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LEGISLATURE

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H. B. 23-115, HD1, HS1, SS2

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2025; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 23RD NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **CHAPTER 1. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS.**

2 **Section 101. Short Title.** This Act may be cited as the “Appropriations and
3 Budget Authority Act of 2025”.

4 **Section 102. Purpose.** This Act appropriates local funds for the operations
5 and activities of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies,
6 instrumentalities, independent agencies and political subdivisions, and provides
7 authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2025 commencing
8 October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.

9 **Section 103. Definitions.** As used in this Act:

10 (a) “ORG” means Organization Code.

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1 (b) "NEW" means that the Legislature hereby authorizes the Secretary of
2 Finance to establish an organization code as set forth therein for the named entity.

3 (c) Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
4 includes:

5 (1) Judicial Branch, which includes the following organization codes:

6 11510600 Justices and Judges
7 11510400 Supreme Court
8 11510300 Superior Court
9 11510100 Judiciary Administrative Office
10 11510500 Law Revision Commission
11 11510700 Drug Court
12 11511000 Mental Health Court

13 (2) Legislative Branch, which includes the following organization codes:

14 11620100 House of Representative Salaries
15 11620200 House Members Allocation
16 11620300 House Leadership Account
17 11620400 Senator Salaries
18 11620500 Senate Members Allocation
19 11620600 Senate Leadership Account
20 11620700 Legislative Bureau
21 11620800 CNMI Youth Congress

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1 (3) Executive Branch, which includes the following departments and offices:

2 (A) Offices of the Governor, which includes the following organization
3 codes:

4 11261100 Governor's Office

5 11269000 Governor's Discretionary Account

6 (B) Office of the Lt. Governor

7 11262000 Lt. Governor's Office

8 11269100 Lt. Governor's Discretionary Account

9 (C) Other Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor

10 11260900 Management and Budget

11 11260100 Administrative Services

12 11260700 CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management
13 Office

14 11261800 Office of Youth Affairs

15 11260500 Office of Planning & Development

16 11261300 Board of Parole

17 11261000 Office of Grants Management

18 11261200 Public Defender

19 11260200 Carolinian Affairs Office

20 11260800 Indigenous Affairs Office

21 11261400 Veterans Affairs Office

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- 1 11261600 Women's Affairs Office
- 2 11261900 Environmental Quality Saipan
- 3 11262200 Saipan Zoning Board
- 4 11260400 Criminal Justice Planning Agency
- 5 11261500 Vocational Rehabilitation Service
- 6 11882200 Medicaid Reimbursement
- 7 11880300 Medicaid Agency
- 8 11850400 Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information
- 9 Technology

10 (D) Department of Commerce, which includes the following organization
11 codes:

- 12 11160100 Secretary of Commerce
- 13 11160300 Economic Development – Saipan
- 14 11160400 Statistical Research
- 15 11160200 Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco Control
- 16 11160500 Enforcement & Compliance
- 17 11160600 Workers Compensation Commission

18 (E) Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, which includes the
19 following organization codes:

- 20 11120100 Secretary of CCA
- 21 11120800 Youth Services – Saipan

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- 1 11120900 Child Care Licensing Program
- 2 11120600 Historic Preservation – Saipan
- 3 11120700 Office on Aging – Saipan
- 4 11120200 Council for Arts & Culture
- 5 11121000 Low Income Home Energy Asst. Program
- 6 11121200 Chamorro/Carolinian Language Commission
- 7 11121400 Nutrition Assistance Program
- 8 (F) Department of Corrections, which includes the following organization
- 9 codes:
- 10 11130100 Corrections Commissioner
- 11 11130200 Juvenile Detention Unit
- 12 (G) Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, which includes
- 13 the following organization codes:
- 14 11140100 Administration
- 15 11140300 Emergency Services
- 16 11140200 Fire Prevention & Arson Investigation
- 17 11140400 Emergency Medical Services
- 18 11140500 Logistics and Support
- 19 11140600 DFEMS Training Section
- 20 11140700 DFEMS Dispatch Section

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1 (H) Department of Finance, which includes the following organization

2 codes:

- 3 11170100 Secretary of Finance
- 4 11170800 Finance and Accounting – Saipan
- 5 11170700 Treasury
- 6 11170500 Revenue and Taxation – Saipan
- 7 11170400 Procurement & Supply – Saipan
- 8 11170900 Customs Services – Saipan
- 9 11170200 Office of Information Technology
- 10 11171000 Passport Office

11 (I) Department of Labor, which includes business codes:

- 12 11180100 Secretary of Labor
- 13 11180400 Administrative Hearing Office
- 14 11180500 Employment Services
- 15 11180700 Labor Enforcement Fund

