



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Directors**
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FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, INNOVATION, AND FUTURES THINKING FOR COMMENTS ON WATER SUSTAINABILITY BILLS**

DATE : 24 April 2023

The Senate Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation and Futures Thinking (SDGIFT) chaired by Senator Pia Cayetano will be conducting a public hearing within the month of April to discuss proposed measures which seek to provide wider access to safe and potable water to every barangay and promote sustainable use of water resources. The following bills which were referred to the Committee will be tackled in the said hearing:

1. Senate Bill No. 16 - AN ACT PROVIDING FRAMEWORK ON WATER SUSTAINABILITY, by Senator Pia S. Cayetano
2. Senate Bill No. 310 - AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL HEALTH BY PROVIDING AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY WITHIN THREE YEARS, by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri
3. Senate Bill No. 1048 - AN ACT ENSURING SAFE DRINKING WATER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 856, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CODE ON SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, by Senator Joel Villanueva

In this regard, may we respectfully request your comments on the above-mentioned bill, in preparation for the upcoming public hearing, as requested by the Committee. The Committee Secretary, through an email dated 20 April 2023, informed this Office that the tentative date of hearing for the said bill will be held on 27 April 2023. Hence, we will highly appreciate receiving your comments on or before 26 April 2023, 5 PM via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. The copies of the bills may be accessed through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mphv837w>.


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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs