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COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
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Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development (Technical Working Group)	HB 3335	Rep. Noel	Promoting the development of entrepreneurship skills among government employees to inspire innovativeness and ensure their productivity even beyond government service	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by ANG KABUHAYAN Party-List Rep. Dennis Laogan, terminated its deliberation on HB 3335. The Secretariat was directed to prepare the substitute bill and the corresponding Committee Report for submission to the mother Committee for its consideration and approval.</p> <p>Civil Service Commission's (CSC) Director of the Human Resource Relations Office Allan Alegria proposed that five years prior to their retirement, government employees should already start undergoing financial literacy and entrepreneurial development training through the proposed post-service Government Service Entrepreneurship Development Program (GSEDP), under Section 4 of the bill.</p> <p>Landbank of the Philippines (LBP) Department Manager Mira Leah Patio informed the Committee that the LBP offers skills development programs to its employees which they may find useful when they retire from the service.</p> <p>Patio likewise recommended that instead of creating a Coordinating Council on Government Employees' Entrepreneurship Development Program, as espoused under Section 7 of the bill, the CSC can assume its function by taking the lead in coordinating with concerned government agencies for the preparation, implementation and monitoring of a comprehensive plan for the employees' entrepreneurial skills development.</p> <p>Philippine Government Employees' Association (PGEA) consultant Imelda dela Cruz said that such programs as LBP's entrepreneurial skills development programs should be made mandatory to all government agencies.</p> <p>Rep. Victoria Isabel Noel (Party-list, AN WARAY), author of HB 3335, accepted the proposals made by the resource persons.</p> <p>Representatives from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) expressed their support for the bill.</p>