

Comments on un-numbered House Bill entitled: AN ACT TO DEVELOP THE ANIMAL AND FEED INDUSTRY VALUE CHAIN, HARMONIZING FOR THE PURPOSE THE DISEASE PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND REGULATORY FUNCTIONS, CREATING THE LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, DAIRY, AND FEED COMPETITIVENESS FUNDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) notes the draft provision, “The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) shall conduct impact evaluation of the LPDCEF and CCEF programs to livestock, poultry, dairy, and corn productivity on the third (3rd) and sixth (6th) year of the effectivity of this Act.” (Sec 24(c)).

We express our support the principle behind this provision. We have two comments:

1. We request that the impact evaluation cover not only productivity but also other stated objectives of the Act, including food accessibility (under the heading of “food security”).
2. We further request that the law contain explicit funding for the impact evaluation activity for years 3 and 6 upon effectivity of the Act. This is to avoid problems later in securing funding in future General Appropriation Acts.
3. In view of these, a possible alternative wording is as follows:

“(c) The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) shall conduct impact evaluation of the LPDCEF and CCEF programs to livestock, poultry, dairy, and corn productivity [and on other intended Outcomes of the Act] on the third (3rd) and sixth (6th) year of the effectivity of this Act. For this purpose, the amount of Php 20 million shall be allocated under the budget of the PIDS in the General Appropriations Act applicable to years 2 and 5 of the effectivity of the Livestock Development and Competitiveness Act.”

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