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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 698



Introduced by Rep. Jose "Bonito" C. Singson Jr.

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (DICT) UNDER SECRETARY GREGORIO BALLESTEROS HONASAN II DIVERTED THE AGENCY'S UNSPENT FUNDS AS CASH ADVANCES FOR HIS OFFICE'S CONFIDENTIAL AND INTELLIGENCE FUND

Whereas, there has been reports as to DICT's alleged unspent funds amounting to approximately three hundred million pesos (P300,000,000) that had been diverted as confidential funds;

Whereas, the said amount was allegedly diverted from DICT's savings to be used as cash advances for the office of the Secretary;

Whereas, the Commission on Audit (COA) had flagged the same allegation pursuant to its Audit Observation Memorandum (AOM) dated January 20, 2020;

Whereas, the same has been perceived as a violation of the rule on returning any savings to the National Treasury pursuant to Executive Order 292, Book VI, Chapter IV, Section 28;

Whereas, it is imperative that an investigation on this issue be initiated in order to come out with the necessary legislative actions preventing any possible misuse of government funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives to direct the proper Committee to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the alleged misuse of agency savings by the Department of Information and Communication Technology.

Adopted,

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