



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

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.

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


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