



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Climate Change Service
Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service

The Bureau Directors
Environmental Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau

The Officer-In-Charge
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The Executive Directors
National Water Resources Board
River Basin Control Office

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS RE: SUSTAINABLE SPORTS FACILITIES ACT AND AN ACT AMENDING RA 11214 AND STRENGTHENING THE POWERS OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 03 May 2023

The Committee on Youth and Sports Development of the House of Representatives is requesting for the Department's comments on the following bills:

- a. **SUSTAINABLE SPORTS FACILITIES ACT**
 1. House Bill No. 2257, entitled: "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABILITY IN GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SPORTS FACILITIES" Introduced by Rep. Franz S. Pumare
 2. House Bill No. 5066, entitled: "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABILITY IN GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SPORTS FACILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR" - Introduced by Rep. Gus S. Tambunting and
 3. House Bill No. 6515, entitled: "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABILITY IN GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SPORTS FACILITIES" - Introduced by Rep. Ivan Howard A. Guintu, and

- b. Amending Republic Act No. 11214
- 1. House Bill No. 7132, entitled: "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11214 AND STRENGTHENING THE POWERS OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION IN ITS OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS TRAINING CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" - Introduced by Reps. Aniela Bianca D. Tolentino, Jaime D. Cojuangco, Christian Tell A. Yap and Noel N. Rivera

In this regard, may we request your **comments/recommendations on the above-mentioned House Bills**. Kindly send them on or before **May 8, 2023 5 PM** via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. Attached herewith are the copies of the House bills for your reference.

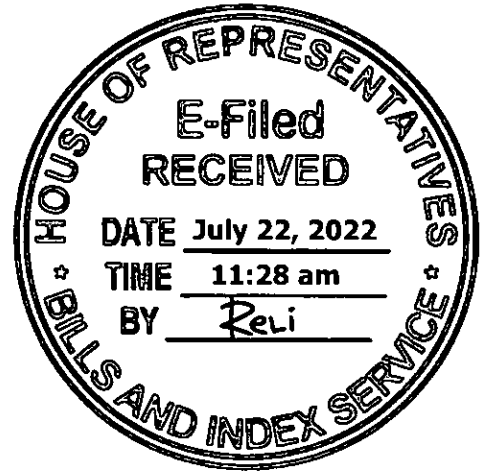
ROMIROSE B. PADIN

cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. **2257**



Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE FRANZ S. PUMAREN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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In a similar light, this proposed measure aims to institutionalize the formulation of sustainability plans for all future and existing government-funded sports facilities, venues, and other sports-related infrastructure in support of Filipino athletes and the initiative of the government to raise the country's competitiveness in sports. In the same way the state supports our talented athletes, the government must also be responsible for funding the construction, renovation, and maintenance of all sports facilities, venues, and sports-related infrastructure. The preservation of these sports facilities and infrastructure is of utmost priority to avoid these big-ticket projects from suffering the same fate as those abandoned sports complexes in former host countries of the Olympics that were brought low by years of neglect.

Within the scope of this bill are all sports facilities, including but not limited to stadia, coliseums, arenas, sports centers and complexes, running tracks, courts, swimming pools,

convention centers, media centers, and athletes villages, which are government-funded. The contents of these plans shall include but are not limited to the following: (1) plans on future hosting and uses of the sports facility after the termination of the event for which the same was constructed; (2) regular maintenance, upkeep, repair, and renovation; (3) income-generating activities sufficient to cover the maintenance, upkeep, repair and renovation of the sports facility; (4) installation of energy-saving and water-saving systems or devices; (5) water conservation measures such as rainwater harvesting, use of grey water, etc.; (6) waste management, recycling and composting facilities; (7) use of renewable energy such as wind power and solar power; among others.

The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) will be tasked to ensure and monitor compliance with the required sustainability plans for all government-funded sports facilities to keep up with global standards and boost the development of Filipino athletes.

Given the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



FRANZ S. PUMAREN
3rd District, Quezon City

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REPRESENTATIVE FRANZ S. PUMAREN

AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABILITY IN
GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SPORTS FACILITIES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Sustainable Sports Facilities Act of 2022”.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to aid and prioritize arts, culture, and sports to promote patriotism and nationalism. It is also a recognized policy of the State to encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions.

