

HONORABLE DANTE S. GARCIA
 Chairperson, Technical Working Group
 Committee on Aquaculture
 House of Representatives
 Quezon City

Attn: **Ms. Celia Milagros T. Miciano**
 Committee Secretary

Dear **REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA**,

This refers to your request for comments and recommendations on the following House Bills, namely:

House Bill (HB) No.	Title	Author
1803	Pantawid Pambangka Act	Rep. Luis Raymund Villafuerte, Jr. Camarines Sur, 2 nd District
		Rep. Miguel Luis Villafuerte Camarines Sur, 5 th District
		Rep. Tsuyoshi Anthony Horibata Camarines Sur, 1 st District
		Rep. Nicolas Enciso VIII Party List - BICOL SARO
4857		Rep. Gus Tambunting Parañaque City, 2 nd District

Consistent with its mandate to develop, implement and coordinate social welfare programs and services to the poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) fully supports the proposed measures. As the lead agency in Social Protection (SP), the DSWD believes that the implementation of the measures mentioned above would be greatly beneficial to the target beneficiaries as social safety nets in the form of subsidies or cash transfers would significantly protect these fishermen from economic shocks, as a result of fuel price increases.

Notably, beneficiaries for SP programs designed for the needs of transient and chronic poor such as cash transfers should be identified using effective and empirically-based mechanisms.

On this note, the DSWD is pleased to share to the Committee a list of identified assessed and poor fishermen who own at least one motorized boat/banca, classified per region, based from our Listahanan database, and attached hereto as Annex-"A". Targeting through Philippine Identification System or the Community Based Monitoring System may also be used as the standard poverty and SP programs registry.

The DSWD wishes to reiterate that the proposed measure would be highly welcomed as it will contribute to the overarching goal of poverty reduction through support to the livelihood of fisherfolks.

For the Chairperson's consideration.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



REX GATCHALIAN
Secretary
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