



## MEMORANDUM

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

**The Bureau Directors**  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Biodiversity Management Bureau

**The Administrator**  
National Mapping and Resource Information Authority

**The Executive Directors**  
National Water Resources Board  
River Basin Control Office  
Manila Bay Coordinating Office

**All Regional Executive Directors**

FROM : **The Director**  
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON LEGISLATIVE BILLS ON  
RAINWATER HARVESTING FROM THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

DATE : 12 July 2023

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In reference to the electronic mail received by our Office, the Committee on Public Works is requesting the Department's comments, facts and figures, and other supporting information on the following legislative measures on Rainwater Harvesting:

- **Senate Bill No. 128** – An Act Requiring New Commercial, Institutional, and Residential Infrastructure Projects in Metro Manila and Major Cities in the Philippines to Install Rainwater Harvesting or Retention Facilities, Providing Penalties for Violations, and For Other Purposes (Sen. Cynthia A. Villar);
- **Senate Bill No. 342** – An Act Institutionalizing Rainwater Harvesting System in Metro Manila and Major Cities in the Philippines, and For Other Purposes (Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay);
- **Senate Bill No. 454** – An Act Mandating the Establishment, Management, Maintenance and Regulation of a Rainwater Harvesting Facility in All New Institutional, Commercial, Industrial, and Residential Development Projects in Metro Manila (Sen. Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada);
- **Senate Bill No. 545** – An Act Creating a Rainwater Harvesting Facility for the Management, Maintenance, Regulation, and Utilization of Rainwater Runoff, and Improvement of Ecological Characteristics of Catchments with

the End in View of Addressing Flooding and Water Shortage in Urban and Rural Centers (Sen. Grace Poe);

- **Senate Bill No. 990** – An Act Mandating the Establishment, Management, Maintenance, and Regulation of a Rainwater Harvesting Facility in All New Institutional, Commercial, and Residential Development Projects in Metro Manila (Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla Jr); and
- **Senate Bill No. 1687** – An Act Instituting Strategies to Address and Mitigate the Damage Caused by Weather Aberrations and Natural Disasters Where Excessive Rainwater Cause Massive Flooding that Destroy Property, Lives and Infrastructure But Utilizing the Same to Remedy Problems Due to Lack of It to Lessen the Impact of Droughts, Typhoons and Earthquakes, Strengthening the Ability of Government to Reduce and Control Disaster Attributable to Rainwater and For Other Purposes (Sen. Raffy T. Tulfo).

In this regard, may we respectfully request your comments/ recommendations on the abovementioned bills in preparation for the upcoming public hearing, as requested by the Committee. Kindly submit your comments on or before 17 July 2023, 5:00 PM via email at [denrlo@denr.gov.ph](mailto:denrlo@denr.gov.ph).

Attached herewith is a copy of the Letter Invitation. The copies of the bills may be accessed through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4f7fdude>.

  
**ROMIROSE B. PADIN**

cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs  
Undersecretary for Integrated Environmental Science  
Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

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CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**Senate**  
Pasay City

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

July 10, 2023

**SECRETARY MARIA ANTONIA Y. LOYZAGA**  
**Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)**  
5 Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1128

Dear **Secretary Loyzaga**:

Greetings!

The Committee on Public Works would like to request for your comments, facts and figures, and other supporting information relative to the following legislative bills on Rainwater Harvesting, to wit:

**SBN 128** – An Act Requiring New Commercial, Institutional, and Residential Infrastructure Projects in Metro Manila and Major Cities in the Philippines to Install Rainwater Harvesting or Retention Facilities, Providing Penalties for Violations, and For Other Purposes (**Sen. Cynthia A. Villar**)

[http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill\\_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-128](http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-128)

**SBN 342** – An Act Institutionalizing Rainwater Harvesting System in Metro Manila and Major Cities in the Philippines, and For Other Purposes (**Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay**)

[http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill\\_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-342](http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-342)

**SBN 454** – An Act Mandating the Establishment, Management, Maintenance and Regulation of a Rainwater Harvesting Facility in All New Institutional, Commercial, Industrial, and Residential Development Projects in Metro Manila (**Sen. Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada**)

[http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill\\_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-454](http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-454)

**SBN 545** – An Act Creating a Rainwater Harvesting Facility for the Management, Maintenance, Regulation, and Utilization of Rainwater Runoff, and Improvement of Ecological Characteristics of Catchments with the End in View of Addressing Flooding and Water Shortage in Urban and Rural Centers (**Sen. Grace Poe**)

[http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill\\_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-545](http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-545)

**SBN 990** – An Act Mandating the Establishment, Management, Maintenance, and Regulation of a Rainwater Harvesting Facility in All New Institutional, Commercial, and Residential Development Projects in Metro Manila (**Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla Jr**)

[http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill\\_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-990](http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-990)

**SBN 1687** – An Act Instituting Strategies to Address and Mitigate the Damage Caused by Weather Aberrations and Natural Disasters Where Excessive Rainwater Cause Massive Flooding that Destroy Property, Lives and Infrastructure But Utilizing the Same to Remedy Problems Due to Lack of It to Lessen the Impact of Droughts, Typhoons and Earthquakes, Strengthening the Ability of Government to Reduce and Control Disaster Attributable to Rainwater and For Other Purposes **(Sen. Raffy T. Tulfo)**  
[http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill\\_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-1687](http://legacy.senate.gov.ph/lis/bill_res.aspx?congress=19&q=SBN-1687)

The Committee values your assistance and we take cognizance of the efforts being extended to us, and that of your department, as one such expert in the field. We believe that your input and information will certainly help us to craft the best version of the law.

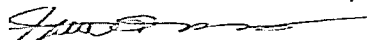
May we further request that submissions be made on or before **July 17, 2023**, or the soonest possible time, in preparation for the conduct of public hearing on the matter.

For any queries thereof, you may contact the undersigned legislative committee secretary at **09157203999** and thru our official email address, [senatecommitteeonpublicworks@gmail.com](mailto:senatecommitteeonpublicworks@gmail.com). You may also contact our technical team, **Mr. Mikee Angeles, Ms. Sherry Garcia, Ms. Zal Laurente and Ms. Jona Perez**, at telephone nos. 8552-6601 locals 3320 and 3321.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**FOR THE CHAIRMAN:  
SEN. RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**



**MARIA GINA P. DELLOMES**  
Committee Secretary  
Committee on Public Works