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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Martin L. Pimentel III

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**RESOLUTION**  
**URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO**  
**REVIEW THE MANNER OF CREATING AND BUDGETING FOR**  
**OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF**  
**RATIONALIZATION WITH THE END IN VIEW OF SAVING**  
**TAXPAYERS' MONEY**

**WHEREAS**, for the year 2012, there were thirty-five (35) Oversight Committees created by the Senate alone;

**WHEREAS**, these Oversight Committees of the Senate were given annual budgets ranging from a low of Php5,000,000 to a high of Php37,879,000;

**WHEREAS**, the "oversight function" of the Legislature is inherent in law-making;

**WHEREAS**, a possible better alternative to the creation of Oversight Committees separate and independent of the Regular Committees is to already incorporate the oversight function into the usual functions of the Regular Committees. This would save millions of taxpayers' money. Even an increase of a modest amount in the standard budget of a Regular Committee in order to accommodate the additional oversight function will still save taxpayers' money;

**WHEREAS**, the above proposed alternative would be fairer in the sense that all oversight functions would be funded equally and equitably;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to review and to rationalize the manner with which the Senate has been creating and budgeting for Oversight Committees, not only in order to minimize internal squabbling over Senate

resources but more importantly to help ease the Filipino taxpayers' burden by the more efficient use of taxpayers' money;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES REVIEW THE MANNER OF CREATING AND BUDGETING FOR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RATIONALIZATION WITH THE END IN VIEW OF SAVING TAXPAYERS' MONEY.

*Adopted,*



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