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| COMMITTEE | MEASURES | | SUBJECT MATTER | ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION |
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| | NO. | PRINCIPAL AUTHOR | | |
| Appropriations | Substitute Bill to HBs 2, 335, 526, 1439, 1449, 2067, 2207, 2216, 2317, 2319, 2368, 2409, 2412, 2425, 2547, 2850, 2982, 3168, 3246, 3274, 3313, 3440, 3514, 3637, 3663, 3888, 3940, 4065, 4165, 4173, 4189, 4576, 4663, 4687, 4814, 4884, 5146, 5171 & 5256 | Speaker Cayetano, Deputy Speaker Arenas, Reps. Aglipay, Campos, Singson-Meehan, Salceda, Deputy Speakers Pichay and Romero, Reps. Gonzalez (C.L.), Yap (E.), Deloso-Montalla, Deputy Speaker Hernandez, Reps. Castelo, Vargas, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Villaraza-Suarez, Tan (A.S.), Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.), Reps. Romualdez (Y.M.), Villar, Deputy Speaker Santos-Recto, Reps. Torres-Gomez, Sy-Alvarado, Bolilia, Tambunting, Pacquiao, Salo, Lim, Haresco, Olivarez, Aragones, Espino, Chipeco, Tutor, Flores, Lusotan, Nograles (J.F.F.), and Mendoza | Creating the Department of Filipinos Overseas and Foreign Employment, defining its mandate, powers and functions, and appropriating funds therefor | <p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Isidro Ungab (3rd District, Davao City), approved the Substitute Bill to the 39 bills.</p> <p>The proposed Department of Filipinos Overseas and Foreign Employment shall be the primary agency tasked to protect the rights and promote the welfare of Filipinos overseas and to formulate, plan, administer, implement policies, and undertake systematic national development programs for managing and monitoring the overseas employment of Filipino workers, while taking into consideration domestic manpower requirements.</p> |
| | HB 5712 in consolidation with HBs 6, 196, 219, 247, 460, 496, 509, 643, 661, 754, 781, 877, 887, 908, 930, 957, 959, 1020, 1054, 1086, 1268, 1272, 1279, 1296, 1314, | Speaker Cayetano, Reps. Suansing (E.), Castro (F.), Gaité, Kho (E.), Del Mar, Tambunting, Salo, Biazon, Tiangco, Cabochan, Lagon, Castelo, Loyola, Sy-Alvarado, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Fortuno, Vargas, | Modifying the salary schedule for government personnel and authorizing the grant of additional benefits | <p>The Committee approved HB 5712 in consolidation with 104 bills, subject to style.</p> <p>The Secretariat was directed to prepare a Committee Report on the consolidated bill.</p> |

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| Continuation... Appropriations | 1410, 1475, 1499, 1500, 1559, 1740, 1767, 1895, 1919, 1942, 1968, 1992, 2022, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2035, 2137, 2226, 2452, 2470, 2475, 2477, 2509, 2548, 2581, 2703, 2854, 2889, 2922, 2988, 2994, 3015, 3096, 3160, 3252, 3271, 3278, 3346, 3410, 3435, 3436, 3478, 3479, 3535, 3539, 3607, 3655, 3676, 3923, 3955, 3956, 4049, 4134, 4149, 4186, 4325, 4334, 4353, 4451, 4478, 4498, 4500, 4547, 4563, 4589, 4657, 4968, 4987, 5033, 5076, 5096, 5133, 5140, 5239, 5486, 5500, 5573 & 5709 | Alonte, Chatto, Angara, Yap (E.), Pineda, Siao, Herrera-Dy, Crisologo, Tan (A.), Bolilia, Suarez (D.), Lim, Suarez (A.). Nieto, Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.), Reps. Tan (A.S.), Revilla, Lacson, Romualdez (Y.M.), Deloso- Montalla, Nogralles (J.J.), Deputy Speaker Santos-Recto, Reps. Mangudadatu, Ramirez-Sato, Crisologo, Aumentado, Pimentel, Espino, Haresco, Olivarez, Dy (F.), Deputy Speaker Hernandez, Reps. Tan- Tambut, Agabas, Nogralles (J.F.F.), Yap (V.), Deputy Speakers Hataman and Romero, Reps. Cuaresma and Amante-Matba | | |
| Higher and Technical Education | Substitute Bill to HB 262 | Rep. Ramirez- Sato | Converting the Occidental Mindoro State College in the Province of Occidental Mindoro into a state university to be known as the Occidental Mindoro State University (OMSU) and appropriating funds therefor | The Committee, chaired by Baguio City Rep. Mark Go, approved the Committee Report on the Substitute Bill to HB 262. |
| | Substitute Bill to HB 429 | Rep. Rodriguez | Establishing the Techno-Parks Development Fund (TPDF) for the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTSP), and appropriating funds therefor | The Committee approved the Committee Report on the Substitute Bill to HB 429. |
| | Substitute Bills to HBs 776, 1231, 3232, 3509, 4254, 4300, 4617 & 4935 | Reps. Collantes, Espina, Sarmiento, Calderon, Aragones, Suarez (D.), Peña, and Kho (W.) | Establishing Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) training and assessment centers in certain parts of the country and appropriating funds therefor | The Committee approved the Committee Reports on the eight Substitute Bills. |
| | Substitute Bill to HB 3659 | Rep. Cuaresma | Mandating all state colleges and universities in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya to establish an indigenous | The Committee approved the Committee Report on the Substitute Bill to HB 3659. |

