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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
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The Regional Executive Directors
Region III, IV-B, and VI

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM**

DATE : 27 February 2023

In reference to the electronic mail received by our office on 27 February 2023, the Senate Committee on Tourism will conduct a Public Hearing on **March 1, 2023, Wednesday at 10 am at the Sen. Laurel Room, 2nd Floor, Senate of the Philippines**, to discuss the following bills:

1. Senate Bill No. 238 – Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Act of 2022 (by Senate President Pro Tempore Legarda)
2. Senate Bill No. 1166 – Pag-Asa Island Ecotourism Cluster and Protected Area (by Senator Angara)
3. Senate Bill No. 1615 – Recognizing Baler, Aurora as “The Birthplace of Philippine Surfing” (by Senator Angara)
4. House Bill No. 5961 – Baler the Birthplace of Philippine Surfing (Aurora), An Ecotourism Destination (by Reprs. Angara, Madrona, Chatto, Alvarez, Luistro, et. al.) and
5. Proposed Senate Resolution No. 472 –Resolution directing the Senate Committee on Tourism to examine the creation of Policy Reforms and Budgetary Expenditures to the develop the Philippines’ potential to be the leading country in the world for sustainable Nature-Based Tourism (NBT) (by Senator Angara).

In this regard, we would like to **invite you or your representative to attend and request comments/recommendations on the above-mentioned Senate Bills**. The Committee

requests that the position paper be submitted to them. Kindly submit the name/s of the attendees and your comments and inputs **on or before February 28, 2023, at 5 PM** via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. Attached herewith are the request letter and the copies of the Senate Bills may be accessed through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4ksynw23> for your reference.

For information and compliance, please.

ROMIROSE B. PADIN

cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



Republic of the Philippines
Senate

**COMMITTEE ON TOURISM
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NOS. 238, 1166, 1615, AND
PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION 472**

February 21, 2023

Hon. Ma. Antonia “Toni” Yulo-Loyzaga
Secretary
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR)
ohca@denr.gov.ph

Dear HON. YULO-LOYZAGA:

The Senate Committee on Tourism created a Subcommittee on Senate Bill Nos. 238, 1166, 1615, and Proposed Senate Resolution No. 472 on February 8, 2023 and has designated Senator Sonny Angara as its Subcommittee Chair.

In this regard, the Subcommittee would like to invite you to its public hearing, to hear your comments and inputs on the following legislative measures:

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As part of the Senate’s health protocol, the following additional guidelines will be implemented: All guests who will participate physically in meetings should present the following to enter the Senate premises:

- 1.) *Vaccine card (with at least one booster shot)*
- 2.) *Negative RT-PCR test result with QR code or a Negative Antigen test result (both are valid for 72 hours from specimen collection) from any DOH- accredited facility. Self-administered antigen test results without any valid certification shall not be accepted.*

For further assistance, you may contact the undersigned Committee Secretary at Viber 09178669287 or our support staff, Mr. Japit Tijap at 09194873335.

Once again, your presence and participation in this hearing will be greatly appreciated.

**For the Subcommittee Chair:
SEN. SONNY ANGARA**



**BERNADINE B. MAHINAY
Committee Secretary**