



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. 23-47

DATE: October 3, 2023

RE: House Local Bill No. 23-28

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. 23-28:** "To re-appropriate Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Eight Dollars (\$21,448.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-04; and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-09; 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. 23-28 be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action.

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## II. ANALYSIS:

### A. Purpose:

The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Five Thousand One Dollars (\$5,001.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-04, §2(d); Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$16,447.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-04, §2(c); and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Rota Local Law 22-09, §2(a) for a combined total of Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$61,448.00) for the following:

- (1) Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to the Office of the Mayor of Rota for personnel and operations.
- (2) Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$21,448.00) to the Rota Legislative Delegation.

### B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-28: “To re-appropriate Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Eight Dollars (\$21,448.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-04; and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-09; 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 the Fund Certification as of August 28, 2023 that was verified and approved by the Secretary of Finance, Mrs. Tracy B. Norita, certifying that Rota Local Law 22-04, §2(d), specifically under BU 2204R, has a remaining balance of **\$5,001.00**; that Rota Local Law 22-04, §2(c), specifically under BU 2701R, has a remaining balance of **\$16,447.38**; and that Rota Local Law 22-09, §2(a), specifically under BU 2701G, has a remaining balance of **\$150,000.00**; that is available for appropriation.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-28 be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action. Department of Finance Fund Certification as of August 28, 2023 has been attached as part of this committee report.

### C. Legislative History:


House Local Bill 23-28 was introduced by Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo on September 7, 2023 and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

**III. CONCLUSION:**

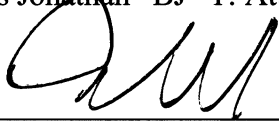
The Committee is content and confident with the Fund Certification provide by the Secretary of Finance with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-28, and therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action.


Respectfully submitted,


  
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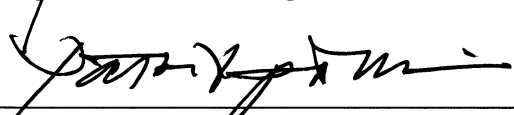
  
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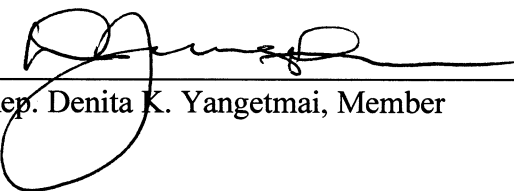
  
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House Legal Counsel

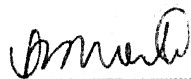
**FUND CERTIFICATION**  
**VARIOUS ROTA PROJECTS**  
**AS OF 08/28/2023**  
**Prepared on 08/25/23**