16 (J) Department of Lands and Natural Resources, which includes the

17 following organization codes:

- 18 11190100 Secretary of DLNR
- 19 11190700 Agriculture
- 20 11190800 Fish & Wildlife – Saipan
- 21 11190400 Parks & Recreation – Saipan

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- 1 11190500 Soil & Water (SPN & NI) District
- 2 11190900 Land Registration & Survey – Saipan
- 3 (K) Department of Public Safety, which includes the following organization
- 4 codes:
- 5 11150400 DPS Commissioner
- 6 N/A Executive Protection Services
- 7 11150500 Police – Saipan
- 8 11150100 Administrative Division
- 9 11150300 Motor Vehicles Division
- 10 (L) Department of Public Works, which includes the following
- 11 organization codes:
- 12 11200100 Secretary of DPW
- 13 11200200 Building Safety Code
- 14 11200500 Roads and Grounds Division
- 15 11200600 Solid Waste Management
- 16 11200700 Technical Services Division
- 17 (4) First Senatorial District (Rota) which includes the following the
- 18 following organization codes:
- 19 12270100 Mayor Rota
- 20 12710100 Municipal Council – Rota
- 21 12170800 Finance & Accounting – Rota

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1	12170500	Revenue & Taxation – Rota
2	12170400	Procurement & Supply – Rota
3	12170900	Customs Service – Rota
4	12120600	Historic Preservation – Rota
5	12120400	Sports & Recreation – Rota
6	12180100	Labor – Rota
7	12160300	Commerce - Rota (Economic Development Rota)
8	12150500	Police - Rota (DPS)
9	12140100	Fire & EMS – Rota
10	12190700	Agriculture – Rota
11	12190800	Fish & Wildlife – Rota
12	12190400	Parks & Recreation – Rota
13	12190500	Soil and Water Conservation – Rota
14	12190900	Land Registration & Survey – Rota
15	12200100	Public Works - Rota (Operations and Maintenance Rota)
16	12880900	Public Library – Rota
17	(5) Second Senatorial District (Tinian and Aguiguan) which includes the	
18	following organization codes:	
19	13270100	Mayor Tinian
20	13710100	Municipal Council – Tinian
21	13170800	Finance & Accounting – Tinian

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1	13170500	Revenue & Taxation – Tinian
2	13170400	Procurement & Supply – Tinian
3	13170900	Customs Service – Tinian
4	13120600	Historic Preservation – Tinian
5	13120700	Aging – Tinian
6	13120400	Sports & Recreation – Tinian
7	13180100	Labor – Tinian
8	13160300	Commerce-Tinian (Economic Development Tinian)
9	13150500	Police - Tinian (DPS)
10	13140100	Fire and EMS – Tinian
11	13190700	Agriculture – Tinian
12	13190800	Fish & Wildlife – Tinian
13	13190400	Parks & Recreation – Tinian
14	13190500	Soil & Water Conservation -Tinian
15	13200100	Public Works-Tinian (Operations & Maintenance Tinian)
16	13880900	Public Library – Tinian
17	(6)	Third Senatorial District – Saipan & Northern Islands Mayors &
18		Municipal Council which includes the following organization codes:
19	11270100	Mayor Saipan
20	14270100	Mayor Northern Islands
21	11710100	Municipal Council Saipan

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1 (7) Boards and Commissions which include the following the following
2 organization codes:

- 3 11110700 Board of Civil Service Commission
- 4 11111100 Office of Personnel Management – Saipan
- 5 13111100 Office of Personnel Management – Tinian
- 6 12111100 Office of Personnel Management – Rota
- 7 11110200 Commonwealth Election Commission
- 8 11110500 Board of Professional Licensing
- 9 11110800 Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
- 10 11111200 Commonwealth Casino Commission
- 11 11110900 Commonwealth Cannabis Commission
- 12 11111000 CNMI Cannabis Commission Board

13 (8) “Independent Programs” means government programs under separate
14 boards established by law (unless receiving appropriations or budget authority
15 under another heading), specialized general items of appropriations, and those non-
16 profit corporations and associations or organizations established outside of the
17 Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to which the
18 Commonwealth Government provides financial assistance includes the following
19 organization codes:

