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COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Government Reorganization jt. w/ Transportation	HB 341	Rep. Romualdo	Transforming the Office for Transportation Security of the Department of Transportation (OTS-DOTr) into the National Transportation Security Regulatory Commission (NTSRC)	<p>The Joint Committee, co-chaired by Rep. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" Mariño (5th District, Batangas), Chair of the Committee on Government Reorganization, and Rep. Edgar Mary Sarmiento (1st District, Western Samar), Chair of the Committee on Transportation, approved in principle HB 341 subject to style and amendment. Thereafter, the Joint Committee approved the corresponding Committee Report.</p> <p>The bill will be forwarded to the Committee on Appropriations for its consideration of the proposed law's funding provision.</p> <p>Camiguin Rep. Xavier Jesus Romualdo, author of HB 341, informed the body that a bill with similar subject matter has gone through deliberations in previous Congresses. The recommendations made during those deliberations were already considered in his bill.</p> <p>HB 341 seeks to transform the OTS into the NTSRC that shall serve as the single regulatory oversight body for promoting security in the transportation industry in order to ensure public welfare and penalize violations of transportation security regulations. The proposed Commission shall have jurisdiction, supervision, and control over all security arrangements and standards involving different modes of transportation, including their respective facilities and transport systems.</p> <p>Expressing support for the proposed law were representatives from the Departments of Transportation (DOTr), Foreign Affairs (DFA), Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Defense (DND), and Justice (DOJ); Philippine National Police; Manila International Airport Authority; Philippine Ports Authority; Civil Aeronautics Board; Maritime Industry Authority; Philippine Coast Guard; Land Transportation Office; and Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines.</p> <p>OTS Administrator Raul del Rosario advised the joint body of recent developments that must be taken into consideration as it approves the bill. He cited the President's recent issuance of Executive Order 107 series of 2020 which reconstituted the OTS as the Office for Civil Aviation Security. This Office is now responsible for the development and implementation of regulations, practices, and procedures to safeguard civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference, in accordance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Convention on Aviation Security (Chicago Convention). He also mentioned that the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly altered the transportation security policies and procedures in the country.</p> <p>The Department of Budget and Management objects to the passage of the bill saying that it is contrary to the policy of the government to streamline the bureaucracy. At present, the DBM is conducting a review of the management systems of the agencies under the Executive Branch to improve their operations and avoid duplication or overlapping of functions.</p>

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