BU	VARIOUS PROJECTS ON ROTA	FY 2021 JDE				FY 2022				FY 2023			YTD BAL AS OF 08/25/23
		BUDGET	ENCUMBR	ACTUALS	END BALANCE (FY 21)	BUDGET	ENCUMBR	ACTUALS	END BALANCE (FY 22)	BUDGET	ENCUMBR	ACTUALS	
7657	Mayor of Rota	\$ 376,942		\$ 197,425	\$ 179,517.00	\$ 179,517.00		\$ 179,517.00	\$ 179,517.00	\$ 9,957.58	\$ 24,197.85	\$ 145,361.57	
2204R	RLL 22-04 2(D) OPS - Rota. C.I.D.	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 44,999.00	\$ 5,001.00	\$ 5,001.00			\$ 5,001.00	
2208R	RLL 22-08 2(A) Medical Subsistence	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 86,850.00	\$ 8,150.00	\$ 8,150.00		\$ 8,150.00	\$ -	
2311U	RLL 19-02 2(B) Rota Scholarship *	\$ 13,350		\$ 13,476	\$ (126.00)	\$ (126.00)		\$ (126.00)	\$ (126.00)			\$ (126.00)	
2312M	RLL 20-10 2(C) Medical Subsistence	\$ 100,000		\$ 81,750	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ -	
2312O	RLL 21-01 Student House Asst.	\$ 127,209		\$ 38,700	\$ 88,509.00	\$ 88,509.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 56,509.00	\$ 56,509.00			\$ 509.00	
2312Q	RLL 22-02 2(A) Medical Subsistence	\$ 40,000		\$ 35,300	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ -	
2701G	RLL 22-09 2(A) Rota Municipal Scholarship	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00			\$ 150,000.00	
2701H	RLL 22-12 2(A) Medical Subsistence *	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 8,200.00	\$ 1,800.00	
2701R	RLL 22-04 2(C) Rota Liason Office	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 65,500.00	\$ 65,500.00		\$ 49,052.62	\$ 16,447.38	
7183G	RLL 20-08 2(C) Rota Scholarship	\$ 58,000		\$ 56,093	\$ 1,907.00	\$ 1,907.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 307.00	\$ 307.00			\$ 307.00	
7184Y	PL 20-61 2(C)(1)(E) OPS Academy Rota	\$ 55,000	\$ 8,857	\$ 25,992	\$ 20,151.00	\$ 20,151.00	\$ 6,749.50	\$ 13,401.50	\$ 13,401.50			\$ 13,401.50	
7185B	PL 20-61 2(C)(1)(J) Municipal Scholarship	\$ 100,000		\$ 99,846	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00		\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00			\$ 154.00	
7192Y	PL 21-10 2(A)(2)(B)(iv)(D) ROP Municipal Scholarship Fund	\$ 100,000		\$ 76,916	\$ 23,084.00	\$ 23,084.00	\$ 22,920.00	\$ 164.00	\$ 164.00			\$ 164.00	
7193D	PL 21-10 2(A)(2)(B)(iv)(I) ROP Health Center	\$ 25,000		\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	
7193F	PL 21-10 2(A)(2)(B)(iv)(K) ROP Mayor's Office Operations	\$ 85,000	\$ 139	\$ 84,706	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00		\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00			\$ 155.00	

**TOTAL REMAINING BAL. \$ 343,174.45**

Prepared by:   
Karina Hernandez, Financial Analyst

Reviewed by:   
Eleuterio A. Palacios Jr., Senior Financial Analyst

Approved by:  8/29/23  
Tracy B. Norita, Secretary of Finance

**NOTES:**

\*2311U JDE ending balance for FY 2021 is in deficit FY 22-23 Munis is showing surplus. This should be a deficit ending FY 23

\*\*2701H JE Adjustments needed to be made on the carry forward balance from FY22 to FY23. Balance carryforward should be \$10,000 for FY23

**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2023**

**H. L. B. 23-28**

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

To re-appropriate Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Eight Dollars (\$21,448.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-04; and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-09; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST 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 Five Thousand One Dollars  
3 (\$5,001.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-04, §2(d); Sixteen Thousand Four  
4 Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$16,447.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-04,  
5 §2(c); and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Rota Local Law 22-09, §2(a)  
6 for a combined total of Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars  
7 (\$61,448.00).

1 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATIONS.**

2           Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the  
3 contrary, the Rota Legislative Delegation hereby re-appropriates the combined total  
4 in the amount of Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars  
5 (\$61,448.00). from the following Rota Local Laws: Five Thousand One Dollars  
6 (\$5,001.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-04, §2(d); Sixteen Thousand Four  
7 Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$16,447.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-04,  
8 §2(c); and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Rota Local Law 22-09, §2(a)  
9 to the following:

10           (1) Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to the Office of the Mayor of Rota  
11 for personnel and operations.

12           (2) Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$21,448.00)  
13 to the Rota Legislative Delegation.

14 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

15           The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 (1) shall be the Mayor  
16 of Rota and funds under Section 2 (2) shall be the Chairman of the Rota Legislative  
17 Delegation.

18 **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

19           If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any  
20 person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
21 the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or

1 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected  
2 thereby.

3 **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

4 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as  
5 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
6 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers  
7 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to  
8 prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in  
9 any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in  
10 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

11 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Intrp: 9/7/2023

Date: Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Julie M.A. Ogo

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ John M. Bradley  
House Legal Counsel