



**Undersecretary ANTONIO A. GALLARDO**  
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**Dear Undersecretary Gallardo:**

The Department of Social Welfare and Development **supports Senate Bill Nos. 108 and 188** or the "**National Commission on Disability Affairs Act**", introduced by Senators Juan Miguel F. Zubiri and Leila M. De Lima, respectively, which seek to establish the National Commission for Disability Affairs as the primary agency responsible for the implementation of policies aimed at fulfilling the rights of the Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) sector replacing the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA).

To further enhance the proposed bills, we are recommending the following:

1. Consolidate the bills into one.
2. **Under Sec. 5 of SBNs 108 and 188 – Powers and Functions**
  - 2.1. The Commission should be given power to coordinate with national government agencies on programs, projects, activities and enforcement of laws related to and affecting PWDs;
  - 2.2. Direct service delivery should not be given to the Commission since it is the function of Local Government Units (LGUs) pursuant to the "Local Government Code of 1991";
  - 2.3. Include a Section on Social Marketing and Advocacy on models of intervention including the pilot testing of programs and projects for PWDs to ensure its efficient, effective, and responsive implementation nationwide;
  - 2.4. The Commission should provide continuous training to LGUs in programming service provisions for PWDs; and
  - 2.5. **Under letter (i) of SBN 108**

This provision should be clarified whether the conduct of the fund raising activities will cover national, regional, provincial, city, municipal or barangay levels. It should also be compliant to Presidential Decree No. 1564 or the "Solicitation Permit Law".

**3. Under Sec. 6 of SBNs 108 and 188 – Composition**

3.1. Replace the word *Multi-handicaps* with *Multiple Disability* as the more politically correct term based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability;

3.2. Clarify the selection process for the private sector representatives; and

**3.3. Under letter (b) of SBN 108**

Elaborate the roles and responsibilities of the identified Secretaries in the proposed Commission.


**4. General Comments**

4.1. The proposed bills should ensure that a proper transition will be given to NCDA especially to affected employees; and

4.2. To provide a Section for "Appropriations", so that funds are appropriately allocated to barangays, municipalities, cities and provinces. Also, to ensure the immediate delivery of quality programs, projects and services for PWDs.

For the Committee's consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
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Secretary  
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