



# House of Representatives

NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

**Meeting:** House of Representatives First Day, Fourth Special Session  
**Date and Time:** Monday, July 18, 2022, at 2:00 PM  
**Location:** House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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SPEAKER

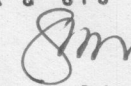
**MEMORANDUM**

DATE : 11 July 2022  
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS  
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez   
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1<sup>st</sup> Day, 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session

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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **1<sup>st</sup> Day, 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session for Monday, 18 July 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President  
House Clerk  
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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL SESSION, 2022

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Fourth Special Session	Monday, July 18, 2022	2:00 p.m.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

*A Moment of Silence*

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (2)**

*1<sup>st</sup> Day, Second Special Session Journal – May 25, 2022*

*1<sup>st</sup> Day, Third Special Session Journal – June 13, 2022*

**4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**A. House Bills:**

**H. B. NO. 22-105**

To offset FAC increases with revenue derived from the Liquid Fuel Tax.

**Filed by:** REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 & REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

**H. B. NO. 22-106**

Relating to transient accommodations tax and regulation of short term rentals in the Commonwealth.

**Filed by:** REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

**H. B. NO. 22-107**

To amend 1 CMC § 7831 to provide for direct legislative appropriation to the Office of the Public Auditor, and for other purposes.

**Filed by:** REP. VICENTE C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

**H. B. NO. 22-108**

To amend the Commonwealth’s family law statutes to provide for greater clarity in the administration of divorce proceedings and protection orders; and for other purposes.

**Filed by:** REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)

**H. B. NO. 22-109**

To amend the Commonwealth Disaster Price Freeze Act of 1996 to provide for a flexible response to the economic challenge posed by the COVID-19 health emergency; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled by: REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)

**H. B. NO. 22-110**

To provide for expungement of the criminal records of certain marijuana- and firearms-related offenders.

**Prefiled by: REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Corina L. Magofna, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

**H. B. NO. 22-111**

To amend the compensation of the Casino Commission members.

**Prefiled by: REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Corina L. Magofna, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

**B. House Local Bills:**

**C. House Legislative Initiatives:**

**5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**A. House Resolutions:**

**H. RES. NO. 22-22**

To honorably commend and pay just tribute to the life and legacy of the late Honorable Herbert D. Soll for his relentless dedication and countless contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Prefiled by: REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Donald M. Manglona, and Ralph N. Yumul)

**B. House Joint Resolutions:**

**H. J. R. NO. 22-16**

To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-22-ST69-0001; the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M-22-ST69-0203; and, the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. E-22-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein, and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed by the U. S. Department of Housing

and Urban Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.

**Prefiled by:** **REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

#### **H. J. R. NO. 22-17**

To recognize and acknowledge the National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI State Committee and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our service men and women and to thank and appreciate our civilian employers for their utmost support to our service members by recognizing the week of August 7<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”.

**Prefiled by:** **REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ** of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself*)

*C. House Commemorative Resolutions:*

*D. House Concurrent Resolutions:*

## **6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

GOV. COMM. 22-131: (6/22/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-22, S2 (*To amend Table 1, under Section 404 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended, to allow for “Auto Rental office with storage, staging and service on site” for conditional use in “Village Commercial” zoning districts; and for other purposes.*) Became **Saipan Local Law 22-11**

GOV. COMM. 22-132: (6/24/2022) Informing the House that he vetoed, H. L. B. No. 22-31 (*To appropriate un-obligated funds under Saipan Local Law 22-10 (\$430,000.00) from fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10; and for other purposes.*) [**Deadline: 8/23/2022**]

GOV. COMM. 22-133: (6/24/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-32 (*To re-appropriate \$1,016 allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-2, specifically under Business Unit 3400X; \$12 allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-2, specifically under Business Unit 3500A; \$16,000 allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-24, specifically under Business Unit 7177I; \$13,173 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-04, specifically under Business Unit 3754; \$42,059 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7190B; and \$79,171 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186X; and for other purposes.*) Became **Saipan Local Law 22-12**

