



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN**



MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Directors
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Foreign Assisted and Special Projects

The Bureau Directors
Environmental Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

FROM : The Director
Legislative Liaison Office

**SUBJECT : INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON SENATE
BILLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE
VIROLOGY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE**

DATE : 16 April 2024

In reference to the email received by our Office, the Senate Committee on Science and Technology Sub Committee on Virology Institute of the Philippines (VIP) chaired by Sen. Pia S. Cayetano, joint with the Committees on Ways and Means; and Finance is inviting the Department to a Public Hearing on **April 24, 2024 (Wednesday), 11:00 a.m. at the Senator Sotto Room, Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City** to discuss the following legislative measures:

1. **Senate Bill No. 196 - "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF VIROLOGY LABORATORIES IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE VIROLOGY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE OF THE PHILIPPINES (VIP), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Introduced by Senator Go);**
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In this regard, may we respectfully request your comments/recommendations on the abovementioned bills, if you haven't already submitted, as requested by the Committee. Kindly submit your comments on or **before 22 April 2024; 5:00 PM.** via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s and emails 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 Letter Invitation and copies of the Senate Bills thru this link, <https://drive.google.com/drive/bills> , for your reference.


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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Senate

Pasay City

15 April 2024

MARIA ANTONIA LOYZAGA

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

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Kindly send all your submissions including position papers to the Committee on Science and Technology's official email address at senatasciencetech@gmail.com **on or before 22 April 2024 (Monday)**. For any clarification on the matter, please feel free to contact Atty. Ellainemor San Pascual at telephone nos. (02) 8552-6820, and (02) 8552-6601 local 3303.

We look forward to your immediate and favorable response. Thank you.

Best regards,

For the Senator,



DAVID T. ALEGRE III
Committee Secretary



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