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**REPRESENTATIVE CHERYL P. DELOSO-MONTALLA**

Chairperson

Committee on Human Rights

RVM Bldg., House of Representatives

Quezon City

Dear **Chairperson Deloso-Montalla**:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development supports **House Bill Nos. 61, 256, 1645 and 3938** entitled, "**An Act Providing a Framework for the Right to Adequate Food, and for Other Purposes**", introduced by Representatives Karlo Alexei Nograles, Jericho Jonas Nograles, Harry Roque, Jr., Linabelle Ruth Villarica, and Kaka Bag-ao, respectively, which seeks to develop a comprehensive framework that will harmonize provisions of all laws related to Filipinos' right to adequate food.


To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we are recommending the following:

1. To **consolidate the bills into one.**
2. On the **Minimum Amount of Food** (Sec. 13 of HB Nos. 61 & 3938; Sec. 15 of HB No. 256; and Sec. 16 of HB No. 1645):
  - 2.1 To amend the title from "*Minimum Amount of Food*" to "**Standards on the Amount of Food**";
  - 2.2 Instead of the DSWD, the **local government units** (LGUs) should ensure the regular, reliable and timely delivery of a minimum amount of food to any person who is suffering from hunger or is at risk of suffering from hunger or under-nutrition, because the basic services are already devolved to them; and
  - 2.3 Instead of the DSWD, the **National Nutrition Council (NNC)** and the **Department of Health (DOH)** could be the appropriate offices to determine the exact quantity of calories, proteins and micronutrients, to which the minimum amount of food will correspond.

For consideration of the Committee.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
JUDY M. TAGUIWALO  
Secretary