GOV. COMM. 22-134: (6/24/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 22-102, HS1, HD1 (*To exempt the Commonwealth Ports Authority from paying the one percent (1%) Public Auditor Fee with respect to airport revenues.*) Became **Public Law 22-18**

GOV. COMM. 22-135: (6/24/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 22-22, HD1, SD1 (*To establish laws to regulate bioprospecting activities within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to ensure prior, informed consent and equitable sharing of benefits.*) Became **Public Law 22-19**

GOV. COMM. 22-136: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-01** – *RENEWAL–Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL–Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.*

GOV. COMM. 22-137: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-02** – *RENEWING AUTHORITY—Order authorizing the Secretary of Finance to reprogram or transfer funds from accounts of any department, agency, office, board, commission, corporation, instrumentality or other entity of all branches of the Commonwealth Government in order to meet the threat of COVID-19.*

GOV. COMM. 22-138: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-03** – *RENEWAL–Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL–Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.*

GOV. COMM. 22-139: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-04** – *RENEWAL–Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL–Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.*

GOV. COMM. 22-140: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-05** – *Establishment of the Governor’s Environmental Council within the Executive Branch.*

GOV. COMM. 22-141: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-06** – *RENEWAL–Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL–Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.*

GOV. COMM. 22-142: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-07** – *RENEWAL–Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL–Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.*

GOV. COMM. 22-143: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-08** – *RENEWAL–Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency*

*establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL—Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.*

GOV. COMM. 22-144: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-09** – *Declaration of Major Disaster and State of Significant Emergency on the island of Tinian in response to the threat posed by toxic chemicals to the people of Tinian caused by the burning of the Super Typhoon Yutu waste and debris site.*

GOV. COMM. 22-145: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-09—AMENDMENT—***Declaration of Major Disaster and State of Significant Emergency on the island of Tinian in response to the threat posed by toxic chemicals to the people of Tinian caused by the burning of the Super Typhoon Yutu waste and debris site.*

GOV. COMM. 22-146: (7/1/2022 received by electronic mail 7/6/2022) Submitting revision to Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (\$104,352,567 available for appropriation). *Note on Revisions: Vol. I (proposed net budgetary resources); Vol. II (changes to personnel listings as of May 31, 2022); Vol. IV (reflects the remaining 20% allocation of personnel salaries among other items); and lastly, Vol. III remain unchanged. [For info]*

GOV. COMM. 22-147: (6/30/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. No. 22-59, (*Magdalena M. Hofschneider Head Start/Early Head Start Center.*) Became **Public Law 22-20**

GOV. COMM. 22-148: (7/13/2022) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Frances Morella T. Demapan, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. *[For info]*

GOV. COMM. 22-149: (7/14/2022) Informing the House that he vetoed, H. L. B. No. 22-18, D2 (*To amend Title 10, Division 3 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting a new Chapter 15 to establish permitting requirements for landings in the Northern Islands; and for other purposes.*) **[Deadline: 9/12/2022]**

## 7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-102: (6/21/2022) Transmitting a certified copy of S. J. R. NO. 22-12, entitled, *“To acknowledge and commemorate Cielo Gutierrez Long for her unselfish contributions to the community as a scholar and a member of the 17th and 18th Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress. [For info]*

SEN. COMM. 22-103: (6/21/2022) Returning H. B. No. 22-102, HS1, HD1 entitled, *“To exempt the Commonwealth Ports Authority from paying the one percent (1%) Public Auditor Fee with respect to airport revenues.”*, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on June 17, 2022. *[For info-See Gov. Comm. 22-134 now Public Law 22-18]*

SEN. COMM. 104: (7/8/2022) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 22-24, entitled, *“To acknowledge and honor Donald Benavente Mendiola for his long-lasting contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”*, which was adopted by the Senate on June 17, 2022. *[For info]*

