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Introduced by **Senator Win Gatchalian**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ENSURE PRUDENT FISCAL MANAGEMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12314 OR THE 2026 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT IN LIGHT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

1 **WHEREAS**, the tensions in the Middle East have brought fears to the global
2 energy markets as oil-producing Gulf States have been involved in the crossfire
3 between United States of America-Israel and Iran. The effects of the tensions in the
4 Middle East have spilled over to other countries even those outside of the region;

5 **WHEREAS**, the Philippines greatly feels the impact of the tension in the Middle
6 East as our country is extremely vulnerable to oil price shocks as we import around
7 98% of crude oil from the Middle East¹. As such, industry players fear of a looming oil
8 supply shortage in the next coming months as the tension escalates²;

9 **WHEREAS**, in light of the global situation, President Marcos through
10 Memorandum Circular No. 114 issued on March 6, 2026, has ordered government
11 offices to strictly implement energy conservation measures. This includes the
12 implementation of a temporary four (4)-day on site arrangements and the reduction
13 of actual electricity and fuel consumption by ten to twenty percent (10%-20%);

¹ DoE: Diesel may hit P115 per liter, Businessworld, May 17, 2026, available at: <https://www.bworldonline.com/top-stories/2026/03/17/736757/doe-diesel-may-hit-p115-per-liter/> (date last accessed: March 17, 2026)

² Velasco, M., Industry players fear nationwide fuel shortage is coming, Manila Bulletin, March 15, 2026, available at: <https://mb.com.ph/2026/03/15/industry-players-fear-nationwide-fuel-shortage-is-coming> (date last accessed: March 17, 2026)

1 **WHEREAS**, following the President's directive, the Department of Energy
2 (DOE) reported that about 196 government offices, equivalent to almost ninety
3 percent (90%) of agencies assessed, are compliant with the President's call³;

4 **WHEREAS**, to cushion the impact of a massive fuel price hike triggered by the
5 ongoing Middle East crisis on the 2026 General Appropriations Act, there is a need for
6 government agencies and instrumentalities to revisit their spending plan and tighten
7 their belt in order to ensure that they exercise fiscal prudence in the use of government
8 resources and that their priorities align with the needs of our countrymen;

9 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE**
10 **PHILIPPINES**, to direct appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid
11 of legislation, on the efforts undertaken by government agencies to ensure prudent
12 fiscal management in the implementation of Republic Act No. 12314 or the 2026
13 General Appropriations Act in light of the Middle East conflict.

Adopted,



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³ Villanueva, Joann, *DOE audits nearly 200 gov't agencies, finds most compliant*, Philippine News Agency, March 16, 2026, available at: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1271170> (date last accessed: March 17, 2026)