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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Government Enterprises and Privatization (Technical Working Group)	HBs 40, 436, 2445, 3534, 3560, 4107 & 4578	Reps. Yap (A.), Bravo (A.), Vergara, Salon, and De Venecia	Amending certain provisions of PD 1467, as amended by RA 8175, otherwise known as the Revised Charter of the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) Act of 1995	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Arthur Yap (3rd District, Bohol), terminated its deliberation on the seven bills.</p> <p>The Committee Secretariat will draft the substitute bill to the seven measures, which will be presented to the Mother Committee for its consideration and approval.</p> <p>The TWG focused its discussion in today's meeting on the proposed amendments to Section 4 (Who shall be insured) and Section 5 (Rate of Premium and its Sharing) of PD 1467. It agreed, among others, that the participation in the insurance for palay and other crops determined to be essential for food security shall be compulsory upon all farmers.</p> <p>The Insurance Commission, Philippine Institute of Development Studies (PIDS), and the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) expressed support for the bills.</p>
Public Order and Safety (Technical Working Group)	HBs 1115, 1306 & 2426	Reps. Alejano, Bataoil, and Deputy Speaker Abu	Providing for the reorganization and modernization of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and appropriating funds therefor	The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Abra Rep. Joseph Sto. Niño Bernos, will deliberate further on the seven bills in its next meeting.
	HB 1506	Rep. Alejano	Amending the educational requirement for police applicants, amending for the purpose Sections 14 and 15 of RA 8551	Former House Member and PNP Director General Samuel Pagdilao Jr., now consultant to the TWG, expressed optimism about the passage of the proposed law noting that, unlike before, there are now fewer conflicting views among the stakeholders.
	HB 1508	Rep. Alejano	Modifying the role of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) in the appointment of uniformed personnel in the PNP, amending Sections 31 and 91 of RA 6975, or the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Act of 1990	During the 16 th Congress, Pagdilao chaired the TWG which was tasked to study similar bills providing for the reorganization and modernization of the PNP.
	HB 1059	Rep. Antonino	Reducing the height requirement for members or officers of the PNP, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), further amending RA 6975, as amended, and RA 9263, otherwise known as the BFP and BJMP Professionalization Act of 2004	Rommel Caparas, OIC, Office of the Assistant Staff Service Chief, Planning & Research Service, National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), stated that any structural or functional reorganization in the PNP, including adjustments in its rank classification, should be approved by the NAPOLCOM, having administrative control and operational supervision over the PNP.

<p>Continuation... Public Order and Safety (Technical Working Group)</p>	<p>HB 1778</p>	<p>Rep. Catamco</p>	<p>Establishing the PNP Environmental Police Unit (PNP-EPU), amending for the purpose Section 35 of RA 6975</p>	<p>Caparas also recommended that the directorate for integrated police operations (DIPOs) for Northern Luzon, Southern Luzon, Visayas, Eastern Mindanao, and Western Mindanao be retained to enhance the coordination of police operations in these clustered regions.</p> <p>The PNP Acting Director for Plans, Chief Superintendent Edwin Roque, underscored the need to harmonize the functions of the following bodies exercising disciplinary authorities over the PNP officers and men: People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB), Internal Affairs Service (IAS), and NAPOLCOM.</p> <p>Roque likewise agreed to the proposal to reduce or even remove the minimum height requirement for the PNP, BFP, and BJMP, saying that it will broaden the search for prospective applicants and improve police-to-population ratio. Height is not a true measure of fitness and competence in the police force, he stressed.</p> <p>Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) Vice-President Jose Erwin Villacorte urged the TWG to study further the proposed transfer of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA) to the PNP in consideration of the general sentiment of the PNPA students who prefer to remain with the PPSC.</p> <p>Villacorte said that aside from the extensive curricula and program of instructions being implemented by the PPSC, its continued existence as a premier educational and training institution for the personnel of the PNP, BFP, and BJMP is well aligned with the country's national security policy.</p> <p>The PNP, NAPOLCOM and PPSC were requested to submit to the TWG their unified position paper relative to the proposed measures before May 9, 2017.</p>
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