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## **Bills granting franchises to SORECO II, CASURECO I hurdle House committee**

The Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. (PHILRECA) welcomed the approval by the House Committee on Legislative Franchises of the bills that would grant legislative franchises to Sorsogon II Electric Cooperative (SORECO II) and Camarines Sur I Electric Cooperative, Inc (CASURECO I).

The House Committee on Legislative Franchises, chaired by Rep. Gus Tambunting, tackled on Tuesday, November 12, the proposals seeking to grant SORECO II and CASURECO I legislative franchises.

House Bill No. 9775 and House Bill No. 9838 seek to grant SORECO II a franchise to construct, install, establish, operate, own, manage and maintain distribution systems in the City of Sorsogon and the Municipalities of Donsol, Pilar, Castilla, Gubat, Prieto Diaz, and Barcelona in Sorsogon province.

House Bill No. 9528 and House Bill No. 9553, meanwhile, seek to grant CASURECO I a franchise to provide electricity to the residents of Municipalities of Libmanan, Cabusao, Sipocot, Ragay, Lupi, Pamplona, Pasacao, San Fernando, Gainza, and Camaligan in the province of Camarines Sur.

House Bill Nos. 9528 and 9553 are authored by Camarines Sur Rep. Gabriel Bordado Jr., and Power Bloc Representatives Sergio Dagooc (APEC Party-list) and Presley De Jesus (PhilRECA Party-list).