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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR,  
EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE,  
TO INQUIRE AND REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE  
REPORTED PRESENCE OF ALLEGED ILLEGAL CHINESE  
WORKERS IN CLARK, PAMPANGA AND OTHER PARTS OF  
THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, on November 24, 2016, authorities arrested approximately 1,000 Chinese workers who are allegedly working illegally at a resort and casino complex in Clark, Pampanga;

**WHEREAS**, Supt. Juritz Rara of the Mabalacat City police stated that all Chinese employees were able to show documents proving the legality of their stay in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, there have been reports of rising number of illegal foreign workers in the Philippines in manufacturing, construction, power grids and in the mines in CARAGA region;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has previously warned against hiring foreign workers, and accordingly directed all DOLE regional offices to strictly enforce the rules on the issuance of alien employment permit;

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Immigration is responsible for regulating the entry, stay, sojourn and exit of foreign nationals in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Labor Code provides that "any alien seeking admission to the Philippines for employment purposes and any domestic or foreign employer who desires to engage an alien for employment in the Philippines shall obtain an employment permit from the Department of Labor. It further provides that "the employment permit may be issued to a non-resident alien or to the applicant employer after a determination of the non-availability of

a person in the Philippines who is competent, able and willing at the time of application to perform the services for which the alien is desired”;

**WHEREAS**, the incident in Clark emphasizes the need to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the entry of foreigners in the Philippines and the issuance of work permits;

**WHEREAS**, the result of this inquiry will aid in crafting possible amendments to the Labor Code, immigration laws, and other pertinent statutes, to address the loopholes in the law, including the understudy training program required to be conducted by the foreign national working in the Philippines to transfer knowledge and/or skills to Filipino workers.

**RESOLVE BY THE SENATE**, to direct the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resource Development and other appropriate committees of the Senate, to inquire and review, in aid of legislation, the reported presence of illegal Chinese workers in Clark, Pampanga and other parts of the country.

Adopted,

  
SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA