



MEMORANDUM

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

The Bureau Directors
Forest Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau

The Officer-In-Charge
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS RE: BILLS ON TREE GROWING AGREEMENT ACT, TREE FARMING ACT OF 2022, STRENGTHENING OF EO 193, URBAN GREEN PATCHES PROGRAM ACT, AND QUARTERLY TREE PLANTING ACT FROM THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 10 May 2023

In reference to the electronic mail received on 08 May 2023, the Special Committee on Reforestation of the House of Representatives is requesting the Department's comments on the following bills:

- A. Tree Growing Agreement Act
1. HB 1163 – 'An Act to Promote Reforestation and to Increase Wood Production Through the Establishment of Tree Growing Agreements', authored by Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda;
 2. HB 4203 – 'An Act Promoting Reforestation and Increasing Wood Production Through the Establishment of Tree Growing Agreements', authored by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez;
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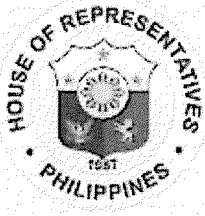
4. HB 2649 – ‘An Act Mandating Local Government Units to Identify and Devote Bare Timber Lands to be Utilized for Tree Farming’, authored by Rep. Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado;
- C. Strengthening Executive Order No. 193 or the ‘National Greening Program
5. HB 3453 – ‘An Act Strengthening Executive Order No. 193 or the ‘National Greening Program and the Forest Protection Program’ by Mandating Every Local Government Unit in the Country to Set Aside One Percent (1%) of its Total Registered Land Area of Jurisdiction to Establish Forest Parks and Providing for the Conservation, Maintenance, and Protection Thereof’, authored by Reps. Josephine Veronique "Jaye" R. Lacson-Noel and Florencio Gabriel G. Noel;
- D. Urban Green Patches Program Act
6. HB 5103 – ‘An Act Establishing the Urban Green Patches Program and Providing Funds Therefor’ authored by Rep. Gus S. Tambuting; and
- E. Quarterly Tree Planting Act
7. HB 7023 – ‘An Act Institutionalizing Quarterly Tree Planting Activity in the Philippines, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for other Purposes’, authored by Rep. Jose ‘Bong’ J. Teves, Jr.

In this regard, may we request your **comments/recommendations** on the above-mentioned bills. Kindly send them on or before **May 16, 2023, at 5 PM** via email at denrilo@denr.gov.ph for submission to the Committee.

Attached herewith is the letter request. The copies of the House Bills may be accessed through this link <https://bit.ly/3LTUMTm>.

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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



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8 May 2023

MS. MARIA ANTONIO YULO-LOYZAGA

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

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Dear **Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga**,

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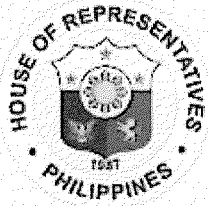
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We would highly appreciate your insights and comments on the above-cited measures including the submission of your position paper **as soon as possible**. You may send your position paper through our official e-mail committee.reforestation@house.gov.ph. Attached are the copies of measures for your guide and reference. Likewise, electronic copies may be downloaded from www.congress.gov.ph/legis/.

Should you have inquiries, kindly contact us through our official e-mail address or mobile numbers mentioned above.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ELEANOR C. BULUT-BEGTANG

Chairperson

Special Committee on Reforestation

FOR THE CHAIRPERSON:

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