



BUDGET BRIEFING		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Appropriations	Briefing on the proposed FY 2020 budget, plans and programs, and major accomplishments of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Isidro Ungab (3<sup>rd</sup> District, Davao City), listened to the presentation on the proposed FY 2020 budget, plans and programs, and major accomplishments of TESDA.</p> <p>Committee Vice Chair, Rep. Francisco Jose "Bingo" Matugas II (1<sup>st</sup> District, Surigao del Norte), sat as the presiding officer during the budget presentation of TESDA.</p> <p>TESDA Director General Isidro Lapeña said under the FY 2020 National Expenditure Program (NEP), TESDA is set to receive P11.85 billion which is 6% lower than its 2019 budget of P12.55 billion.</p> <p>By expense class, TESDA's 2020 budget will be distributed as follows: personnel services (PS), P2.04 billion; maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), P8.80 billion; and capital outlay (CO), P1.01 billion.</p> <p>Several Congressmen asked why TESDA, previously an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), was transferred to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).</p> <p>Lapeña explained that TESDA is industry driven and is providing skills training in relation to industry demand, which makes it more aligned with DTI in terms of mandate.</p> <p>Replying to the questions of Reps. Edcel Lagman (1<sup>st</sup> District, Albay) and Bernadette Herrera-Dy (Party-List, Bagong Henerasyon), regarding mobile training laboratories (MTL), Lapeña said that TESDA requested a total of 63 MTLs but was only granted 10 MTLs amounting to P50 million. He added that the purpose of the MTL is to serve target beneficiaries in far flung areas who cannot attend skills training courses in training centers due to distance.</p> <p>Several Congressmen called for an increase in the budget of TESDA particularly for the procurement of more MTLs.</p> <p>Reps. Mohamad Khalid Dimaporo (1<sup>st</sup> District, Lanao Del Norte) and Ruwel Peter Gonzaga (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Compostela Valley) asked for a report on the status of implementation and breakdown of beneficiaries per province of the skills training program for former rebels pursuant to Executive Order 70, series of 2018.</p>

**TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING**

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Health (Technical Working Group on Malasakit Center Bills)	Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 1140, 2309, 2511, 2536, 2540, 2543, 2849, 2891, 3114, 3273, 3345, 3486, 3651, 3653, 3946, 3948 & 4192	Reps. Ouano-Dizon, Gatchalian, Almario, Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.), Rep. Daza, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Villaraza-Suarez, Nieto, Sy-Alvarado, Romualdez (Y. M.), Deloso-Montalla, Deputy Speaker Hernandez, Reps. Tan (A.), Gonzaga, Olivarez, Aragon. and Gonzalez (S.)	Providing for the establishment of <i>Malasakit</i> Centers and the institutionalization of the <i>Malasakit</i> program in public hospitals in the country, streamlining access to medical and financial assistance funds, providing penalties and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Angelina "Helen" Tan, M.D. (4<sup>th</sup> District, Quezon), terminated its deliberations on the draft substitute bill establishing a <i>Malasakit</i> Center in public hospitals around the country. The bill will be submitted to the mother Committee for its consideration and approval.</p> <p><i>Malasakit</i> Center is designed as a one-stop shop located in a public hospital that houses representatives from various government agencies providing medical and financial assistance to indigent patients. Through the <i>Malasakit</i> Center, indigent patients and their families do not have to leave the hospital to seek assistance from the government in paying their hospital bills.</p> <p>Representatives from the Department of Health (DOH), Infant and Pediatric Nutrition Association of the Philippines (IPNAP), and Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) suggested that <i>Malasakit</i> Centers be established, not only in public hospitals, but in private hospitals as well to also allow indigent patients referred to private hospitals to avail themselves of the services being offered at the <i>Malasakit</i> Center.</p> <p>According to IPNAP spokesperson, Dr. Anthony Rolando Golez Jr., indigent patients are sometimes referred to private hospitals because of the limited medical facilities and equipment and lack of doctors in public hospitals.</p>

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