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COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON HOUSE MEASURES

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Ways and Means	Substitute Bill to HB 262	Rep. Sato	Converting the Occidental Mindoro State College in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Occidental Mindoro, into a state university to be known as the Occidental Mindoro State University and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda (2 nd District, Albay), approved the tax provision of the Substitute Bill to HB 262 with amendments.
	Substitute Bill to HB 1581	Deputy Speaker Hataman	Converting the Basilan State College (BASSC) in the City of Isabela, Province of Basilan, into a state university to be known as the Basilan State University (BASSU) and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee approved the tax provision of the Substitute Bill to HB 1581.
	Substitute Bill to HB 1981	Rep. Siao	Converting the Iligan City National School of Fisheries (ICNSF) in Barangay Buru-un, Iligan City, Province of Lanao del Norte, into a polytechnic state college to be known as the Iligan City Polytechnic State College (ICPSC) and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee approved the tax provision of the Substitute Bill to HB 1981 with amendments.
	Substitute Bill to HB 6795	Rep. Cua	Providing for Government Financial Institutions Unified Initiatives to Distressed Enterprises for Economic Recovery (GUIDE)	<p>The Committee supports the intent of the proposed law which seeks to capacitate the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), and the Philippine Guarantee Corporation (PGC) by increasing their paid-up capital in order for them to expand support to the credit needs of the micro, small and medium enterprises and other strategically important enterprises during the time of pandemic.</p> <p>Rep. Salceda, however, said that the measure has been superseded by HB 6953 or the "Bayanihan to Recover as One Act" which provides for the country's COVID-19 response and recovery plan. HB 6953 was already approved on Second Reading by the House of Representatives.</p> <p>Rep. Cua, author of HB 6795, acknowledged that the salient provisions of his bill were already incorporated in HB 6953. He added that some provisions that were not included in HB 6953 may be presented for discussion in the bicameral conference committee meeting with the Senate.</p>
	Substitute Bill to HBs 191 & 3671	Reps. Suansing (E.) and Garin (S.)	Enhancing revenue administration and collection by granting amnesty on all unpaid impositions levied by government for taxable year 2017 and prior years	<p>The Committee will deliberate further on the two substitute bills.</p> <p>Rep. Suansing pointed out an inconsistency in the provisions of the two substitute bills. She said that while the Substitute Bill to HBs 191</p>

Continuation... Ways and Means	Substitute Bill to HB 1043	Rep. Singson- Meehan	Granting incentives to qualified taxpayers by exempting them from audit and investigation if they pay at least 20% more of income tax, VAT, excise and percentage taxes paid during the previous taxable year	and 3671 imposes 3% amnesty tax on total assets, the Substitute Bill to HB 1043 states that if the taxpayer pays at least 20% more of taxes paid in the previous year, he or she will be exempted from audit and investigation. This, according to Rep. Suansing, will bring about tax administration complications. The authors of the bills are open to the suggestion of harmonizing the conflicting provisions of the two measures.
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DISCUSSION WITH AGENCIES/ENTITIES		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
North Luzon Growth Quadrangle (Special Committee)	Consultative meeting with the National Economic and Development Authority – Regional Development Council (NEDA-RDC) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) with respect to developmental plans and programs for Regions I & II and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Ramon Guico III (5th District, Pangasinan), held a consultative meeting with the NEDA-RDC and the DILG on the developmental plans and programs for Regions I, II and CAR.</p> <p>NEDA Region I Director Nestor Rillon said that with regard to the preparation and updating of local development plans, the DILG is in charge of monitoring the compliance of local government units (LGUs) with this requirement and provides the latter the necessary technical assistance. The NEDA-RDC reviews the local development plans and programs and ensures that these are aligned with regional and national development plans and priorities.</p> <p>On the query of Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan (2nd District, Ilocos Sur) if NEDA has enough personnel to also provide assistance to provinces and cities in coming up with their development plans, Rillon said that NEDA has proposed the creation of additional positions to augment its manpower. This is included in the “NEDA Bill” which was approved by the Committee on Economic Affairs in February.</p> <p>The NEDA Bill, also known as the “Economics and Development Planning Act of 2020,” authored by Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda (2nd District, Albay), will turn NEDA into a Cabinet-level department with increased resources and greater powers over socioeconomic planning.</p> <p>Baguio City Rep. Mark Go reminded the body that Executive Order 325, entitled the “Reorganization of the RDCs,” states that the Advisory Committee of the RDC “shall be composed of the members of the House of Representatives representing the provinces and districts of the region who shall signify their intention to become members thereof in writing, and members of the Council’s Executive Committee.”</p> <p>Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor “DV” Savellano (1st District, Ilocos Sur) recommended that the DILG should issue a clear policy guidance that all development plans of Barangay and Municipal Councils should undergo review and consultation with House Members prior to their approval. He explained that this will address issues where Members are sometimes excluded from the local planning process because of political rivalries.</p> <p>The Chair agreed with the suggestion of the Deputy Speaker and added that the proposal will also prevent the duplication of programs that usually result from the lack of consultation with the Members.</p>

<p>Continuation... North Luzon Growth Quadrangle (Special Committee)</p>	<p>Presentation by the DILG on its proposed budget and plans and programs for 2021</p>	<p>DILG Undersecretary Ricojudge Janvier Echiverri said that he will recommend to the DILG Secretary that an advisory or memorandum be issued on the matter.</p> <p>The Committee listened to the presentation of the DILG on its proposed budget and plans and programs for FY 2021.</p> <p>DILG Assistant Secretary for Plans and Programs Francisco Cruz reported that the budget proposal of the DILG Proper for FY 2021 submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is P12.81 billion. He said that the FY 2021 budget proposal is 74% or P5.44 billion higher than the DILG's budget of P7.37 billion for the current year as reflected in the 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA). By expense class, the proposed budget shall be distributed as follows: personnel services (PS), P3.45 billion; maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), P7.02 billion; and capital outlay (CO), P2.34 billion.</p> <p>Under the DILG FY 2021 proposed budget, the regions of North Luzon will have the following allocations: Region I, P250.10 million; Region II, P255.89 million; and CAR, P245.97 million.</p> <p>The DILG Assistant Secretary also presented the following main thrusts of the DILG - Local Government Sector for next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build the capacity of local government units (LGUs) to respond, cope and recover from the COVID-19 public health crisis; • Mobilize local governments and exact accountability among local officials in the scaled-up campaign against illegal drugs, criminality, and insurgency, and in ensuring internal security and public safety; • Build the economic potential of rural LGUs as haven for sustainable employment and livelihood opportunities to boost development and increase livability in the countryside and promote more inclusive growth; and • Assist LGUs in providing the basic needs of the people especially in conflict-affected and disaster-stricken communities. <p>Members of the Committee sought clarification from or brought to the attention of the DILG regional directors several issues and concerns pertaining to their legislative districts.</p>
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