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	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
			TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING	
Health	HB 8	Speaker Cayetano	Establishing the national health passport system and strengthening the primary healthcare system, appropriating funds therefor	The technical working group (TWG) chaired by Rep. Maricel Natividad-Nagaño (4th District, Nueva Ecija), approved HB 8 subject to style. The bill will be presented to the mother Committee for its consideration and approval.
	Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 61, 171, 665 & 4899	Reps. Yap (V.), Tan (A.), Salo, and Nieto	Establishing the Philippine eHealth system and services in support of Universal Health Care (UHC) using information and communications technology (ICT) in the Philippines, and appropriating funds therefor	The TWG approved the draft substitute bill subject to style and amendment. The substitute bill will be presented to the mother Committee for its consideration and approval.
				The TWG noted that the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of RA 11223 (Universal Health Care Act), signed by Health Secretary Francisco Duque last October 10, carries a section on Health Information Systems which already covers the intent of the bill.
				However, upon recommendation of the resource persons present in the meeting, the TWG decided to push for the passage of the proposed law as it provides a more comprehensive approach on eHealth system and services than Section 36 (Health Information Systems) of the IRR.
				Resource persons who supported this TWG decision were from the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), National Kidney and Transplant Institute (NKTI), and Infant and Pediatric Nutrition Association of the Philippines (IPNAP).
				Meanwhile, PhilHealth Acting Senior Manager Jeanie Bernolia expressed his concern on the possible duplication of functions between the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC), established under the UHC law, and the eHealth Policy and Coordination Council (eHPCC), proposed to be created under the bill. He also expressed his reservation on the availability of infrastructure needed to establish full network connectivity as provided for in the bill.
				DOH Information Officer John Ulysses Galo explained that while the HTAC focuses primarily on the delivery of health-related services, the proposed eHPCC will be composed of members from the ICT industry as well as government agencies that will set eHealth policies, standards and guidelines, and regulate eHealth technologies.
				DICT Director Aida Yuvienco said that a multi-cloud storage needs to be developed to integrate the different cloud services being utilized by the health sector at present.