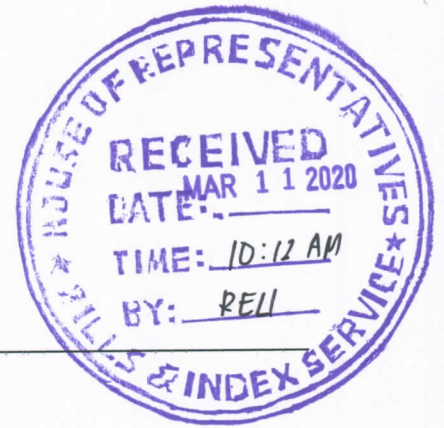


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 284

Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations
on MAR 11 2020 6558

Re: House Bill No. _____

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5583

Sponsors: Representatives Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga, Luis Raymund "LRay" F. Villafuerte, Jr., Isidro T. Ungab, and Eric Go Yap

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations to which was referred **House Bill No. 5583**, introduced by Rep. Luis Raymund "LRay" F. Villafuerte, Jr., entitled:

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have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. _____
entitled:

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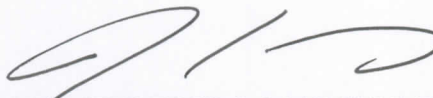
be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5883, with Representatives Luis Raymund "LRay" F. Villafuerte, Jr., Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat, Marlyn "Len" B. Alonte, Isidro T.

Ungab, Junie E. Cua, Romeo M. Jalosjos, Jr., Francisco Jose "Bingo" F. Matugas II, CPA, CESO, LLB, Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia, Peter John D. Calderon, David "Jayjay" C. Suarez, Romeo S. Momo, Sr., Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Wilfredo "Willy" S. Caminero, Luis N. Campos, Jr., Ferdinand R. Gaite, Mark O. Go, Glona G. Labadlabad, Maricel G. Natividad-Nagaño, Josefina B. Tallado, Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, Roman T. Romulo, Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, John Reynald M. Tiangco, and Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



REP. ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



REP. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA
Chairperson
Committee on Agriculture and Food

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6558

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in
2 coordination with the Department of Agriculture (DA), and the National Food Authority
3 (NFA), is hereby authorized to utilize for the purpose of purchasing palay from local farmers
4 the balance of the Twenty-Eight Billion Five Hundred Ten Million Pesos
5 (P28,510,000,000.00) allocation for rice subsidy under the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino
6 Program (4Ps) of Republic Act No. 11260, also known as the 2019 General Appropriations
7 Act.

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9 **SEC. 2.** Instead of a cash subsidy, the DSWD is hereby mandated to give rice to the
10 following qualified 4Ps beneficiaries: (i) those registered in the Pantawid Pamilya
11 Information System; (ii) victims of natural and man-made disasters rendered homeless and

1 with no means of livelihood; (iii) indigenous peoples in geographically isolated and
2 disadvantaged areas; (iv) homeless street families; and (v) transitioning households whose
3 level of well-being have improved but still at high risk of subsequently falling back into
4 survival level as they precariously live with little or no buffer against economic shocks.

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6 **SEC. 3.** The 4Ps beneficiaries shall be given rice equivalent to the cash subsidy in the
7 amount of Six Hundred Pesos (P600.00) per month on a per household basis. Only 4Ps
8 beneficiaries who comply with the conditions provided in the Special Provisions of the 2019
9 General Appropriations Act, particularly on health and education, are entitled to the rice
10 subsidy.

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12 **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of the DSWD, in consultation with the DA and the NFA, shall
13 establish the procedures and guidelines in the purchase of palay from local farmers, and the
14 distribution of rice by the DSWD-designated outlets to 4Ps beneficiaries. The Secretary of
15 the Department of Finance (DoF) and the Director General of the National Economic and
16 Development Authority (NEDA) shall likewise provide support in the crafting of the
17 procedures and guidelines.

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19 **SEC. 5.** The DSWD Secretary shall submit a year-end report to both Houses of
20 Congress on the implementation of this Act.

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22 **SEC. 6.** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations, and
23 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are repealed, amended, or
24 modified accordingly.

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26 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
27 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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29 *Approved,*

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Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

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Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
Committee Chairperson: REP. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA

OBJECTIVE: To help the local farmers cope with the effect of the liberalization of rice importation by providing an assured market for their rice produce.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Authorizes the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in coordination with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the National Food Authority (NFA) to buy palay from local farmers and distribute rice to qualified beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) equivalent to the P600.00/per month cash grant to the 4Ps beneficiaries;
- Provides that DSWD, together with DA, NFA, DOF and NEDA shall set the procedures and guidelines in buying of palay and the manner of distribution of rice to the beneficiaries;
- Mandates that a year-end report on the implementation of the program shall be submitted by DSWD to both Houses of Congress to determine its effectiveness.