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House Resolution No. 1068

Introduced by Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED
CORRUPTION IN THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION
(PHILHEALTH)

WHEREAS, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), a government
corporation mandated to provide health insurance coverage and ensure affordable,
acceptable, available and accessible health care service for all citizens of the Philippines,
has been implicated frequently in corruption and mismanagement anomalies;

WHEREAS, last June 2019, there was an alleged corruption in PhilHealth where some
officials allegedly created a scheme where medical clinics/establishments continue to
receive payoffs for dialysis treatment even after the death of the patients;

WHEREAS, on 23 July 2020, another corruption controversy circulated on social media
in which three PhilHealth officials resigned from their posts after alleged corruption
activities in the agency were accidentally revealed during a Zoom meeting;

WHEREAS, one of the said officials who tendered his resignation is the anti-fraud legal
officer of PhilHealth, Atty. Thorsson Montes Keith, citing widespread corruption as one of
his reasons;

WHEREAS, on 24 July 2020, Atty. Harry Roque, the Presidential Spokesperson, on his
interview, alleged that there is “systematic corruption” in PhilHealth involving those in the
agency’s higher echelon;

WHEREAS, Atty. Roque revealed that an investigation has been conducted on the alleged
anomalies on the overpriced purchased of an IT System worth over P2 Billion;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine and address the alleged corruption issues to
safeguard the PhilHealth’s fund and the possible accountability of the PhilHealth officials
in order to provide quality, credible and reliable services to its members;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the
House Committee on Public Accounts to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the
alleged corruption in the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), with the
end in view of instituting policy reforms within the agency to combat such corruption,
conducting review on the utilization of PhilHealth’s funds and providing transparency and higher accountability to the public.

Adopted.

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