- 20 11881400 CNMI Scholarship Office
- 21 11881500 Substance Abuse Prevention

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1	11880500	Elected Attorney General
2	11884200	25% Retirees' Pension Benefits
3	11881600	NMI DC Employer Contributions
4	11881700	GHLI Retirees
5	11883100	Northern Marianas Sports Association
6	11881800	Gov't Health Insurance Employer Contribution (Active
7		Employees)
8	unassigned	Government Utilities
9	11880900	Joeten/Kiyu Public Library
10	11884500	General Fund Deficit Reduction
11	11881900	NMIRF - Gov/Lt. Gov Pension
12	11884600	Judgments Against Government
13	11880200	NMI Museum of History and Culture
14	11882400	Commonwealth Cancer Association
15	11884400	Government Operational Costs
16		Public Assistance Matching
17	(9) Other Programs:	
18	11850100	Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. (CHCC Subsidy)
19	11850700	Health Network Program
20	11881000	Northern Marianas College
21	11882100	NMC Board of Regents

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- 1 11881300 Marianas Visitors Authority
- 2 11881100 Public School System
- 3 11882000 PSS Board of Education
- 4 11883300 Micronesia Legal Services Corporation
- 5 11883500 Northern Marianas Technical Institute
- 6 (10) Public Corporations which include the following:
- 7 Commonwealth Economic Development Authority
- 8 Commonwealth Ports Authority
- 9 Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
- 10 Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
- 11 Office of the Public Auditor
- 12 (d) "Local funds" means locally generated revenues and revenues received
- 13 pursuant to Section 702 (a) of the Covenant.
- 14 (e) "Operations" means appropriations for all lawful activities other than
- 15 personnel.
- 16 (f) "Personnel" means appropriations for salaries, employer's contribution
- 17 to the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund, the Defined Contribution Plan,
- 18 overtime, night differential, hazardous pay, and other employee wages and benefits.
- 19 (g) "Number of Positions"(NOP) means the maximum number of persons
- 20 that may be employed, pursuant to Article X, Section 7 of the Commonwealth
- 21 Constitution but does not include Workforce Investment Agency, substitute

1 teachers, summer trainees, teacher aides, physicians, licensed professional nurses
2 and licensed allied health providers working part-time and paid only for
3 instructional time, student-teacher trainees, or short terms specialized instructors,
4 such as visiting artists, performers, writers, and the like. For purposes of this
5 exception, “part-time” means employment not exceeding 40 hours in any biweekly
6 pay period, and “short-term” means not more than 90 instructional days of
7 employment within the Public School System during the fiscal year.

8 **CHAPTER II. ESTIMATED REVENUES**

9 **Section 201. Estimated Revenues.** Pursuant to House Concurrent
10 Resolution No. 23-3, HS1, SS1 the total estimated revenues and resources approved
11 and identified for Fiscal Year 2025 are as follows:

12 I. The total identified budgetary resources for FY 2025 is	<u>\$158,614,274</u>
13 II. Less Earmarks and Transfers Out:	
14 (1) MVA – Hotel (80%) 4 CMC §1803	<u>(\$4,412,374)</u>
15 (A) Less Debt Service Previously Appropriated:	
16 (1) 2007A Refunding Bond Payment	<u>(\$3,618,500)</u>
17 (2) 2007B Refunding Bond Payment	<u>(\$3,391,750)</u>
18 (B) Less Debt Service Settlement Fund	
19 Agreement, 468-1, PL 20-33:	<u>(\$32,000,000)</u>
20 (C) 2020 Pension Obligation Note Payment:	<u>(\$2,886,600)</u>
21 (D) MPLT 2019 Loan	<u>(\$831,039)</u>

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1	Subtotal	<u>(\$47,140,263)</u>
2	III. Total local revenue and resources:	
3	(a) Total local revenue and resources available for appropriation for	
4	Commonwealth Government activities in Fiscal Year 2025:	<u>\$111,474,011</u>
5	(b) Department of Public Lands	\$5,566,075
6	(1) Less MPLT:	\$5,566,073
7	(2) Less DPL:	\$2
8	Grand Total	<u>\$117,040,086</u>

9 Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7204, funds for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be allotted
10 monthly; except programs and agencies that require one-time payments shall
11 receive advance allotments. These programs include but shall not be limited to: the
12 CNMI Scholarship Office, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, the CNMI
13 Public School System, the Northern Marianas College, and the Northern Marianas
14 Technical Institute.

