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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

**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 EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION PLAN
PREPARED BY RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN
CASES OF CLOSURE OF BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2017, Secretary Gina Lopez of Department of Environment and Natural Resources ordered the closing of more than 20 mining firms for allegedly causing destruction to the environment of local communities where they are located;

WHEREAS, Former Mines and Geosciences Bureau Director Leo Jasareno stated that the order will affect about 20,000 workers, while the Chairman of the Chamber of Mines estimated that the order will affect 1.2 Million people;

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2017, Secretary Dominguez of the Department of Finance met with Cabinet officials to discuss the Government's "emergency employment programs" in light of the displacement of mine workers;

WHEREAS, DOLE has an existing DOLE Integrated Livelihood and Emergency Employment Program (DILEEP), which provides assistance to, among others, workers displaced by or to be displaced as a result of, natural and man-made disasters, including suspensions or closures of establishments;

WHEREAS, there is a need to inquire and review, in aid of legislation, the feasibility of institutionalizing this program and putting in place clear, immediate, sufficient and sustainable interventions to ensure the livelihood of

the workers and their families as a result of closure or suspension of businesses, and to ensure that the government has a clear transition plan to support these workers and that capacity building programs and trainings are provided to help them find new jobs;

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 employment transition plan prepared by government agencies in cases of closure or suspension of businesses due to regulatory action.

Adopted,


SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA