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PRIORITY BILLS OF THE BUSINESS SECTOR (18th CONGRESS)*

- I. Enacted into law
 1. Transnational Higher Education Act (RA 11448) – signed August 28, 2019
 2. Salary Standardization Law (RA 11466) – signed January 8, 2020
 3. Amended Excise Tax Law on Alcohol, E-cigarettes (RA 11467) – signed January 22, 2020
 4. Bayanihan to Heal as One Act/Emergency Powers law to address COVID-19 situation (RA 11469) – signed March 23, 2020
 5. Bayanihan to Recover as One (RA 11494) – signed September 11, 2020
 6. Anti-Red Tape Emergency Powers (RA 11517) – signed December 23, 2020
 7. AMLA amendments (RA 11521) – signed January 29, 2021
 8. Financial Institution Strategic Transfer Act (RA 11523) – signed February 16, 2021
 9. Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act (RA 11524) – signed February 26, 2021

*Updated as of February 26, 2021. This list of legislation is a consolidation of important bills of interest to the business community, most of which are currently being considered in the 18th Congress. The compilation of this list in no way implies that all foreign chambers and business groups have approved every measure or even studied all of them.

** RESPOND bills.





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II. For signature of the President

1. Tax Reform (TRAIN 2/TRABAHO/CREATE – Corporate Income Tax, Fiscal Incentives)

III. For Bicam

1. Improving Confirmation Process of Imperfect Land Titles

IV. Approved on Second/Third Reading

1. Better Normal for Workplace, Public Spaces and Communities Act - RSR
Senate: Pending in Health Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
2. Covid-19 Unemployment Reduction Economic Stimulus
Senate: Pending in Finance Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
3. Declaring Mining-free Zone - Biliran - RSR
Senate: No bill filed
House: Approved on Second Reading
4. Declaring the Iglesia ni Cristo Foundation every July 27 as NWH – RSR
Senate: Pending in Constitutional amendments and Revision of Laws Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
5. Declaring Chinese New Year as NWH – RSR
Senate: Pending in Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Laws Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading





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6. Delineation of Forest Limits
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee
House: Approved on Second Reading
7. Department of National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority
Senate: Under National Defense Committee deliberation
House: Approved on Third Reading
8. Digital Workforce Competitiveness/ Digital Careers bill
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
9. E-government bill**
Senate: Pending in Science and Technology Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
10. Government Financial Institutions Unified Initiatives to Distressed Enterprises for Economic Recovery (GUIDE)
Senate: Pending in Government Corporations Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
11. Foreign Investments Act amendments**
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
12. Granting Additional Service Incentive Leave (RSR)
Senate: Pending in Labor Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading





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13. Internet Transactions Act**
Senate: Under Trade Committee TWG deliberation
House: Approved on Third Reading
14. National Transportation Safety Board Creation
Senate: Approved on Third Reading
House: Approved by Government Reorganization and Transportation; Appropriations Committees
15. Public Services Act amendments**
Senate: Approved by Public Services Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
16. Real Property Valuation Reform
Senate: Pending in Finance Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
17. Retail Trade Act amendments**
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
18. Rural Agricultural and Fisheries Development Financing System Act
Senate: Pending in Agriculture Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
19. Security of Tenure (RSR)
Senate: Pending in Labor Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading





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20. Sustainable Forest Management
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
 21. Tax Reform (TRAIN 4 – Financial Sector)
Senate: Under Ways and Means Committee deliberation
House: Approved on Third Reading
 22. Waste-to-Energy bill
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
- V. Pending Second Reading
1. Better Internet Act**
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved by ICT Committee
 2. Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations**
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Under Energy, Ecology and Transportation TWG deliberation
 3. Lifting foreign equity restrictions**
Senate: Under Constitutional Amendments Committee deliberation
House: Pending Second Reading





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4. Mining fiscal regime bills (RSR)
Senate: Pending in Ways and Means Committee
House: Pending Second Reading
 5. Regulation on employment of foreign nationals
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Pending in Labor Committee
 6. Thirty-five Hour Work Week Scheme (RSR)
Senate: No bill filed
House: Pending Second Reading
 7. VAT on Digital Transactions
Senate: No bill filed
House: Pending Second Reading
- VI. Approved by Committee
1. Creative Industries bill**
Senate: Under Trade Committee deliberation
House: Approved by Trade Committee; Pending with Appropriations Committee
 2. Paid Pandemic Leave (RSR)
Senate: No bill filed
House: Approved by Labor Committee
 3. Water Sector Reform Act
Senate: Pending in Public Services Committee
House: Approved by Government Reorganization and Appropriations Committees





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VII. Under Committee/TWG Deliberation

1. Bank Secrecy Law amendments
Senate: Pending in Banks Committee
House: Under Banks Committee deliberation
2. Bayanihan to Arise as One Act
Senate: Pending in Economic Affairs Committee
House: Under Economic Affairs TWG deliberation
3. BOT Law amendments
Senate: Under Public Works TWG deliberation
House: Under Public Works Committee deliberation
4. Contractor's License Law amendments**
Senate: Under Trade Committee deliberation
House: Under Trade TWG deliberation
5. Granting Emergency Powers to the President to address Traffic Congestion/Creating the Office of Mobility Czar
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Pending in Transportation Committee

VIII. Pending in Committee

1. Telecommuting Act amendments**
Senate: Pending in Labor; Ways and Means Committee
House: Pending in Labor; Ways and Means Committee





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- 2. Transport Network Companies and Transport Network Vehicles Services Act**
Senate: No bill filed
House: Pending In Transportation Committee