Towards this end, the State shall institutionalize sustainability, which shall include the construction, improvement, and maintenance of all government-funded sports facilities, to be at par with global standards and to aid the development of our Filipino athletes.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. – For the purposes of this Act, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. "Government-funded sports facilities" – shall refer to all sports facilities, venues, and other sports-related infrastructure, including but not limited to stadia, coliseums, arenas, sports centers, and complexes, running tracks, courts, swimming pools, convention centers, media centers, and athletes' villages, which are funded and maintained by the government.
- b. "Operators" – shall refer to the government agencies and private entities that operate the sports facilities as exemplified in Section 3 Sub-section a of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Sustainability Plans for all Sports Facilities.* – It is hereby mandated that operators of all future and existing government-funded sports facilities shall formulate a sustainability plan for said facilities.

The sustainability plans shall be submitted to and monitored by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC). In pursuance of the fulfillment of this mandate, the PSC is hereby empowered to tap and coordinate other relevant government agencies such as the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Games and Amusements Board (GAB), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); and non-government organizations such as the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the various National Sports Associations (NSAs) in the country.

The contents of the sustainability plans shall include the following:

- a. Plans on future hosting and uses of the sports facility after the termination of the event for which the same was constructed;
- b. Regular maintenance, upkeep, repair, and renovation;
- c. Income-generating activities sufficient to cover the maintenance, upkeep, repair, and renovation of the sports facility;
- d. Installation of energy-saving and water-saving systems or devices;
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- f. Waste management, recycling, and composting facilities;
- g. Use of renewable energy such as wind power and solar power, if any;

h. All other necessary and essential information determined by the PSC.

The sustainability plan shall be revised at least once every five (5) years, or as often as necessary, upon the discretion of the PSC, considering the condition of the sports facility.

SECTION 6. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for implementing this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – To carry out the provisions of this Act, the PSC shall, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, issue the implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. – All other laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, other issuances, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

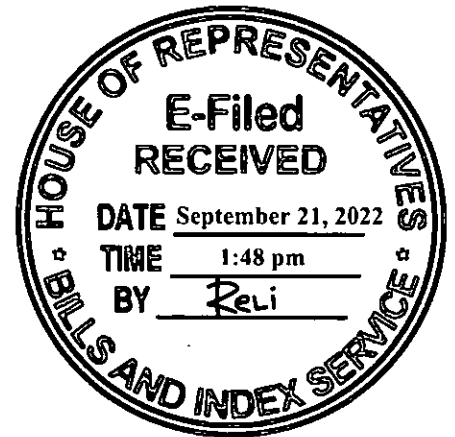
SECTION 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publications in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5066



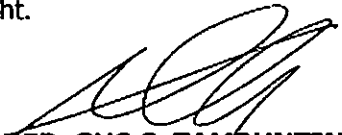
Introduced by **HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABILITY IN GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SPORTS
FACILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure aims to institutionalize the formulation of sustainability plans for all future and existing government-funded sports facilities, venues, and other sports-related infrastructure. Included within the scope of this bill are all sports facilities, venues, and other sports-related infrastructure, including but not limited to, stadia, coliseums, arenas, sports centers/complexes, running tracks, courts, swimming pools, convention centers, media centers, and athletes' villages, which are government-funded. The contents of these plans shall include but are not limited to, the following: (1) plans on future hosting and uses of the sports facility after the termination of the event for which the same was constructed; (2) regular maintenance, up-keep, repair and/or renovation; (3) income-generating activities sufficient to cover the maintenance, upkeep, repair and/or renovation of the sports facility; (4) installation of energy-saving and water-saving systems or devices; (5) water conservation measures such as rainwater harvesting, use of grey water, etc.; (6) waste management, recycling and/or composting facilities; (7) use of renewable energy such as wind power and solar power; among others. The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) will be tasked to ensure and monitor compliance with the required sustainability plans, along with an annual report to be submitted to Congress and made available to the public.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.


REP. GUS S. TAMBUNTING
2nd District, Parañaque City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5066

Introduced by **HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABILITY IN GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SPORTS
FACILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Sustainable Sports Facilities Act".

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared as the policy of the government to institutionalize sustainability in the construction, renovation, and maintenance of all government-funded sports facilities, venues, and other sports-related infrastructure.

Sec. 3. Definition and Scope of Application. - This Act shall cover all sports facilities, venues, and other sports-related infrastructure, including but not limited to, stadia, coliseums, arenas, sports centers/complexes, running tracks, courts, swimming pools, convention centers, media centers, and athletes' villages, which are government-funded.

As used in this Act, "operators" refer to the government agencies and private entities that operate the sports facilities mentioned above.

