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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 26, 2024

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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

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



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Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-38**, entitled, "To appropriate \$600,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 23-13**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATANG
Acting Governor

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cc: Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision; Public Auditor;
Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of the Northern Islands;
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**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 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.

OFFERED BY

Representatives Ralph N. Yumul, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Angelo A. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Edwin K Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez

Prefiled and Introduced on January 12, 2024

HOUSE ACTION

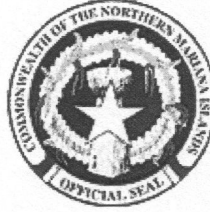
Referred to House Ways and Means Committee on **January 12, 2024**
Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on **February 1, 2024**

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	2/1/24: Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 23-64] Mayor of Northern Island [Del. Matters 23-65] 17 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 23-66]]
Comments Received:	2/1/24: Mayor of Saipan [Mayors Comm. 23-15] 2/7/24: Public Comments (Honorable Valentino N. Taisacan, Jr.)
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	February 7, 2024

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**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



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**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 collected for the
3 Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

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

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

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

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

7 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

11 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

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

18 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

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1 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

2 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

9 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:



John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 26th day of February, 2024.



DAVID M. APATANG
Acting Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



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

Adopted - 2/11/2024

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 personal 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,




Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Chairman

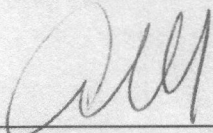


Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Vice Chair

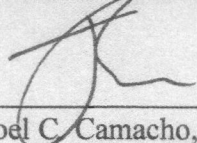
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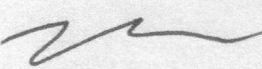


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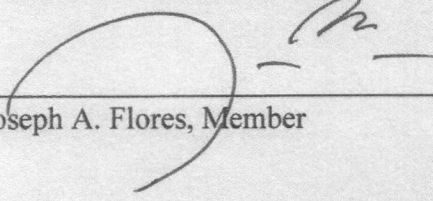


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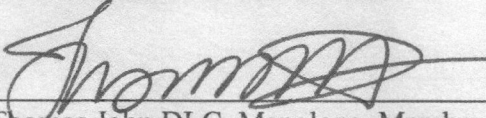
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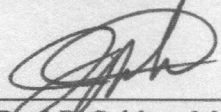


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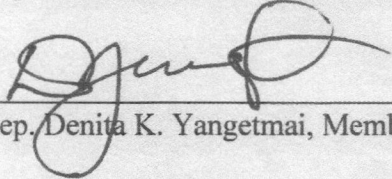
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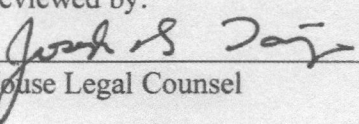


Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member

Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member



Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai, Member

Reviewed by:


House Legal Counsel