



Republic of the Philippines  
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**COMMITTEE ON TOURISM  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NOS. 238, 1166, 1615, AND  
PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION 472**

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**Dear MS. CLAUDIO:**

The Senate Committee on Tourism created a Subcommittee on Senate Bill Nos. 238, 1166, 1615, and Proposed Senate Resolution No. 472 on February 8, 2023 and has designated Senator Sonny Angara as its Subcommittee Chair.

In this regard, the Subcommittee would like to request from your good office comments and recommendations on the following bills as we are preparing for a public hearing on the same in two weeks.

1. Senate Bill No. 238 – Northern Antique Protected Seascape and Landscape Act of 2022 (by Senate President Pro Tempore Legarda)
2. **Senate Bill No. 1166** – Pag-Asa Island Ecotourism Cluster and Protected Area (by Senator Angara)
3. Senate Bill No. 1615 – Recognizing Baler, Aurora as “The Birthplace of Philippine Surfing” (by Senator Angara)

4. House Bill No. 5961 – Baler the Birthplace of Philippine Surfing (Aurora), An Ecotourism Destination (by Reps. Angara, Madrona, Chatto, Alvarez, Luistro, et. al.) and
5. Proposed Senate Resolution No. 472 –Resolution directing the Senate Committee on Tourism to examine the creation of Policy Reforms and Budgetary Expenditures to the develop the Philippines’ potential to be the leading country in the world for sustainable Nature-Based Tourism (NBT) (by Senator Angara).

We would also like to request that your comment paper be submitted on **February 24**, Friday so we can prepare a briefer and distribute the same to the subcommittee members. You may send it to this email address: [senate.tourism@gmail.com](mailto:senate.tourism@gmail.com).

For further assistance, you may contact the undersigned Committee Secretary at Viber 09178669287 or our support staff, Mr. Japit Tijap at mobile number 09194873335.

Once again, we thank you for your valued assistance on this request.

**For the Subcommittee Chair:**  
**SEN. SONNY ANGARA**



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