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MEMORANDUM

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The Administrator
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The Executive Director
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FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FOR THE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 13 February 2023

The Committee on Economic Affairs sent a letter dated 08 February 2023 inviting the Department to a joint virtual meeting with the Committee on Trade and Industry on **February 21, 2022 (Tuesday) at 10:00 AM via the Zoom videoconferencing platform with Meeting ID: 950 9144 1476 and Passcode: 232499** to discuss/approve the following House Bills:

LOCAL BILLS:

REGION LOCATED	HOUSE BILL
CARAGA	“Surigao City Special Economic Zone and Freeport Act”

	House Bill No. 98, entitled “An Act Establishing the Surigao City Special Zone and Freeport, Providing Funds Therefor and Other Purposes” by Representative Robert Ace S. Barbers
REGION II	<p>“Cagayan de Oro Special Economic Zone Act”</p> <p>House Bill No. 1459, “An Act Establishing The Cagayan De Oro Special Economic Zone in Barangay Balubal, Cagayan De Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental, Creating for the Purpose the Cagayan De Oro Special Economic Zone Authority, and Appropriating Funds Therefor” by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez</p>
REGION IV-B	<p>“Marinduque Special Economic Zone Act”</p> <p>House Bill No. 33, entitled “An Act Establishing a Special Economic Zone in the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Province of Marinduque, Creating for the Purpose the Marinduque Special Economic Zone Authority, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes” by Representative Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco</p> <p>House Bill No. 3696, “An Act Establishing a Special Economic Zone in the Municipalities of Abra De Ilog, Sta. Cruz and Mamburao Province of Occidental Mindoro, Creating for the Purpose the Occidental Mindoro Special Economic Zone and Freeport Zone and Freeport Authority (OMSEZA), and Appropriating Funds Therefor” by Representative Leody F. Tarriela</p>
REGION V	House Bill No. 3681, “An Act Establishing the Camarines Sur Special Economic Zone in the Province of Camarines Sur, Creating for Such Purpose the Camarines Sur Special Economic Zone Authority, Appropriating Funds Therefor and Other Purposes” by Representatives Luis Raymund “Lray” Villafuerte, Jr., Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte, Tsuyoshi Anthony G. Horibata and Nicolas C. Enciso VIII
REGION VI	<p>“West Aklan Special Economic Zone Act”</p> <p>House Bill No. 7032, “An Act Establishing The West Aklan Special Economic Zone in West Aklan, Province of Aklan, Creating for the Purpose the West Aklan Special Economic Zone Authority, and Appropriating Funds Therefor” by</p>

	Representative Teodorico “Nonong” T. Haresco, Jr.
REGION VII	<p>“Bohol Island Special Economic Zone (BISEZ) Act of 2022”</p> <p>House Bill No. 605, “An Act Establishing a Special Economic Zone in the Municipalities of Tubigon, Calape, Loon and Maribojoc in the Province of Bohol to be Known as the Bohol Island Special Economic Zone (BISEZ), Creating for the Purpose the Bohol Island Special Economic Zone Authority (BISEZA), Appropriating Finds Therefor and for Other Purposes” by Representative Edgar M. Chatto</p>
REGION VIII	<p>“Southern Leyte Economic Zone and Freeport Act of 2017”</p> <p>House Bill No. 2378, “An Act Establishing the Economic Zone and Freeport in the Province of Southern Leyte Creating for the Purpose the Southern Leyte Economic Zone and Freeport Authority, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes” by Representative Luz V. Mercado</p>
Special Economic Zones in Iligan	
REGION X	<p>“Iligan Special Economic Zone Act”</p> <p>House Bill No. 3471, “An Act Establishing the Iligan Special Economic Zone in the Area Occupied and Utilized by the National Steel Corporation Located at Barangay Suarez, Iligan City, Lanao Del Norte, Creating for the Purpose the Iligan City, Lanao Del Norte, Creating for this Purpose The Iligan Special Economic Authority (ISEZA), and Appropriating Funds Therefor” by Representative Celso G. Regencia</p>
	<p>“NSC Special Economic Zone Act”</p> <p>House Bill No. 5737, “An Act Establishing a Special Economic Zone in the City of Iligan, Province of Lanao Del Norte, to be known as the “NSC Special Economic Zone,” and Appropriating Funds Therefor” by Representatives Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Jude A. Acidre</p>
	<p>House Bill No. 5236, “An Act Establishing the Misamis Occidental Special Economic Zone in the Second District of the Province of Misamis Occidental and Appropriating Funds Therefor” by Representative Sancho Fernando “Ando” F. Oaminal</p>

REGION XI	House Bill No. 3748, “An Act Establishing a Special Economic Zone in the Municipality of Sarangani, Davao Occidental, Creating for that Purpose the Municipality of Sarangani Special Economic Zone Authority, Appropriating Funds Therefor and For Other Purposes” by Representative Claude P. Bautista
REGION XII	“The Maguindanao and Cotabato City Special Economic Zone Act” House Bill No. 3855, “An Act Establishing Special Economic Zones in the Municipalities of the District of Maguindanao and in The City of Cotabato, and Appropriating Funds Therefor” by Representative Bai Dimple I. Mastura

NATIONAL BILLS:

Proposed Amendment to Republic Act No. 9728, or the “Freeport Area of Bataan (FAB) Act of 2009”

REGION III	House Bill No. 7058, “An Act Strengthening Further the Powers and Functions of the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB), Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9728, Otherwise Known as the “Freeport Area of Bataan (FAB) Act of 2009, as Amended by Republic Act No. 11453” by Representative Albert S. Garcia
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In this regard, may we **request your comments and recommendations** on the above-mentioned House Bills. Kindly submit it **on or before February 15, 2023, at 5 PM through email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph** for the drafting of the position paper requested by the Committee. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s 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 invitation letter and agenda for your reference, copies of the bills may be accessed through this link <http://bit.ly/40P2RiZ>.


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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs