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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Basic Education and Culture (Technical Working Group)	Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 2733, 3292, 3706, 4029, 4307, 4386 & 6039	Reps. Gonzales (A.D.), Villarin, Romualdez, Belaro, Robes, Herrera-Dy, and Villafuerte	Institutionalizing the Alternative Learning System (ALS) in the basic education for out-of-school children, youth and adults, persons with disabilities (PWDs), indigenous peoples (IPs), and other marginalized sectors of society, and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The technical working group (TWG), presided by Rep. Aurelio "Dong" Gonzales Jr. (3rd District, Pampanga), terminated its deliberation on the draft substitute bill to the seven measures. The bill will be presented to the mother Committee for its consideration and approval.</p> <p>Representatives from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education (DepEd), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) expressed support for the bill but presented their respective recommendations to firm up certain provisions of the proposed law.</p> <p>Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) Legal Counsel Joseph Noel Estrada pointed out that formal education should still be given importance as a traditional method of learning, explaining that ALS should only be an option for learners with mental, physical and other deficiencies, and those with limited financial resources who cannot be admitted to formal basic education.</p>
	HB 772	Rep. Aglipay-Villar	Requiring the planting of trees for any construction of residential, commercial or industrial structures	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Joseph Stephen Paduano (Party-List, ABANG LINGKOD), agreed to refer the comments and recommendations of the resource persons to the authors of the bills for the latter's consideration.</p> <p>Kenneth Tabliga of the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) suggested, among others, to adopt Section 5 (Tree Planting Plan) of HB 772 and incorporate therein Section 3 of HB 3290 which requires that trees and flora shall be planted primarily at the facade of buildings and structures and in communal areas.</p> <p>Representatives from government offices such as the FMB, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), and the Subdivision and Housing Developers Association (SHDA), a private organization of housing and real estate developers, manifested their support for the bills.</p>
HB 3290	Rep. Catamco	Requiring sufficient canopy trees and flora in the construction of buildings and its appurtenant lands and structures		