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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
People's Participation (Technical Working Group)	HBs 191, 3429 & 3862	Reps. Bravo, Rocamora, and Bag-ao	Institutionalizing citizen's participation in the budget process	<p>The technical working group (TWG), presided by Atty. Magis Mendoza from the Office of the Committee Chair, Dinagat Islands Rep. Kaka Bag-ao, will deliberate further on the measures in its next meeting.</p> <p>The members of the TWG agreed to adopt HB 191 as their working draft.</p> <p>During the meeting, the TWG focused its discussion on Sections 4 (Coverage) to 13 (Empowerment and Participatory Budgeting Procedure) of the bill.</p> <p>Rep. Anthony Bravo (Party-List, COOP NATCCO), author of HB 191, underscored the need to further simplify the process of registration for civil society organizations (CSOs) so that they are able to participate effectively in the national and local annual budget deliberations. He suggested that the <i>local sanggunian</i> in every city or municipality be authorized to undertake the registration of CSOs for this purpose and to provide the list of accredited CSOs to the various national government agencies (NGAs).</p> <p>Among the agreements reached during the meeting were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All CSOs may be allowed to participate in the budget process provided that they undergo the mandatory registration process and comply with all the requirements; • Approved certificates of registration shall be valid for a period of three years; • The <i>local sanggunians</i> shall have the power to cancel accreditations of erring CSOs, subject to due process; and • Registered CSOs are entitled to: receive notices of meetings, hearings or consultations relative to the government's annual budget; participate in the budget deliberations; submit or present their own proposals or positions papers; and gain access to copies of bills, proposals, and other information related to the budget.