



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

RALPH N. YUMUL

CHAIRMAN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-45

DATE: October 3, 2023

RE: House Local Bill No. 23-25

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

House Local Bill No. 23-25: "To re-appropriate Two Hundred Four Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$204,500.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186W; One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186Y; and One Hundred Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$109,400.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 21-07, specifically under Business Unit 49630; and for other purposes."

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After conducting financial due diligence, your committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-25 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

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II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Two Hundred Four Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$204,500.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186W; One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186Y; and One Hundred Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$109,400.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 21-07, specifically under Business Unit 4963O, for a combined total of Five Hundred Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$503,900.00) for the reconstruction and repair of Obyan Road.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-25: “To re-appropriate Two Hundred Four Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$204,500.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186W; One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186Y; and One Hundred Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$109,400.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 21-07, specifically under Business Unit 4963O; and for other purposes.” was referred to verify and confirm that the amount specified in the local appropriation Act is accurate and available for appropriation. The Committee received SFL Communication 2023-603 dated August 29, 2023 from the Secretary of Finance, Mrs. Tracy B. Norita, certifying that as of August 29, 2023, for Business Unit 7186W, the account has a fund balance of **\$204,500.00**; for Business Unit 7186Y, the account has a fund balance of **\$190,000.00**; and for Business Unit 4963O, the account has a fund balance of **\$109,400.00**; that is available for appropriation.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-25 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation for action. SFL Communication 2023-603 has been attached as part of this committee report.

C. Legislative History:

House Local Bill 23-25 was introduced by Representative Roman C. Benavente on August 18, 2023 and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

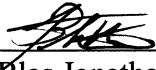
III. CONCLUSION:

The Committee is content and confident with the Fund Status Certification provide by the Secretary of Finance with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-25, and therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation for action.

Respectfully submitted,



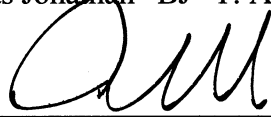
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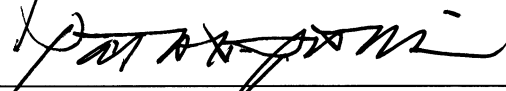
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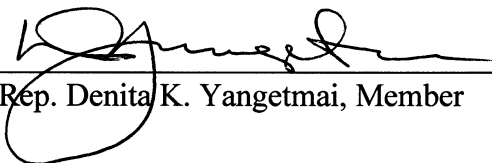
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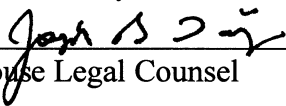
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Reviewed by:


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August 29, 2023

SFL 2023-603

Hon. Roman Benavente
Vice Chairman-SNILD
23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
P.O. Box 500586
Saipan, MP 96950

Subject: Fund Status Certification – BU 7186W, 7186Y & 4963O

Dear Vice Chairman Benavente:

This fund certification is in response to your letter dated August 23, 2023, requesting the fund balance for the following Business Units (BU) 7186W, 7186Y & 4963O for reappropriation under H.B. 23-25.

As of August 29, 2023, the following account(s) have a total fund balance of:

BU 7186W	<u>\$204,500.00</u>
BU 7186Y	<u>\$190,000.00</u>
BU 4963O	<u>\$109,400.00</u>

Please see the attached latest funds certification for these accounts.

Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding this account, please feel free to contact me via phone at 664-1100 or via email at T.Norita@dof.gov.mp.

Sincerely,

Tracy B. Norita
Secretary of Finance

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 18, 2023

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2023

H. L. B. 23-25

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To re-appropriate Two Hundred Four Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$204,500.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186W; One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186Y; and One Hundred Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$109,400.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 21-07, specifically under Business Unit 4963O; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT

**DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF
THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

2 The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Two Hundred Four Thousand,
3 Five Hundred Dollars (\$204,500.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26,
4 specifically under Business Unit 7186W; One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars
5 (\$190,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business
6 Unit 7186Y; and One Hundred Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars

1 (\$109,400.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 21-07, specifically under Business
2 Unit 4963O.

3 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

4 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the
5 contrary, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby re-
6 appropriates Two Hundred Four Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$204,500.00)
7 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186W;
8 One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local
9 Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186Y; and One Hundred Nine
10 Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$109,400.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law
11 21-07, specifically under Business Unit 4963O, for a combined total of Five
12 Hundred Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$503,900.00) for the
13 reconstruction and repair of Obyan Road.

14 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

15 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 of this Act shall be
16 the Secretary of the Department of Public Works.

17 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMING.**

18 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, funds
19 appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose.

1 **SECTION 5. REPORTING.**

2 The expenditure authority shall submit to the Chairperson of the Saipan and
3 Northern Islands Legislative Delegation a detail report showing the expenditure of
4 the funds at the completion of appropriations in Section 2 of this Act.

5 **SECTION 6. FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

6 Funds appropriated under Section 2 of this Act shall be distributed
7 accordingly to the intended purpose and or entity upon this Act becoming law.

8 **SECTION 7. FISCAL YEAR.**

9 The funds allocated under this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation(s).

10 **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

11 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any
12 person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,
13 the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
14 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected
15 thereby.

16 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

17 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as
18 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
19 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
20 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to
21 prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in

1 any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
2 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

3 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming
5 law without such approval.

Prefiled: 8/15/2023

Date: _____

Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Roman C. Benavente
/s/ Rep. Vincent R. S. Aldan
/s/ Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
/s/ Rep. Diego V. F. Camacho
/s/ Rep. Marissa R. Flores
/s/ Rep. Edwin K. Propst
/s/ Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ Joseph L.G. Taijeron, Jr.
House Legal Counsel