

UPDATE/STATUS of CARP EXTENSION BILLS

House of Representatives

H.B. No./Title	Salient Features	Rationale/Remarks
<p>1. House Bill No. 743 Cong. Junie Cua</p> <p>An Act Strengthening The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), Further Amending For The Purpose Sections Sixty-Three and Thirty-Seven of RA 6657, as Amended, Otherwise Known As The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Provide for an implementation period of 10 more years * Use lands as collateral * Allocate an additional 162 Billion pesos for CARP implementation, with yearly GAA allocation of 3 Billion pesos. * PARC to ensure that support services are provided to agrarian reform beneficiaries. 	<p>To extend the timeframe of the CARP Law on land acquisition and distribution for lands that are sought to be distributed under the CARP.</p> <p>(An appropriate legislation will provide a more predictable investment environment for Philippine agriculture)</p>
<p>2. House Bill No. 328 Cong. Edcel C. Lagman</p> <p>An Act Sustaining the Implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), Extending the Acquisition and Distribution of All Agricultural Lands, Providing Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Extension for a period of five (5) years from 2008 up to 2013. * Provide funding of One Hundred Billion Pesos and yearly appropriations of Five Billion pesos from the General Appropriations Act. * Set aside forty percent (40%) of all appropriations for agrarian reform to fund the support services. * Creation of multi-sectoral oversight committee. 	<p>To sustain the implementation of the CARP and promote economic growth with equity.</p> <p>(CARP is so pivotal to rural development and must not be abandoned).</p>
<p>3. House Bill No. 935 Cong. Reno G. Lim</p> <p>An Act Strengthening Further the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) by providing Additional Funding And Amending Sections 63, and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Provide an additional period of 10 years or until the year 2018. * Provide One Hundred Billion Pesos and an annual appropriations of at least Three Billion Pesos from the GAA. * PARC to ensure support services to farmer beneficiaries. * EP or CLOA as collateral for loans. 	<p>To extend the period of CARP implementation for a more equitable distribution and ownership of land and provide continuing life to the tremendous potential for rural development.</p>

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<p>37 of R.A. 6657 Otherwise Known As "The CARP Law of 1988" as amended by R.A. 7905 and R.A. 8532, Thereby Directing The Conduct of Post Processes for a more efficient CARP implementation and Appropriating Funds Therefor.</p>		
<p>4. House Bill No. 1257 Cong. Risa Hontiveros-Baraquel</p> <p>An Act Accelerating The Completion of the Land Acquisition and Distribution Component of the CARP, By Providing Automatic Appropriation Thereof, And Addressing Major Implementation Problems of the Purpose RA 6657, As Amended Otherwise Known as the "CARP Law of 1988" And Executive Order 129 as amended.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Acceleration of land acquisition and distribution within a seven-year completion target and w/ sufficient funding - 3.8% of the GAA. * Strengthen credit and support services (including collateral-free loans and capability-building projects) to farmer-beneficiaries. * Resolution of implementation problems, such as issues on retention limit, standing crops, coverage, FB installation, land use conversion, transferability of lands and land amortization payment. * Categorical declaration that CLOA and other titles issued under any agrarian reform program shall be indefeasible one year from registration to avoid the delaying tactics of landowners. * Direct and physical distribution of all agricultural lands, as opposed to non-distributive schemes that do not help the farmer-beneficiaries' economic and social conditions. * Equating "installation" to the actual, peaceful and continuous possession of awarded land, with government ensuring security and success. * Establishment of an implementation structure for the programs completion, including DAR's reorganization, strengthening of its Adjudicatin Board, and creation of inter-agency committees on support services and oversight. 	<p>To accelerate the implementation of the Land Acquisition and Distribution (LAD) component of the CARP and develop the base for industrialization and modernization.</p> <p>To address the loopholes of the CARL.</p> <p>To strengthen the delivery of support services.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Recognition of women as program beneficiaries, mandating gender-responsive support services. * Recognition of the rights of all other qualified FBs, and their legal standing in cases involving their land. 	
<p>5. House Bill No. 1265 Cong. Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra</p> <p>An Act Strengthening Further the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) By Providing Augmentation Fund, amending For this Purpose Sections 2, 36, and 63 of R.A. 6657, Otherwise Known as "The CARP Law of 1988" As Amended by R.A. 7905 and R.A. 8532, Directing the Conduct of a Process for CARP Impact Validation and for other Purposes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Extension for another five (5) yrs. * An Augmentation Fund of One Hundred Billion Pesos shall be appropriated and Five Billion pesos yearly appropriation from the GAA. * More allocation for support services * Minimum of three (3) Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs) established per year. * Creation of Executive-Legislative Oversight Committee. 	<p>To extend RA 6657 up to its logical conclusion with emphasis on a more comprehensive support services.</p>
<p>6. House Bill No. 2219 Cong. Guillermo P. Cua</p> <p>An Act To Amend R.A. 6657 As Amended Otherwise Known As The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Extension for a period of 10 yrs. * Amount to implement CARP until 2018 shall be funded from the Agrarian Reform Fund. 	<p>To provide and allocate funds for CARP.</p>
<p>7. House Bill No. 2280 Cong. Ronald V. Singson</p> <p>An Act Extending The Effectivity of The CARP, Amending For The Purpose The CARL.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 5 yrs. extension for land distribution. * Allocation of 50% of the ARF for support services. * Establishment of at least one (1) ARC in each legislative district annually for the next 5 yrs. * Appropriation of another Php 50 billion. 	<p>To extend the effectivity of the CARP.</p>

