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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING ON HOUSE MEASURES				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Climate Change (Technical Working Group)	HBs 3136 & 3315	Rep. Acosta-Alba and Deputy Speaker Villar	Adopting an integrated coastal ecosystem management as a national strategy to ensure the sustainable development of coastal and marine environment and resources, establishing supporting mechanisms for its implementation, and providing funds therefor	<p>The technical working group (TWG), presided by Rep. Maria Lourdes Acosta-Alba (1st District, Bukidnon), will deliberate further on the three bills in its next meeting.</p> <p>Rep. Acosta-Alba, author of House Bill 3136, recommended that her bill be used as the TWG's working draft considering that it was based on the bill that was deliberated on during the 17th Congress.</p>
	HB 5353	Rep. Castelo	Creating the National Integrated Coastal Ecosystem Development Authority (NICEDA) for the implementation of integrated coastal management programs in the country and providing funds therefor	<p>Expressing support for the bills were resources persons from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Environmental Management Bureau, Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau, Forest Management Bureau, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Budget and Management, Philippine Ports Authority, Philippine Reclamation Authority, and Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development. Invited guests from the academe and non-government organizations were also supportive of the bills.</p> <p>Under HB 3136, an integrated coastal management (ICM) framework employs an integrative, holistic management approach, and interactive planning process in addressing complex management issues pertaining to the coastal area with the end in view of attaining a sustainable coastal development.</p> <p>Among the recommendations made by the resource persons during the meeting were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principles and concepts of an ICM framework will be incorporated in the local government units' (LGUs) comprehensive land use plan and other related planning documents. • Capacity building support for LGUs will be provided in the formulation of their ICM plans. • The Secretariat that will provide the necessary technical and administrative support to the proposed National Coordinating Committee for the ICM shall be composed of organic personnel from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). • The "ridge-to-reef" approach shall be highlighted in the proposed law. This approach aims to provide a holistic intervention by addressing the conflicts arising from the use of resources from forest ridges to coastal areas.

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