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MEMORANDUM

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The Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Director
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The Regional Executive Directors
Regions II, III, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, X, XI, XII, CARAGA

The Administrator
National Mapping Resource and Information Authority

The Executive Director
National Water Resources Board

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FOR THE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 13 February 2023

The Committee on Economic Affairs sent a letter dated 08 February 2023 inviting the Department to a joint virtual meeting with the Committee on Trade and Industry on **February 21, 2022 (Tuesday) at 10:00 AM via the Zoom videoconferencing platform with Meeting ID: 950 9144 1476 and Passcode: 232499** to discuss/approve the following House Bills:

LOCAL BILLS:

REGION LOCATED	HOUSE BILL
CARAGA	"Surigao City Special Economic Zone and Freeport Act"

	House Bill No. 98, entitled "An Act Establishing the Surigao City Special Zone and Freeport, Providing Funds Therefor and Other Purposes" by Representative Robert Ace S. Barbers
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	Representative Teodorico “Nonong” T. Haresco, Jr.
REGION VII	<p>“Bohol Island Special Economic Zone (BISEZ) Act of 2022” House Bill No. 605, “An Act Establishing a Special Economic Zone in the Municipalities of Tubigon, Calape, Loon and Maribojoc in the Province of Bohol to be Known as the Bohol Island Special Economic Zone (BISEZ), Creating for the Purpose the Bohol Island Special Economic Zone Authority (BISEZA), Appropriating Finds Therefor and for Other Purposes” by Representative Edgar M. Chatto</p>
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REGION XII	"The Maguindanao and Cotabato City Special Economic Zone Act" House Bill No. 3855, "An Act Establishing Special Economic Zones in the Municipalities of the District of Maguindanao and in The City of Cotabato, and Appropriating Funds Therefor" by Representative Bai Dimple I. Mastura

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In this regard, may we **request your comments and recommendations** on the above-mentioned House Bills. Kindly submit it **on or before February 15, 2023, at 5 PM through email at denrilo@denr.gov.ph** for the drafting of the position paper requested by the Committee. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached herewith are the invitation letter and agenda for your reference, copies of the bills may be accessed through this link <http://bit.ly/40P2RiZ>.

ROMIROSE B. PADIN

cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



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February 8, 2023

MS. ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Visayas Avenue, Diliman

Quezon City

Dear **Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga**:

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Copies of said bills and the agenda for the meeting are attached herewith for your perusal.

In this regard, we cordially invite you or your representative to participate in the meeting as a resource person and convey the comments and recommendations of your agency or office on the above-mentioned measures.

We would appreciate receiving your **comment/position paper** on the matter **on or before February 16, 2022** to give the Secretariat ample time to study the issues. For queries and confirmation of attendance, you may reach the Committee Secretariat through the contact details indicated above. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

For the Chairperson:

HON. GERARDO P. VALMAYOR, JR.


ATTY. MA. LUZ CONCEPCION M. BALDUEZA
OIC – Committee Secretary



**Committee on Economic Affairs Joint
with the Committee on Trade & Industry**

A G E N D A

*February 21, 2023, (Tuesday), 10:00 A.M.
via Zoom Video Conference Platform*

Meeting ID: 950 9144 1476

Password: 232499

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95091441476?pwd=ckQ3NnY1d3lEVVBjUU02Ynlyd3FSZz09>

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated November 22, 2022
- IV. Acknowledgement of Resource Persons/Guests
- V. Preliminary Remarks by the Chairpersons

Hon. Gerardo P. Valmayor, Jr.

Chairperson, Committee on Economic Affairs

Hon. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño

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- VI. Consideration of the following measures:

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VII. Other Matter

VIII. Adjournment

Invited Guests:

National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)
Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR)
Department of Natural Resources (DENR)
Department of Finance (DOF)
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)
Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)
Bureau of Customs (BOC)
Bureau of Immigration (BI)
Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
Commission on Audit (COA)
Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB)

Local Government Units (LGUs):
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Brgy. Balubal, Cagayan de Oro City;
Province of Bulacan;
City of Maasin, Southern Leyte;
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