



**Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**December 16, 2008 (Tuesday), 10 AM  
Sen. Pecson Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Senate of the Philippines**

**AGENDA**

**I. Transparency in Expropriation:**

**SBN 2634** - Resolution Requiring Transparency Of Information In Expropriation Proceedings For Government Projects, And For Other Purposes (Sen. Gordon)

**II. Creation of Courts**

**HBN 16** - An Act Creating Two (2) Additional Regional Trial Courts In The Province Of Sarangani With Seats At The Municipality Of Alabel, Amending For The Purpose Paragraph (1), Section 14 Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980 (Rep. Chiongbian, Erwin L., Rep. Defensor Jr., Matias V.)

**HBN 19** - An Act Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court To Be Stationed At The Municipality Of Dumalag, And Four Branches Of The Municipal Trial Court To Be Stationed At The Municipalities Of Tapaz, Sapián, Cuartero And Sigma Of The Province Of Capiz, Amending For The Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (G) And Section 30 Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As 'The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980', As Amended, Appropriating Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes (Rep. Castro, Fred H., Rep. Defensor Jr., Matias V., Rep. Lagman, Edcel C.)

**HBN 224** - An Act Creating An Additional Regional Trial Court Branch In The Capital Town Of Pili, Province Of Camarines Sur, Amending For The Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (F) Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, As Amended By Republic Act No. 7154, Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (Rep. Villafuerte, Luis R., Rep. Defensor Jr., Matias V., Rep. Lagman, Edcel C.)

**HBN 813** - An Act Creating A Regional Trial Court Branch In The Province Of Negros Occidental To Be Stationed At Sagay City, Amending For The Purpose Section (14), Paragraph (G) Of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980 As Amended, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (Rep. Maranon III, Alfredo D., Rep. Defensor Jr., Matias V., Rep. Lagman, Edcel C.)

**HBN 1786** - An Act Creating Two Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court And Two Additional Branches Of The Municipal Trial Court In Cities To Be Stationed In The City Of Batangas, Amending For The Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (E) And Section 29 Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" (Rep. Mandanas, Hermilando I. Rep. Defensor Jr., Matias V., Rep. Lagman, Edcel C.)

**HBN 2104** - An Act Creating An Additional Branch Of The Municipal Trial Court In The Municipality Of La Trinidad, Province Of Benguet, Amending For The Purpose Section 30 Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980 (Rep. Dangwa, Samuel M. Rep. Defensor Jr., Matias V., Rep. Lagman, Edcel C.)

**HBN 4350** - An Act Creating Four Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In The Province Of Laguna To Be Stationed At The Municipalities Of Los Baños And Cabuyao And The City Of Calamba, Amending For The Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (E) Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129,

Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980 As Amended, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (Rep. Chipeco, Justin "Timmy" Sb., Rep. Defensor Jr., Matias V., Rep. Lagman, Edcel C.)

**HBN 4351** - An Act Creating Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court Andthe Municipal Trial Court In The Province Of Kalinga To Be Stationed In The Municipality Of Lubuagan, Amending For The Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (B) And Section 30 Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980, As Amended, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (Rep. Zamora, Manuel "Way Kurat" E., Rep. Defensor Jr., Matias V.)

**HBN 4352** - An Act Creating Two Additional Regional Trial Court Branches In Compostela Valley Province To Be Stationed In The Municipalities Of Compostela And Mabini, Amending For The Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (L) Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980, As Amended, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (Rep. Zamora, Manuel "Way Kurat" E., Rep. Defensor Jr., Matias V.)

**HBN 4353** - An Act Creating Two (2) Additional Regional Trial Court Branches And Six (6) Additional Municipal Trial Court Branches For Valenzuela City, Amending For The Purpose Section 14 (D) And Section 27 Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980 As Amended And Appropriating Funds Therefor. (Rep. Defensor Jr., Matias V.)

**SBN 2068** - An Act To Ensure The Sustainability Of The Citizen's Right To Healthy And Balanced Environment And Inter-Generational Ecological Responsibility Through The Creation Of Green Benches, Amending For The Purpose, Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes (Sen. Villar)

### **III. Expanding the Jurisdiction of the Commission on Human Rights**

**SBN 2657** - An Act Strengthening The Functional And Structural Organization Of The Commission On Human Rights, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes (Sen. Escudero)

### **IV. Witness Protection Program**

**SBN 2650** - An Act Protecting The Confidentiality Of Victim's And Witness' Address And Telephone Number During A Trial Or Hearing Related To A Criminal Prosecution (Sen. Santiago)

### **V. Investigating the Foreign Sex Workers in the Philippines**

**SRN 690** - Resolution Directing The Senate Committee On Justice And Human Rights And Other Appropriate Committees To Conduct An Investigation, In Aid Of Legislation, Into The Growing Presence Of Foreign Sex Workers In The Philippines With The End In View Of Identifying The 'Escort Service' Syndicates That Facilitate Their Entry And Putting A Stop To Their Operation (Sen. Villar)

### **VI. Granting Philippine Citizenship**

**HBN 1022** – An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship To Medical Doctor Charles L. Cheng (Rep. Domogan, et al)

**HBN 1881** – An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship To Rev. Fr. Theodore Pdson (Reps. Cuenco and Defensor (M))

**HBN 2022** – An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship To Edward A. Artis (Rep. Ablan and Silverio, et al)

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