15 **Section 202. Suspension of Earmarked Funds.**

16 Except for debt service obligations and other earmarking of funds as
17 permitted in Section 201 of this Chapter, the earmarking, reservation, commitment,
18 allotment, or allocation of funds pursuant to the following public laws are hereby
19 suspended for the Fiscal Year 2025:

- 20 a) Tobacco Control – Cigarette Tax, PL 13-38 – 3 CMC § 2177;
21 b) GHLI – 50% Cigarette 4 CMC §1402(g)(3) – PL 18-64;

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- 1 c) Cancer Fund – Cigarette Tax, 4 CMC § 1402(g)(2);
- 2 d) NMIRF – Hotel Tax (20%), 4 CMC § 1803;
- 3 e) Solid Waste R/F per 4 CMC § 1402(g)(1) – PL 18-64;
- 4 f) PSS Technical Education – 4 CMC § 1503(f);
- 5 g) NMIRF – Alcohol Container (30%), 4 CMC § 1803;
- 6 h) MVA – Alcohol Container (20%), 4 CMC § 1803;
- 7 i) NMIRF DB Plan Fund – 15% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30, 4 CMC
- 8 § 1511 (a);
- 9 j) NMIRF – 60% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30, 4 CMC § 1511 (b);
- 10 k) Solid Waste Management Revolving Fund, 2 CMC §3551;
- 11 l) Foreign Worker Fee Fund, PL 17-01 - 3 CMC § 4968 ; Suspended
- 12 Indefinitely;
- 13 m) Vehicle Registration Fees, PL 11-55 - 9 CMC § 2104;
- 14 n) Admiralty and Maritime Fees, 2 CMC §1222;
- 15 o) Weapon Fees, PL 19-73 – NMIAC § 150-70-120;
- 16 p) Lottery Commission Revenue, PL 3-60 –1 CMC §§ 9317-9318;
- 17 q) 3rd Senatorial District – 15% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30, 4 CMC
- 18 § 1511 (c);
- 19 r) 1st and 2nd Senatorial District – 10% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30,
- 20 4 CMC § 1511 (d);

1 s) 3rd and 2nd Senatorial District – Public Law 20-59, 4 CMC §
2 1508(a)(1)(2); and

3 t) Developers Infrastructure Tax (100%) - 4 CMC §§ 1938-1939

4 **Section 203. Reporting Requirements for the Secretary of Finance.**

5 (a) Comparison of Actual Revenues Collected and Revenues Estimated.
6 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall submit to
7 the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on
8 Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means,
9 at the end of each quarter, a fund status report comparing the actual revenues
10 collected and the revenues estimated of all funds appropriated for the operations
11 and activities of the Commonwealth Government in this Act. The Secretary of
12 Finance shall meet with the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs
13 and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means in mid-February,
14 mid-May and mid-August to discuss actual revenues collected versus the revenues
15 estimated.

16 (b) Comparison of Actual Expenditures and Appropriated Expenditures.
17 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall submit to
18 the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on
19 Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means,
20 at the end of each quarter, a fund status report comparing the actual expenditures

1 and appropriated expenditures of all funds appropriated for the operations and
2 activities of the Commonwealth Government in this Act.

3 (c) Transfer In and Out Funds. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
4 Secretary of Finance shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, at the
5 end of each quarter, a fund status report on the funds transferred in and out each
6 quarter pursuant to Section 201 of this Act.

7 (d) All Other Source. The Secretary of Finance shall report revenues in
8 excess of \$200,000.00 received from other sources that are not identified in this
9 Act.

10 (e) Violation. The salary of the Secretary of Finance shall be suspended for
11 at least 30 days and the salary shall not be restored until the Secretary of Finance
12 provides all the reports under this section to the Presiding Officers of the
13 Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, and the
14 Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means. Provided that the
15 Secretary of Finance shall not be entitled to indemnification, defense, or
16 reimbursement under the Government Liability Act or any other Commonwealth
17 Law.

18 **CHAPTER III.**

19 **GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND DESIGNATED**

20 **AGENCIES/ACTIVITIES**

1 **Section 301. Appropriation and Budget Authority.**

2 Pursuant to 1 CMC § 7206 and as provided herein, budget and expenditure
 3 authority for the following activities is hereby approved. Expenditures in excess of
 4 the budget authority approved herein for agencies to which public funds are
 5 appropriated shall not be incurred or committed and hiring in excess of the number
 6 of positions authorized by this Act is prohibited, unless authorized by a legislative
 7 joint resolution in accordance with Section 7, Article X of the N.M.I. Constitution.

