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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 30

Submitted by the Committee on Appropriations on SEP 25 2019

Re: House Joint Resolution No. 19

Recommending its adoption without amendment.

Sponsors: Reps. Isidro T. Ungab, Loren B. Legarda, Ronaldo B. Zamora, Joel Mayo Z. Almario

Mr. Speaker,

The Committee on Appropriations to which were referred the following:

House Joint Resolution No. 9, introduced by Rep. Loren B. Legarda, titled:

"JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019"; and

House Joint Resolution No. 10, introduced by Reps. Ronaldo B. Zamora and Joel Mayo Z. Almario, titled:

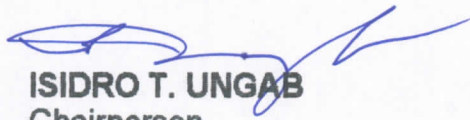
"JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019"

has considered the same and has the honor to recommend to the House that the attached House Joint Resolution No. 19 be approved in substitution of House Joint Resolutions Numbered 9 and 10, titled:

**"JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE
2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER
OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO
DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF
FISCAL YEAR 2019"**

**and with Representatives Loren B. Legarda, Ronaldo B. Zamora, Joel Mayo Z.
Almario and Isidro T. Ungab as authors thereof.**

Respectfully submitted,



ISIDRO T. UNGAB

Chairperson

Committee on Appropriations

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Introduced by: Representatives Loren B. Legarda, Ronaldo B. Zamora, Joel Mayo Z. Almario and Isidro T. Ungab

JOINT RESOLUTION
EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for fiscal years 2014 to 2017, consistently provide that the appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and Capital Outlays (CO) were available for release and obligation for a period extending to one (1) fiscal year after the fiscal year in which said items were appropriated;

WHEREAS, in fiscal year (FY) 2018, Joint Resolution No. 3 was adopted extending the availability of the 2018 appropriations for MOOE and CO to December 31, 2019, amending for the purpose Section 61 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 10964, the General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2018;

WHEREAS, in Republic Act No. 11260, the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for 2019, the validity of MOOE and CO has been limited to one (1) year as provided by Section 65 of the General Provisions of the said GAA, which reads:

"SEC. 65. Availability of Appropriations. All appropriations authorized in this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purpose specified, and under the same special provisions applicable thereto, until December 31, 2019.

A report on these releases and obligations shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate of the Philippines, the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, either in printed form or by way of electronic document."

WHEREAS, the late passage of the FY 2019 General Appropriations Act in April 15, 2019 and the election ban on May 13, 2019 resulted in the delay of the implementation of infrastructure projects and basic social services;

WHEREAS, there are appropriations that have not been released and allotments issued that have not been obligated which shall automatically result in the reversion of the said unexpended appropriations to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund of the much needed MOOE and CO to fund priority projects, aid and relief activities, as well as the maintenance, construction/repair and rehabilitation of schools, hospitals, roads, bridges and other essential facilities of the national government;

WHEREAS, it is clearly imperative that Section 65 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 11260 should be amended so that the validity of the MOOE and CO appropriations shall be extended for another fiscal year for the benefit of the people and for the welfare of the nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate of the Philippines voting separately, To extend the validity and period of availability of the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses and Capital Outlays to December 31, 2020, amending for the purpose Section 65 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 11260, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2019.

Approved,

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FACT SHEET

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House Joint Resolution No. _____

(In substitution of House Joint Resolutions Numbered 9 and 10)

TITLE : "JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019

SPONSORING COMMITTEE : Committee on Appropriations

AUTHORS : Representatives Loren B. Legarda, Ronaldo B. Zamora, Joel Mayo Z. Almario, Isidro T. Ungab

OBJECTIVE

- To extend the validity of appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and Capital Outlays (CO) to December 31, 2020 under Republic Act No. 11260, the FY 2019 General Appropriations Act.

KEY PROVISIONS

- Amends Section 65 of the General Provisions of the FY 2019 General Appropriations Act which provides for a one year validity of appropriations, thereby extending the availability of appropriations until December 31, 2020.
- Provides that the unobligated and unreleased appropriations for MOOE and CO for 2019 are urgently needed for the implementation of priority programs and projects, such as aid and relief activities as well as for the maintenance, construction/repair and rehabilitation of schools, hospitals, roads, bridges and other essential facilities of the national and local government.

RELATED LAW

R.A . No. 11260 – The FY 2019 General Appropriations Act