## 8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 22-87: (6/13/2022) From Representative Sheila J. Babauta, informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from June 13, 2022—July 10, 2022 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during her absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-88: (6/15/2022) From Representative Staffler informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from June 17, 2022—June 28, 2022 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during her absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-89: (6/21/2022) From Representative Christina M.E. Sablan informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business to attend the U.S. Environment Protection Agency’s Local Government Advisory Committee/Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee meeting in Washington, DC beginning Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Further she will be on personal leave beginning June 26, 2022 and returning on July 1, 2022, and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-90: (6/14/2022) From Floor Leader Ralph N. Yumul, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal business beginning June 16, 2022, and returning June 27, 2022 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES – (None)

## 11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 22-120: (6/27/2022) From the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (Frances Torres-Salas) re: *notice for 30-day extension to submit OPM’s audit for the Department of Corrections and the Department of Public Safety.* [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-121: From the Consulate-General of Japan, informs the CNMI of the sudden passing of the Honorable Shinzo Abe, former Prime Minister of Japan. Further a Book of Condolence will be opened at the Consular Office of Japan, Saipan, at the Mariana Heights Building 1, Suite 201, Puerto Rico, on Monday, July 11, 2022 and Tuesday, July 12, 2022 from 10am—5pm. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-122: (7/9/2022) Notification from the 18<sup>th</sup> CNMI Youth Congress of its newly elected Speaker of the 18<sup>th</sup> CNMI Youth Congress, Senator YuriHana DLG. Sasamoto. [*For info*]

## 12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (1)

**S. C. R. No. 22-51:** Reporting on H. B. No. 22-82 entitled: “To adopt the village delimitation and name master map for Saipan as the sole village delimitation and name master map of Saipan and to provide for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to be the primary custodian for maintaining and preserving the master map and for the Department of Commerce – Central Statistics Division to be the secondary custodian; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 22-82 in its current form.*



**13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (None)**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)**

**15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

Resolution	Subject	Action

**16. BILL CALENDAR**

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
<b>H. B. NO. 22-84</b>	A Bill for an Act to repeal and reenact 2 CMC §4323 and 2 CMC §4324(c) to mandate the Department of Public Lands (DPL) to review all past and pending claims and to grant such title to qualified persons; and for other purposes. <i>[No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of October 29, 2021 and December 20, 2021]</i>	
<b>H. B. NO. 22-99</b>	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC, Division 6. Elections specifically §§6213, 6222, 6521(a), 6524(a) and 6528(f) of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes. <i>[No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of April 27, 2022 and May 25, 2022]</i>	

**17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**18. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(ADJOURNMENT)**

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**FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

**SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

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*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on  
June 13, 2022:*

H. B. No. 22-104: To amend Title 1, Division 8 of the Commonwealth Code by adding a new Chapter to enact provisions associated with public corruption, official misconduct, other unlawful influence and related offenses for public officials; and for other

purposes. Introduced by REP. VICENTE C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Joel C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on June 13, 2022; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. L. B. No. 22-35: To appropriate \$140,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on June 13, 2022.

H. L. B. No. 22-36: To make supplemental appropriations for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission for Fiscal Year 2022 pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 [Tinian Local Law 21-9] and 1 CMC § 1405(a) [Public 11-17]. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on June 13, 2022.

H. L. I. No. 22-2: To amend Article III, Section 12 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the election of a Public Auditor; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Edwin K. Propst, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on June 13, 2022; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. RES. NO. 22-20: To strongly urge Governor Ralph DLG. Torres to issue a new \$1,000 Commonwealth Utilities Corporation utilities voucher to provide much needed financial relief to all qualified households in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on June 13, 2022; with no objection on the floor was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. RES. NO. 22-21: To remember and honor the Late Elias Parong Sablan for his munificent dedication, contributions, and sacrifices that left an indelible impact in the lives of the people of Saipan by being one of the very first island local leaders to organize the political, social, and economic trajectory of Saipan post-World War II and steered the progress for the people of Saipan to return to self-sufficiency. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Mogofna, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on June 13, 2022; with no objection on the floor was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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*House information on deadlines for override:*