Sec. 4. Sustainability Plans for all Sports Facilities. – It is hereby mandated that operators of all future and existing government-funded sports facilities, venues and other sports-related infrastructure shall formulate a sustainability plan for such facilities. Said sustainability plans shall be submitted to and monitored by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC). In pursuance of the fulfillment of this mandate, the PSC is hereby empowered to tap and coordinate other relevant government agencies such as the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Games and Amusements Board (GAB), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); and non-government organizations such as the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the various National Sports Associations (NSAs) in the country.

The contents of the sustainability plans shall include the following:

- a. Plans on future hosting and uses of the sports facility after the termination of the event for which the same was constructed;

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- g. Use of renewable energy such as wind power and solar power;
- h. Other information or details as may be determined in the future by the PSC.

The sustainability plan shall be revised at least once every five (5) years, or as often as may be required by the PSC considering the circumstances of the sports facility.

Sec. 5. Annual Report. – The PSC shall formulate an annual report summarizing and consolidating the sustainability plans of all covered sports facilities and the level of compliance of operators to their respective plans and the requirements of this Act. This report shall be submitted to Congress and be made available to the public.

Sec. 6. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – To carry out the provisions of this Act, the PSC shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, issue the implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

Sec. 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules, and regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 9. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

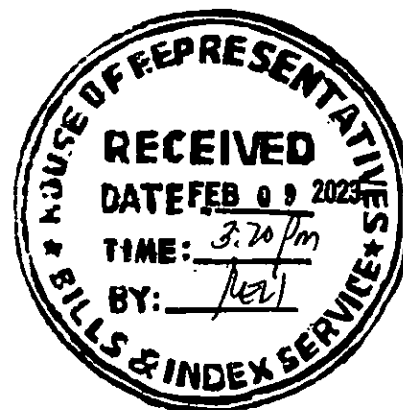
Approved,

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7132



Introduced by
Honorable ANIELA BIANCA D. TOLENTINO, Honorable JAIME D. CONJUANGCO, Honorable CHRISTIAN TELL A. YAP, and Honorable NOEL "BONG" N. RIVERA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Approved and signed into law back in 2019, Republic Act No. 11214 seeks to finally concretize the Constitutional mandate in Section 19, Article XIV, which states that: "*The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.*" R.A. No. 11214 realizes this Constitutional mandate thru the creation of the Philippine Sports Training Center (PSTC).

The PSTC is a state-of-the-art and highly scientific sports complex. R.A. No. 11214 mandates a period for the construction of the PSTC, to wit: "*After a period of planning not exceeding six (6) months upon the effectivity of this Act, the necessary sports facilities and amenities, which are at par with international standards, shall be constructed within a period of eighteen (18) months in a location suitable and conducive to high-level training of athletes, coaches and referees.*" However, more than three years have passed and the PSTC has not been constructed.

During the 30th Southeast Asian Games held here in the Philippines, the entire world was witness to the world-class sports facility – the New Clark City Sports Complex. In several meetings of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development of the House of Representatives, athletes and sports leaders were in unison in stating that the New Clark City Sports Complex can be used as the PSTC. However, there is a restrictive provision in R.A. No. 11214 that will not allow the use of the New Clark City Sports Complex for the PSTC.

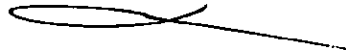
R.A. No. 11214 already gives the PSC the power for the operation and management of the PSTC. The amendment proposed in this bill seeks to strengthen such power by allowing the PSC to use existing facilities for the PSTC. The PSC will be empowered to enter into an agreement for the use of existing facilities for the implementation and realization of the provisions stated in R.A. 11214 and the Constitution.

The proposed law herein will allow Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) to use the New Clark City Sports Complex for purposes of the PSTC. As it is, the New Clark City Sports Complex is already a state-of-the-art facility and capable of being highly scientific sports center. It would be greatly prudent for the government to consider using the already constructed and existing New Clark City Sports Complex as the PSTC.

For Filipino athletes, Philippine sports, and the entire country, approval of the bill herein is earnestly sought.



Honorable ANIELA BIANCA D. TOLENTINO



Honorable JAIME D. CONJUANGCO



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**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11214 AND STRENGTHENING
THE POWERS OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION IN ITS
OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS TRAINING
CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress
assembled:*

Section 1. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11214 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 7. Operation of the Philippine Sports Training Center. – The operation of the PSTC and the ownership of sports facilities and amenities are hereby vested with the PSC.

The title of the land or use thereof through usufruct over which the PSTC is established shall be transferred to the PSC in accordance with law, either by grant, donation, payment of just compensation or contract."

Section 2. All amounts necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act, pursuant to R.A. No. 11214 and other related laws.

Section 3. Separability Clause. – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, letters of instruction executive orders, rules and regulations, or a part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
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Approved,