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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Higher and Technical Education (Technical Working Group)	Draft Substitute Bill to HB 241	Rep. Almonte	Converting the Oroquieta Agro-Industrial School (OAIS) in the City of Oroquieta, Province of Misamis Occidental into a state college to be known as the Misamis Occidental State College (MOSC), repealing for the purpose RA 4941, and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Jorge Almonte (1st District, Misamis Occidental), terminated its discussion on the draft substitute bill.</p> <p>The Secretariat was directed to finalize the substitute bill, incorporating in it the pertinent recommendations of the resource persons and to submit the same to the mother Committee for its consideration and approval.</p> <p>In his explanatory note to the bill, Rep. Almonte said that the conversion of OAIS into a state college is expected to improve the quality of college education in the province. It will also be able to accommodate more high school graduates who are entering college.</p> <p>Resource persons from the Commission on Higher and Technical Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) expressed their support for the bill but recommended several amendments, some of which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delete the phrase “due consultation with the involved sectors” in Section 7 (e), in reference to the power of the governing board to fix the tuition and other school fees, because this might restrict the power of the board;</li> <li>• Include a provision creating a technical-vocational (tech-voc) department or unit in the state college to handle tech-voc concerns;</li> <li>• Specify in the bill that the conversion of OAIS into a state college shall become effective only upon compliance with the requirements prescribed in CHED Memorandum Order No. 46, series of 2012; and</li> <li>• Delete Section 25 (Transitory Provisions) of the bill which authorizes the CHED to appoint an officer-in-charge (OIC) of the proposed MOSC as it runs counter to Section 9 (The College President), which provides that the incumbent administrator of the OAIS shall act as the OIC pending the appointment of the first president of MOSC.</li> </ul>