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| Continuation... Higher and Technical Education | | | peoples resource and training center for the preservation of the cultural identities, languages of the indigenous communities and for providing them livelihood opportunities through education, seminars and literacy programs, and appropriating funds therefor | |
| | Substitute Bill to HB 4421 | Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.) | Converting the extension campuses of the Don Honorio Ventura State University into satellite campuses in the Municipalities of Sto. Tomas, Porac, Lubao, Candaba, and Apalit, all in the Province of Pampanga, appropriating funds therefor | The Committee approved the Committee Report on the Substitute Bill to HB 4421. |
| | Substitute Bill to HBs 4686 & 5131 | Reps. Teves (J.) and Sanchez | Converting the Cabugao School of Handicraft and Cottage Industries (CSHCI) - Cabugao Campus located in the Municipality of Bato, Catanduanes into a TESDA-supervised school and a polytechnic institute to be known as the Catanduanes Polytechnic Skills Development Institute and appropriating funds therefor | The Committee approved the Committee Report on the Substitute Bill to HBs 4686 and 5131. |
| | HB 4107 | Rep. Rodriguez | Mandating the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA) to select one cadet from each congressional district every year to comprise its incoming class | <p>The Committee approved HB 4107 subject to style and amendment.</p> <p>Expressing their support for the bills were resource persons from the PMMA, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and MARINO Party-List.</p> <p>PMMA Superintendent and Board of Trustees Vice Chair Joel Abutal said that the proposed law will institutionalize the PMMA's campaign to recruit potential cadets from all legislative districts of the country for every incoming class. He said, however, that the applicants must comply with the requirements set by the PMMA Board of Admissions.</p> |
| | HB 3265 | Rep. Veloso | Establishing the Polytechnic University of the Philippines-Leyte in the Province of Leyte, and appropriating funds therefor | The Committee approved HB 3265. |
| | HBs 3934, 5459 & 5533 | Rep. Vargas, Deputy Speaker Savellano, and Rep. Mariano-Hernandez | Establishing TESDA training and assessment centers in certain parts of the country and appropriating funds therefor | <p>The Committee approved the three bills subject to style and amendment.</p> <p>Resource persons from the TESDA expressed their support for the bills.</p> |
| | HB 4488 | Rep. Chungalao | Separating the Ifugao State University (IFSU) - Potia Campus in the Municipality of Alfonso Lista, Ifugao from the IFSU in the Municipality of Lamut, Ifugao, converting it into a state university to be known as the Eastern Cordillera State University of Agriculture, Science and Technology (ECSUAST), and appropriating funds therefor | <p>The Committee approved HB 4448 subject to style and amendment.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that instead of converting IFSU-Potia Campus into a state university, it will be converted into a state college to be known as the Eastern Cordillera State College of Science and Technology (ECSCST).</p> |

