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PANGELINAN REQUESTS REVENUE AND TAX TO ENFORCE LAW

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Senator vicente c. pangelinan (D), Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Retirement, Insurance, and Land sent a letter to the Mr. Art Ilagan, Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation today after analyzing the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) collections in preparation for the FY2011 budget and discovering that June 2010 collections continue to correlate with previous fiscal year collections and tourist arrivals for the month of June.

Public Law 30-143 signed into law on May 17, repealed an exemption from the HOT imposed on employees and in some cases contractors of local, United States and Foreign governments. Senator pangelinan explained further, "After noticing no increase in collections for June, my office confirmed with several hotel properties that they were unaware of any change to the law."

Senator pangelinan stressed in his letter to Mr. Illagan the importance of implementing the repeal to the exemptions as the island faces a period of unprecedented changes brought forth by the impending buildup. The Office of Finance and Budget estimates the additional taxes collections from repealing the exemption is between \$1.6 to 2.0 million annually.

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Senator pangelinan concluded, “During this period of great change and uncertainty for our people, we must provide them assurance that the Legislature and the committee have taken measures to ensure that the government gets its fair share of revenues related to these activities. The repeal of the exemption on HOT is a small step to implement parity in the territorial tax policies.”

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