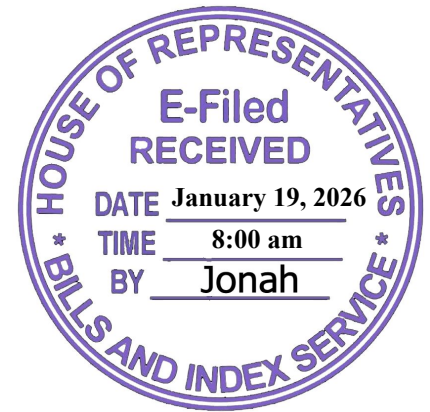




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House Bill No. 7154

Introduced by CIBAC Party-List Representative
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine government devised several strategies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. It tasked the Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDev) through the Subcommittee on SDGs in 2017 to provide support and oversight on integrating the SDGs into the Philippine Development Plan and related sectoral plans, identify gaps, and monitor the implementation of programs in meeting the 2030 targets. It is likewise tasked with reviewing SDG-related policies, programs, partnerships, and funding. The DILG-DEPDev-DBM-DOF Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, series of 2016, issued to all local government units (LGUs), provided the updated guidelines to operationalize the localization of the SDGs using results matrices.

The debilitating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially in the Asia Pacific, may push back the SDGs from 2030 to 2065.¹ In 2022, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported that only fifteen out of the seventeen goals have the estimates for the current status index. Eight of the 17 goals have at least 50% of the indicators satisfying the data requirement. Of these eight goals with sufficient data, four goals are behind but moving towards the 2022 line, namely SDG 1 (No poverty), SDG 3 (Good health and well-being), SDG 4 (Quality education), and SDG 8 (Decent work and economic growth). Three SDGs out of eight with sufficient data are regressing, namely SDG 2 (Zero hunger), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and communities, and SDG 13 (Climate action) 2000. Only SDG 14 (Life Below Water) exceeded the 2022 line with one indicator.

In the 2022 Sustainable Development Report, the Philippines ranked 95 out of 163 countries, ranking only higher than ASEAN countries of Cambodia (ranked 107), Myanmar (ranked 103), and Lao PDR (111). Among ASEAN neighbors, the Philippines is trailing behind Thailand (ranked 44), Vietnam (ranked 55), and Malaysia (ranked 72).

¹ March 21, 2022. Asia Pacific may take till 2065 to achieve 2030 sustainable development targets. Eco-Business. Available at <https://www.eco-business.com/news/asia-pacific-may-take-till-2065-to-achieve-2030-sustainable-development-targets/>. (Accessed on January 12, 2026).

Though a whole government approach is necessary to accelerate the achievement of the goals, there is a need for a single body which will provide policy direction all matters in relation to achieving said goals. Such body shall be equipped with the necessary powers, functions and funding in order to effect its mandate.

This bill seeks to address this concern by creating the Sustainable Development Council of the Philippines. The Council is tasked to ensure that the Philippines could achieve its SDG targets despite massive setbacks brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

By approving this measure, the Philippines reaffirms its commitment to achieving the SDGs and the vision of Philippine development *Ambisyon Natin 2040*.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) COUNCIL OF
THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Sustainable
2 *Development Goals Council Act*”.

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – In line with the country's subscription to the
5 United Nation's call to action on its member states, it is hereby declared the policy of
6 the State to adopt and recognize the Sustainable Development Goals as a core
7 foundation in the creation of its policies, allocation of resources and the development
8 of institutional and regulatory frameworks of the national and local governments.

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10 **SEC. 3. Creation of the Sustainable Development Goals Council of the**
11 **Philippines.** – To carry out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby created a
12 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Council of the Philippines, hereinafter referred
13 to as the Council, under the Department of Economy, Planning and Development
14 (DEPDev)

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16 **SEC. 4. Powers and Functions.** – The Council shall have the following powers
17 and functions:

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19 1. To provide strategic directions on the attainment of the SDGs in conjunction
20 with the whole of nation approach and all other government strategies in
21 place;
22 2. To establish and implement an SDG Evaluation System in accordance with
23 the criteria set forth in this Act;
24 3. To develop and implement an incentive and reward system based on merit to
25 encourage the establishment of the private sector and local government
26 programs that aid in the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals;

4. To constitute sectoral committees to assist the council in the performance of its duties;
5. To prescribe the procedures for the exercise of the Council's powers and functions as well as the performance of its duties and responsibilities;
6. To serve as the coordinating body of the government to consolidate, record, monitor, and recommend policies to address the gaps in the accomplishments of the government in attaining the SDGs;
7. To propose to Congress and Senate SDG Committees the relevant policies and communicate the needed budget for the SDG-related programs and projects; and
8. To perform such other functions may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. Composition of the Council. – The Council shall be composed of a Chairperson and eight (8) members, six (6) of whom shall be regular members while the other two (2) members shall be in an ex-officio capacity.

The Chair shall be the Secretary of the Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDev).

The six (6) regular members of the Council are the following:

1. The Secretary of the Department of Finance (DOF) or his/her duly designated representative;
2. The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) or his/her duly designated representative;
3. The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government or his/her duly designated representative;
4. The National Statistician of the Philippine Statistics Authority or his/her duly designated representative;
5. The Chair of the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) or his/her duly designated representative; and
6. The Chair of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) or his/her duly designated representative.

The two (2) ex-officio members of the Council are the following:

1. The Secretary of the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) or his/her duly designated representative; and
2. The Prime Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) or his/her duly designated representative.

SEC. 6. Meetings. – The Council shall meet regularly, at least every quarter, or as often as necessary as the Council decides. A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum to do business. The members of the Council shall be entitled to honoraria based on existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

1 **SEC. 7. The SDG Evaluation System.** – The Council shall formulate and
2 establish a set of standards and criteria, and procedures for the SDG Evaluation
3 System based on the categories, criteria, and parameters set forth by the 17 SDGs.
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5 **SEC. 8. Recognition and Awarding of Local Government SDG Programs.** –
6 The SDG Evaluation System shall be used to assess the programs of the local
7 government units (LGUs) implemented in pursuit of the SDGs. The LGUs who have
8 attained the highest scores in the evaluation system shall be recognized annually and
9 awarded both a plaque of recognition and monetary reward.
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11 **SEC. 9. Funding.** – The amount required for the operational expense of the
12 Council and the implementation of this Act shall be provided for in the following
13 General Appropriations Act upon ratification of this Act.
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15 **SEC. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The SDG Council shall,
16 within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, issue the necessary rules and
17 regulations to implement the provisions hereof.
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19 **SEC. 11. Annual Report.** – The Council shall, within ninety (90) days after the
20 end of every fiscal year, submit to the Committee on Sustainable Development Goals
21 of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Sustainable Goals,
22 Innovation, and Futures Thinking an annual report on its compliance with, or its
23 accomplishments under, this Act, together with plans and recommendations to
24 improve and develop its capability under this Act.
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26 **SEC. 12. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
27 unconstitutional, the remainder hereof or any provisions not affected thereby shall
28 remain in force and effect.
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30 **SEC. 13. Repealing Clause.** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
31 executive order, letter of instruction, rule, or regulation inconsistent with the provisions
32 of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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34 **SEC. 14. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
35 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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37 *Approved,*