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COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Metro Manila Development (Technical Working Group)	HB 2141	Rep. Fernando	Enhancing the effectiveness of the Metropolitan Manila Council in formulating policies, rules, regulations, and in enacting ordinances for Metro Manila, amending for the purpose RA 7294 or the law creating the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), defining its powers and functions	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Allan Benedict Reyes (3rd District, Quezon City), will deliberate further on HB 2141 in its next meeting.</p> <p>Rep. Bayani Fernando (1st District, Marikina City), author of HB 2141, informed the Committee that a bill with similar subject matter, of which he was also the author, was approved on Third Reading during the 17th Congress.</p> <p>Rep. Fernando said that the proposed law grants the MMDA the following powers: a) enact and enforce ordinances which will have the full force and effect of a law, applicable to all the local government units (LGUs) in Metro Manila, upon ratification; b) enforce traffic laws and MMDA ordinances related to the metro-wide programs of the agency; and c) modernize and upgrade its equipment and hire additional personnel to man the streets of the metropolis.</p> <p>Rep. Fernando underscored the importance of the proposed law, particularly in granting the MMDA the power to enforce traffic rules and regulations, which he said will solve the traffic crisis in Metro Manila.</p> <p>Rep. Francisco Datol (Party-List, SENIOR CITIZENS) lauded the intent of the bill and recommended its immediate approval.</p> <p>Some representatives from the LGUs in Metro Manila expressed their support for the bill, while others said that they will first discuss the proposed amendments of RA 7294 with their respective mayors and local councils.</p> <p>The resource persons were requested to submit their respective position papers by February 26 for the consideration of the TWG.</p> <p>Rep. Aloy Lim (Party-List, RAM) requested that the members of the TWG be provided with copies of documents relative to the proposed measure.</p>