, revealed that foreigners were using falsified identification documents such as birth certificates to obtain Philippine passports;

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2024, the Philippine Embassy in Bangkok, reported that 4 Chinese Nationals were apprehended in Thailand posing as Filipinos using Philippine Passports, birth certificates issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (“PSA”), and Philippine Postal Identity Cards;

**WHEREAS**, according to informal reports from law enforcement agents, the use of these falsified or unlawfully-obtained documents has perhaps led to large numbers of foreign nationals concentrating in certain strategic areas of the country, the national security implications of which are currently being investigated by our defense establishment;

**WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2024, it was reported that agents of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (“ISAFP”) and the National Bureau of Investigation (“NBI”) questioned residents of Multinational Village in Parañaque City over the presence of a large group of foreign nationals in an exclusive enclave within their subdivision;

**WHEREAS**, a director of the Multinational Village Homeowners' Association Inc. ("MVHA") alleged that foreign nationals numbering "in the thousands" employed by Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators ("POGOs") had established an exclusive enclave within Multinational Village;

**WHEREAS**, it was observed that, at certain times of the day, the foreigners would fall into what appeared to be military formation, and jog around the subdivision while wearing the same black athletic attire, and sporting uniform, military-style haircuts;

**WHEREAS**, Multinational Village is beside the Ninoy Aquino International Airport("NAIA"), and less than 5 kilometers from military installations in Fort Bonifacio, as well as the headquarters of the Philippine Air Force ("PAF") in Villamor Airbase;

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2024, Armed Forces of the Philippines ("AFP") Spokesperson Col. Francel Margareth Padilla stated that the military was investigating reports of an influx of foreign students enrolling in Higher Educational Institutions in the Province of Cagayan;

**WHEREAS**, Cagayan Rep. Joseph "Jojo" Lara recently stated that he received reports from his constituents that agents or fixers were charging foreign "students" 1 Million Pesos to enter Cagayan, with 80% allegedly going to an agent or fixer, and the remaining 20% to the school involved;

**WHEREAS**, a report published by the Anti-Money Laundering Council ("AMLC") states that some 24 Interactive Gaming Licensees ("IGLs"), and 18 Interactive Gaming Support Service Providers ("IGSSPs"), which also employ foreign nationals, are located within the Cagayan Economic Export Authority ("CEZA"), inside the Province of Cagayan which is also just 613 kilometers from Taiwan, a potential flashpoint in the Indo-Pacific region;

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, a Senate investigation revealed that foreign POGO workers had abused the Visa Upon Arrival ("VUA") system to illegally enter the country to work;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO CALL FOR THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE POLICY, PUBLIC SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF FOREIGNERS USING FALSIFIED OR UNLAWFULLY-OBTAINED DOCUMENTS, AS WELL AS OTHER SCHEMES, TO POSE AS FILIPINOS, AND CONCENTRATE IN AREAS CRITICAL TO NATIONAL DEFENSE.**

Adopted.

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