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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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HON. MARIA ANTONIA LOYZAGA

Secretary

Department of Natural Resources (DENR)

Dear **Secretary Loyzaga**:

Please be informed that the Committee on Science and Technology, joint with the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Local Government; Public Information and Mass Media; Justice and Human Rights; Public Services; Basic Education; Ways and Means; and Finance will conduct a public hearing on *Wednesday, 22 May 2023, 11:30 A.M., at Senators Recto and Laurel Room, 2nd Floor, Senate of the Philippines* to deliberate on the following legislative measures:

A. E-GOVERNANCE/E-GOVERNMENT ACT

1. Senate Bill No. 67, "An Act Institutionalizing the Use of 'Mobile Application Para sa Pilipino' otherwise known as 'Mobile A.P.P.' in the Delivery of Basic Government Services and Programs, Providing Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano*)
2. Senate Bill No. 194, "An Act Institutionalizing the Transition of the Government to E- Governance in the Digital Age, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Christopher Lawrence Go*)
3. Senate Bill No. 298, "An Act Establishing a Framework for a Smart Philippines, Ensuring Accessible and Affordable Internet for All, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano*)
4. Senate Bill No. 318, "An Act Institutionalizing the Transition of the Government to E- Governance in the Digital Age, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Juan Miguel "Migz" Zubiri*)
5. Senate Bill No. 334, "An Act Establishing the E-Government, Defining Its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Grace Poe*)

6. Senate Bill No. 455, "An Act Establishing the E-Government, Defining its Powers and Functions, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Jinggoy Estrada*)
7. Senate Bill No. 625, "An Act Establishing a National Digital Transformation Policy and Creating a National Digital Transformation Council for the Development and Implementation Thereof, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Sonny Angara*)
8. Senate Bill No. 685, "An Act Mandating the Full Digital Transformation of All Government Agencies, Offices and Corporations, including Local Government Units, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Win Gatchalian*)
9. Senate Bill No. 974, "An Act Promoting the Digitalization of Frontline Services of All Government Agencies and Appropriating Funds Therefor" (*Introduced by Sen. Manuel "Lito" Lapid*)
10. Senate Bill No. 982, "An Act Establishing the E-Government, Defining Its Powers and Functions, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.*)
11. Senate Bill No. 1051, "An Act Establishing an Information Technology Office in Every Province, City and Municipality, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Win Gatchalian*)
12. Senate Bill No. 1126, "An Act Mandating Transition of the Government to E-Governance in the Digital Age, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Mark Villar*)
13. Senate Bill No. 1172, "An Act Institutionalizing a Masterplan for the Transition of the Government to E-Governance, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Joseph Victor Ejercito*)
14. Senate Bill No. 1542, "An Act Institutionalizing the Transition of the Government to E- Governance in the Digital Age, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.*)
15. Senate Bill No. 1574, "An Act Institutionalizing E-Governance in the Government, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Joel Villanueva*)
16. Senate Bill No. 1867, "An Act Establishing the E-Government, Defining its Powers and Functions, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Loren B. Legarda*)
17. Senate Bill No. 1978, "An Act Institutionalizing the Transition of the Government to E- Governance in the Digital Age and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Sonny Angara*)
18. House Bill No. 7327, "An Act Institutionalizing the Transition of the Government to E- Governance in the Digital Age, Creating for the Purpose the Philippine Infostructure Management Corporation and Appropriating Funds Therefor"

(Introduced by Reps. Romualdez, F., Romualdez, Y., Marcos F., Acidre, J., Tiangco, T., et. al.)

B. CYBER SECURITY

19. Senate Bill No. 225, "An Act Further Protecting the Integrity of Electronic Transactions, Defining for The Purpose the Crime of Internet and Telecommunications Phishing, Providing Penalties Therefor" *(Introduced by Sen. Mark A. Villar)*
20. Senate Bill No. 537, "An Act Defining Economic Sabotage in Computer-Related Offenses and Amending Republic Act No. 10175, Otherwise Known as the 'Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012'" *(Introduced by Sen. Grace Poe)*
21. Senate Bill No. 863, "An Act Requiring Critical Information Infrastructure Institutions to Adopt and Implement Adequate Measures to Protect Their Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Systems and Infrastructure" *(Introduced by Sen. Grace Poe)*
22. Senate Bill No. 1365, "An Act Institutionalizing and Strengthening the National Cybersecurity Inter-Agency Committee Created Under Executive Order No. 95 (S. 2019), Renaming It to National Cybersecurity Council, and for Other Purposes" *(Introduced by Sen. Imee Marcos)*
23. Senate Bill No. 1382, "An Act Requiring Critical Information Infrastructure Institutions to Adopt and Implement Adequate Measures to Protect Their Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Systems and Infrastructure" *(Introduced by Sen. Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri)*
24. Senate Bill No. 1701, "An Act Requiring Critical Information Infrastructure Institutions to Adopt and Implement Adequate Measures to Protect Their Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Systems and Infrastructure" *(Introduced by Sen. Raffy T. Tulfo)*
25. Senate Bill No. 1923, "An Act Requiring Critical Information Infrastructure Institutions to Adopt and Implement Adequate Measures to Protect Their Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Systems and Infrastructure" *(Introduced by Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.)*
26. Senate Bill No. 2066, "An Act Requiring Critical Information Infrastructure Institutions to Adopt and Implement Adequate Measures to Protect Their Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Systems and Infrastructure" *(Introduced by Sen. Win Gatchalian)*

C. AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE INTERNET FOR ALL

27. Senate Bill. No. 183, "An Act Promoting Open Access in Internet Services and for Other Purposes" *(Introduced by Sen. Imee R. Marcos)*
28. Senate Bill No. 814, "An Act Encouraging and Promoting the Use and Development of Satellite-Based Technologies for Internet Connectivity" *(Introduced by Sen. Win Gatchalian)*

29. Senate Bill. No. 815, "An Act Promoting Open Access in Data Transmission, Providing Additional Powers to the National Telecommunications Commission, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Win Gatchalian*)
30. Senate Bill No. 864, "An Act Promoting Open Access in Internet Services and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Grace Poe*)
31. Senate Bill No. 1213, "An Act Promoting Open Access in Data Transmission, Providing Additional Powers to the National Telecommunications Commission, and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.*)
32. Senate Bill No. 1380, "An Act Encouraging and Promoting the Use and Development of Satellite-Based Technologies for Internet Connectivity" (*Introduced by Sen. Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri*)
33. Senate Bill No. 1383, "An Act Promoting Open Access in Internet Services and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri*)
34. Senate Bill No. 1611, "An Act Promoting Open Access in Internet Services and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Joel Villanueva*)
35. Senate Bill No. 1845, "An Act Promoting Open Access in Internet Services and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Raffy T. Tulfo*)
36. Senate Bill No. 1876, "An Act Promoting Open Access in Data Transmission and Providing Additional Powers to the National Telecommunications Commission" (*Introduced by Sen. Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid*)
37. Senate Bill No. 2146, "An Act Promoting Open Access in Data Transmission and Providing Additional Powers to the National Telecommunications Commission" (*Sen. Jinggoy E. Estrada*)
38. House Bill No. 6, "An Act Promoting Open Access in Data Transmission and Providing Additional Powers to the National Telecommunications Commission" (*Introduced by Romualdez, F., Romualdez, Y., Acidre, J., Yap, C., Romualdo, J., et. al.*)

D. DIGITAL LITERACY

39. Senate Bill No. 830, "An Act Establishing Information and Communications Technology Hubs Nationwide" (*Introduced by Sen. Loren B. Legarda*)
40. Senate Bill No. 986, "An Act Strengthening the Utilization of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in All Public Elementary Schools and High Schools, Providing Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes" (*Introduced by Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.*)
41. Senate Bill No. 1065, "An Act Establishing Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Hubs Nationwide" (*Introduced by Sen. Grace Poe*)

E. PHILIPPINE HANDLOOM WEAVING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

42. Senate Bill No. 241, "An Act Providing for the Development and Protection of the Philippine Handloom Weaving Industry" (*Introduced by Sen. Loren B. Legarda and Sen. Joel Villanueva*)

In this regard, may we invite you as a **Resource Person** to the said hearing. The Committee would like to hear about your agency's plans for E-Government/E-Governance including measures being taken or will/should be taken to improve cybersecurity, internet accessibility, and digital literacy. May we also request a copy of your agency's position paper on the aforementioned bills. The text of the above listed measures may be accessed through the Senate website at www.senate.gov.ph.

Please confirm your attendance via email to senatesciencetech@gmail.com. Likewise, please course your position paper **on or before May 31, 2023** to the same email address.

As part of the Senate's health and safety protocols, the following guidelines are implemented for Resource Persons and guests who will physically attend the Committee Hearings and Meetings:

- a. A maximum of three (3) guests, including the Resource Person, per agency will be accommodated.
- b. Names of resources persons and guests must be submitted to the Committee Secretariat at least one (1) day before the Hearing/Meeting for proper endorsement to the Office of the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms. Those who are not on the list will be denied entry; and
- c. Resource persons should present to the Medical staff on duty at the Senate lobby proof of full vaccination (must have at least completed primary dose series).

Moreover, the Committee respectfully requests that you send in advance a soft copy of your presentation/briefing materials to the Committee Secretariat. May we further request that you keep your presentations brief and concise. Please note that a presentation during the public hearing shall be allowed only after its review and approval by the Office of the Chairperson.

Thank you and kind regards.

For the Chair:

SENATOR ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" CAYETANO

By:


MS. JAMIE LYN DUQUE-DAILEG
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