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P.S. Res. No. <u>1258</u>

Introduced by Senators Robinhood Padilla and Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMNESTY PROCLAMATIONS OF PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.

WHEREAS, on 22 November 2023, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. issued Proclamation Nos. 403, 404, 405, and 406, granting amnesty to members of four rebel and insurgent groups including the Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa ng Pilipinas/Revolutionary Proletarian Army/Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPMP-RPA-ABB), the Communist Party of the Philippines-New Peoples Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF), the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF);

WHEREAS, on 4 March 2024, the Senate of the Philippines concurred with all four proclamations with the adoption of Concurrent Resolution Nos. 19, 20, 21, and 22;

WHEREAS, on 14 March 2024, the National Amnesty Commission issued the Implementing Rules and Regulations for said proclamations, outlining the application process for individuals seeking amnesty;

WHEREAS, in a consultative meeting conducted by the Committee on Cultural Communities and Muslim Affairs presided by Senator Robinhood Padilla on 10 December 2024, it was mentioned that no amnesty application from the MILF has been approved to date;

WHEREAS, individuals awaiting the approval of their applications continue to face uncertainty as they transition to mainstream society, having to apply for provisional safe conduct passes, and living with constant fear of harassment, intimidation and threat of arrest;

WHEREAS, with tens of thousands of applications expected to go through the National Amnesty Commission, it is imperative to look into the possible causes of delay in the process, with the end in view of providing for possible solutions to aid in expediting the amnesty application process, in adherence to the Annex on Normalization under the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to Direct the Appropriate Senate Committee to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Status of the Implementation of the Amnesty Proclamations of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

Adopted,

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