WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit (COA) released its 2018 Executive Summary Report on the Department of Education (DepEd), containing significant audit observations and recommendations, most disturbing of which is the observation under Par. 17:

1. Various errors were noted in some of the learning materials intended for Grade 3 pupils valued at ₱254,352,302.83 despite undergoing the three-step review process of the Department;

2. Alarming number of undistributed instructional materials amounting to ₱113,708,595.00 that were procured as buffer stock from CYs 2014 up to 2017, representing 3,410,137 copies intended for public schools nationwide.
which remained unutilized and idle in five DepEd warehouses located in Taguig City;

WHEREAS, the COA noted that this is a violation of DepEd Order No. 74 s. 2011, COA Circular No. 2012-003 dated October 29, 2012 and Section 33 of PD No. 1445, it also noted that this may fall under the Irregular, Unnecessary, Excessive, Extravagant and Unconscionable (IUEEU) expenditures;

WHEREAS, while we do agree with the observation that these audit findings are IUEEU expenditures, the Minority Block thinks that these is of national importance the magnitude of which, if not corrected or remedied, is a generational mistake, one which could even be perpetuated beyond;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that “The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.” This is a mandate is given not only to the DepEd but as well as the Legislature. We owe the Filipino citizens “quality education at all levels” and these audit findings is a disservice to the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the House of Representatives to understand and consider appropriate measures that would stop this at its track;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives direct the appropriate House Committee to conduct an investigation and inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the COA) 2018 DepEd Executive Summary Report audit findings on various errors were noted in some of the learning materials intended for Grade 3 pupils valued at over ₱254.3M, including the alarming number of undistributed instructional materials valued at over ₱113.7M, in aid of legislation, for purposes of instituting reforms, review of policies and assessment of DepEd in general.

Adopted,

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