



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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RALPH N. YUMUL

CHAIRMAN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-67

DATE: January 17, 2024

RE: House Local Bill No. 23-38

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. 23-38: "To appropriate \$600,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law No. 22-06; 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. 23-38 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 appropriate local funds from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-38: "To appropriate \$600,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06; and for other purposes." was referred, shall examine and confirm that the amount specified in the local appropriation Act is accurate and available for appropriation. Since the enactment of Saipan Local Law 22-06, revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District have yet to be appropriated. The Chairman was personally informed by the Secretary of Finance that the funds identified in the Act are accurate and available for appropriation. Therefore, the Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-38 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

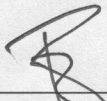
C. Legislative History:

House Local Bill 23-38 was introduced by Representative Ralph N. Yumul on January 12, 2024 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 Secretary of Finance's assurance that the funds identified in House Local Bill No. 23-38 are accurate and available for appropriation, and therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.


Respectfully submitted,



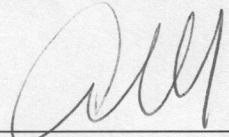
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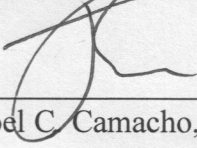
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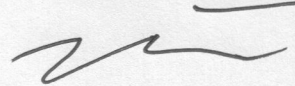


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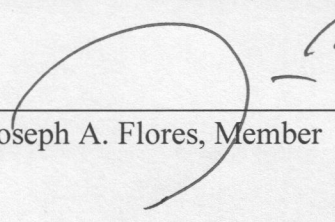


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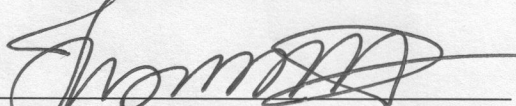
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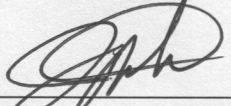


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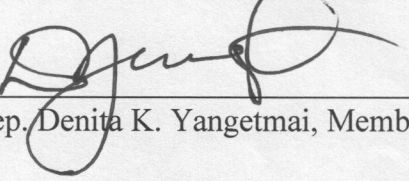
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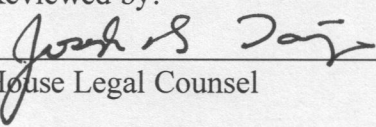


Rep. John Paul F. Sablan, Member

Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member



Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai, Member

Reviewed by:


House Legal Counsel

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 12, 2024

Third Regular, 2024

H. L. B. 23-*38*

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

To appropriate \$600,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06; 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 appropriate local funds from the revenues
3 collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law ²20-06.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the
6 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan
7 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates
8 \$600,000.00 of the revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to
9 Saipan Local Law 22-06 as follows:

1 (A) \$100,000.00 to Saipan Mayors Office for personnel/operations, the
2 expenditure authority under 2(A) shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;

3 (B) \$100,000.00 for the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance
4 program (SHEFA) for the scholarship of students from the Third Senatorial
5 District; expenditure authority under 2(B) shall be the Chairperson of the SHEFA
6 Board or his/her designee; and

7 (C) \$400,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
8 for but not limited to various projects within Precinct III, expenditure authority
9 under 2(C) shall be the Chairperson of the Delegation or his/her designee;

10 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

11 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other
12 purpose and notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this
13 Act shall be without fiscal year limitation.

14 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

15 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
16 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by
17 the end of the 2024 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all
18 expenses, entities (Government, non-profits entities, etc... excluding specific
19 projects) that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any
20 future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
21 Delegation.

1 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

2 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any
3 person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,
4 the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
5 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected
6 thereby.

7 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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


15 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming
17 law without such approval.

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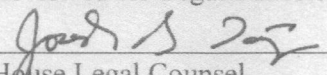
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Introduced by:



Rep. Ralph N. Yumul

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