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8. House Bill No. 2948 Cong. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Extension for a period of five (5) years until year 2013. * Provide funding support of Php50 billion 	To fully implement the CARP.
9. House Bill No. 3059 Cong. Crispin Beltran An Act Instituting Genuine Agrarian Reform In The Country, And Creating The Mechanism For Its Implementation And Other Purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Expansion of definition of agricultural lands to include fishponds and other aquafarms * Completion of distribution of lands within 5 years * Expropriation of all private agricultural lands above 5 hectares * Confiscation of sullied landholdings including aquafarms * Nationalization of lands and agribusiness enterprises, including the land and non-land assets of all agribusiness TNCs' * Distribution of all agricultural lands to landless peasants for free * Condonation of amortization payments on lands distributed under PD27 and RA6657 * Creation of Land Reform Zones as the basic unit of operation for land distribution * Abolition of non-distributive schemes under LTI like SDOs * Full restoration of cancelled CLOAs and EPs/CLTs to FBs who failed to amortize their lands * Condonation of land amortization payments under PD27 and RA6657 * Allowing farmer organizations to resolve agrarian disputes among FBs/farmers * Strengthening the DAR in terms of additional funding support and personnel compliment * Allocation of Php20 billion yearly for 5 years and additional Php50 billion support services Fund. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The bill wants to replace the CARP because allegedly it failed to solve agrarian unrest and many landowners were able to circumvent the application of agrarian reform.

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<p>10. House Bill No. 3369 Cong. Edgar M. Chatto</p> <p>An Act Sustaining the Implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), Extending the Acquisition and Distribution of All Agricultural Lands, Providing Funds Therefor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Extension for a period of five (5) years from 2008 up to 2013. * Provide funding of One Hundred Billion pesos and yearly appropriations of five (5) billion pesos from the General Appropriations Act. * Set aside forty percent (40%) of all appropriations for agrarian reform to fund the support services and establishment of at least 3 ARCs every year for five (5) years in every legislative district. * Submit Annual Progress Report to Congress on the implementation of the CARP. 	<p>To sustain the implementation of the CARP.</p>
<p>11. House Bill No. 3559 Cong. Liwayway Vinzons-Chato</p> <p>An Act Strengthening The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) By Amending Sections 7 and 63 And Repealing Sections 29, 30,31, 32, 33 and 34 of RA 6657, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Provide for a 10-year extension period but complete land acquisition and distribution in 3 yrs. * Strengthen PBD by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Ensuring delivery of support services to the ARBs, thru the PARC, in all stages of CARP implementation. > Insuring the flow of production credit by allowing FAC and using at least 1% of without alternative mode of compliance. > Creating a Guarantee Fund of Php10 billion for ARBs production credit. * Repeal legal provisions on corporate forms (SDO, etc.) and apply compulsory acquisition on those areas. * Provide fund support of Php162 billion. * Create an Agrarian Reform Oversight Committee. 	<p>To continue enforce the agrarian reform provisions of the 1987 constitution.</p> <p>To highlight poverty reduction and rural development.</p> <p>To ensure that the CARP is funded seriously and generously to complete LAD and strengthen PBD.</p>

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<p>12. House Bill No. 3613 Cong. Eduardo Nonato N. Joson</p> <p>An Act Strengthening The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program By Removing Barriers To Its Effective Implementation And Providing Further Funds Therefor, Amending For These Purposes Pertinent Provisions Of RA 6657, Otherwise Known As The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, As Amended, And Providing For Other Related Purposes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Provide 7-year extension period * Prioritize the expropriation and actual, direct, physical outright distribution of large private land-holdings through compulsory acquisition. * Also cover the distribution of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > lands that have been under the non-distributive schemes > lands previously exempted such as fishponds, and inland aquaculture * No alternative compliance to land distribution. * Provide comprehensive support services program for ARBs. * Irrigated or irrigable lands are not negotiable for conversion. * Provide additional funding support of Php327 billion, broken down as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > LTI = Php 241 billion > AJD= Php 8 billion > PBD=Php 78 billion 	<p>To remove barriers and ensure effective implementation of the CARP.</p>
<p>13. House Bill No. 3702 Cong. Leonila V. Chavez</p> <p>An Act Extending The Implementation Of The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), Providing For Empowerment Mechanisms, Through Accredited Farmer's Cooperatives For A Sustainable Agrarian Reform Program, Providing Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Provide a 10-year extension period * Provide an empowerment mechanisms such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > organization and strengthening of farmers cooperatives. > delivery of a comprehensive support services > intensive farmers' savings generation program. > increase funding for services at least 37% of the ARF on top of the regular funding for development coming from different agencies and private sectors. * Provide funding support of Php100 billion. 	<p>Seeks the total emancipation of the farmers from the bondage of landlessness and poverty.</p>