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| Continuation... Higher and Technical Education | HB 4937 | Rep. Suansing (E.) | Establishing a Polytechnic State College in the Municipality of Aliaga, Province of Nueva Ecija to be known as the Aliaga Polytechnic State College and appropriating funds therefor | The Committee approved HB 4937. |
| | HBs 448, 1328 & 5066 | Reps. Lopez (M.L.), Sy-Alvarado, and Nieto | Mandating all students in state universities and colleges (SUCs) receiving scholarships, grants, or subsidy from the government to render at least one year of return service in the Philippines for every year of free tuition/scholarship grant and appropriating funds therefor | <p>The Committee agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to consolidate and deliberate further on the bills.</p> <p>Rep. Rufus Rodriguez (2nd District, Cagayan de Oro City) sponsored HBs 448, 1328, and 5066 in behalf of the authors.</p> <p>Atty. Faye Marie Sabate of CHED-Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) expressed her support for the bills. She recalled that a provision for a return service mechanism was included in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 10931 (Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act) but was removed on the behest of the House Members for lack of legal basis.</p> <p>Reps. Estrellita Suansing (1st District, Nueva Ecija) and Gabriel Bordado Jr. (3rd District, Camarines Sur) expressed their objection to the bills as they might restrict students from looking for better job opportunities. Likewise, the KABATAAN Party-List and the University of the Philippines (UP) Manila Student Council were against the bills.</p> <p>The resource persons were requested to submit their respective position papers on the bills.</p> |
| | HB 5645 | Rep. Adiong | Renaming the Adiong Memorial Polytechnic State College in the Municipality of Ditsaan Ramin, Province of Lanao del Sur as the Adiong Memorial State College and extending the term of the school's Office of the President, amending for the purpose RAs 8651 and 7935 and appropriating funds therefor | <p>The Committee deferred consideration of HB 5645 until its next meeting to give the author the opportunity to answer the queries relative to his bill.</p> <p>Rep. Yasser Alonto Balindong (2nd District, Lanao del Sur), sponsored HB 5645 in behalf of the author, Rep. Ansaruddin Abdul Malik Adiong (1st District, Lanao del Sur), and manifested that the explanatory note attached to the bill be considered as the author's sponsorship speech.</p> |

| AGENCY BRIEFING | | |
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| COMMITTEE | SUBJECT MATTER | DISCUSSIONS |
| Natural Resources | Update by national government agencies and local government units (LGUs) on the rehabilitation of the Manila Bay and the cleanup of water tributaries leading to the bay, in compliance with the order of President Rodrigo Duterte and the continuing mandamus of the Supreme Court | <p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Elpidio Barzaga Jr. (4th District, Cavite), will continue its discussion on the progress of the Manila Bay rehabilitation and the cleanup of its water tributaries in its next meeting.</p> <p>Rep. Barzaga noted that the problems hampering the effective and faster rehabilitation of the Manila Bay have not yet been addressed by concerned government agencies and LGUs.</p> |

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| <p>Continuation...</p> <p>Natural Resources</p> | | <p>It has been three years now since the Supreme Court issued a mandamus directing 13 government agencies to clean up, rehabilitate, and preserve Manila Bay, and restore and maintain its waters to a level that would be fit for swimming, skin-diving, and other forms of contact recreation.</p> <p>Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Assistant Secretary Gilbert Gonzales said that the DENR, which leads the implementation of the Manila Bay rehabilitation program, focuses on four areas of concern, namely: sewerage system, garbage collection and disposal, resettlement of informal settlers living along the Bay, and improvement of the Bay's water quality. The Program has an allocation of P2.5 billion.</p> <p>Rep. Barzaga advised the DENR to coordinate with the National Housing Authority (NHA) in the relocation of informal settlers along the esteros and riverbanks who will be affected by the Manila Bay rehabilitation.</p> <p>On the query of Rep. Adriano Ebcas (Party-List, AKO PADAYON), Gonzales replied that officials of government agencies and LGUs who fail to comply with RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 and pertinent rules and regulations shall be charged accordingly.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) program officer Carlo Tan said that the DILG has required the LGUs to submit their respective 10-year solid waste management plans as well as the required budget. Some of the performance indicators that the DILG is monitoring in connection with the implementation of the LGUs' solid waste management plan are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of functional materials recovery facilities; • Segregation of wastes at source and upon collection; and • Disposal of residual wastes in approved garbage disposal facilities. <p>Rep. Barzaga asked the resource persons to submit the documents requested by the Committee before its next meeting in January 2020.</p> |
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