

HONORABLE RONALD “BATO” M. DELA ROSA
Chairperson
Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs
Senate of the Philippines
Pasay City

Dear **Senator DELA ROSA**,

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports **Senate Bills Numbered 436 and 1057** entitled, **“Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Act”**, introduced by Senators Ronald “Bato” Dela Rosa and Sherwin Gatchalian, respectively, that seek to use body-worn camera in law enforcement operations, to enhance transparency and accountability of law enforcement personnel and to further improve community relations and protect both citizens and law enforcers.

To contribute to the bills’ enhancement, the DSWD respectfully recommends the following:

1. General Comments

- 1.1 To consolidate the bills into one;
- 1.2 To include Section for “penalties and suspensions” for law enforcement officers and personnel who are unable to adhere or committed misconduct in the use of body worn camera; and
- 1.3 To include the training for law enforcement officers and personnel on technical know-how of this camera and its basic guidelines in the use of such.

2. SEC. 4. Use of On-body Camera in Police Operations of SBN 1057

To include a level of authority of approval of reactivation or deactivation of BWC. This is to ensure public trust by providing transparency and accountability in circumstances where the use of force may reasonably be anticipated during planned law enforcement operations.

3. SEC. 5. Minimum Standards of SBN 1057

To specify Record Retention in the Bill, including the retention period that is not associated with complaints or allegations and do not contain information

pertinent to the case being investigated. Retention period should be at least 1 year.

4. **SEC. 6. On-Body Camera Recordings of SBN 1057**

To ensure that officers always obtain consent to record interviews with crime victims and that consent should be recorded by the BWC or obtained in writing.


5. **SEC. 10. Officers' Training of SBN 1057**

To include in this Section not only the training of the officers for its usage but training on its maintenance as well.

This is being submitted for the Chairperson's consideration.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


REX GATCHALIAN
Secretary
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