<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>NOP</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
9 (a) Commonwealth Economic Development Authority	11	\$1,165,331	\$46,800	\$1,212,131
10 (b) Commonwealth Ports Authority	245	\$6,949,977	\$12,495,739	\$19,445,716
11 (c) Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	572	\$23,255,463	\$92,544,537	\$115,800,000
12 (d) Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.	106	\$5,348,973	\$8,128,939	\$13,477,912
13 (e) Office of the Public Auditor	17	\$959,200	\$774,804	\$1,734,004
14 (f) Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation	1,123	\$79,892,714	\$51,520,439	\$131,413,153
15 (g) Commonwealth Casino Commission	3	\$2,899,336	\$1,379,545	\$4,278,881
16 (h) Northern Marianas Technical Institute	31	\$1,150,079	\$1,629,323	\$2,779,402
17 (i) Marianas Visitors Authority	41	\$1,649,522	\$10,690,330	\$12,339,852
18 (j) Northern Marianas College	244	\$12,806,348	\$4,220,678	\$17,027,026
19 (k) Marianas Public Land Trust	--	<u>\$286,300</u>	<u>\$1,087,205</u>	<u>\$1,373,505</u>
20 Grand Total:	<u>2,393</u>	<u>\$136,300,243</u>	<u>\$184,518,339</u>	<u>\$320,881,582</u>

21 Notwithstanding the above dollar amounts, the entities above shall expend
 22 only the lesser of funds actually generated, collected, or received, or the amounts
 23 indicated above.

1 **Section 302. Prior Certification of Funds.**

2 No contract shall be entered into with the Commonwealth or any
3 government entity therein without first receiving from the Secretary of the
4 Department of Finance certification that lawful and sufficient funds have been
5 appropriated. Notwithstanding any Commonwealth laws, regulations, or provisions
6 to the contrary, this section shall not apply to the Judicial Branch, the Public School
7 System, and the Northern Marianas College.

8 **Section 303. Reporting Requirement.**

9 In Fiscal Year 2025, the expenditure authorities of the foregoing activities
10 listed in Section 301 and the CNMI Public School System, shall submit to the
11 Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on
12 Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means,
13 within 30 days at the end of each quarter, a fund status report on the expenditures
14 for personnel and operations of each government entity, and the payments of the
15 public auditor's fee, for the quarter ended and, if applicable, year-to-date totals as
16 of the close of the reporting period.

17 Furthermore, notwithstanding any provisions or laws to the contrary, all
18 additional resources realized within the fiscal year outside of those specified and
19 identified under this Act shall be reported in detail to the Legislature for
20 appropriation purposes.

1 **CHAPTER IV. ADMINISTRATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS**

2 **Section 401. Management of Funds.**

3 The expenditure of the funds appropriated and allocated under this Act shall
4 be regulated and controlled by the Secretary of Finance so that no agency,
5 department, instrumentality, program, or activity may expend the funds contrary to
6 the law or fiscal management policies and practices of the Commonwealth.

7 **Section 402. Number of Position(s) (NOP) Ceiling.**

8 Employment Ceilings. Pursuant to Article X, § 7 of the Commonwealth
9 Constitution, the employment ceilings relative to the number of positions are
10 hereby established as set forth in this Act.

11 **Section 403. Donation of Sick Leave.**

12 Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, when an employee volunteers to
13 donate sick leave, the donated sick leave shall be based on the donor's current base
14 hourly salary and shall be converted into equivalent sick leave hours based on the
15 recipient's current base hourly salary. Provided that the donated sick leave hours
16 shall not exceed 1040 hours. ¹

¹ Conversion.

(Sick Leave Hours Donated) multiplied by (Donor's Hourly Base Rate) = (Donor's Donated Dollar Value)

(Donor's Donated Dollar Value) divided by (Recipient's Hourly Base Rate) = (Number of Hours Donated to Recipient)

Example: (Donor donated 100 hours) x (Donor's hourly rate of \$20) = \$2,000
(\$2,000) divided by (Recipient's hourly rate of \$10) = 200 hours to Recipient.

1 **Section 404. Expenditure Authority.**

2 The distribution and expenditure of funds shall be in compliance with the
3 fiscal expenditure authority that the listed agencies have pursuant to the statute and
4 the administrative provisions of this Act.

5 **CHAPTER V. REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY**

6 **Section 501. Reprogramming Authority**

7 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Governor shall have up to
8 100% reprogramming authority for the departments, agencies, and offices of the
9 executive branch, provided that the municipal entities shall not be subject to this
10 reprogramming authority without the consent of the mayor. Provided further that
11 the reprogramming authority shall not apply to Section 604 of this Act.
12 Reprogramming shall not be used for the hiring of personnel or salary adjustment
13 of active personnel. This authority to reprogram shall not apply to the funds
14 appropriated to the Legislative or Judicial Branches as well as to those funds
15 appropriated by the respective legislative delegations.

16 (b) Pursuant to 1 CMC § 7402(e), all reprogramming shall be reported in
17 writing to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, the Chairperson of the House
18 Committee on Ways and Means, and the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on
19 Fiscal Affairs within 30 days after the end of each quarter of the fiscal year. Such
20 reports shall include a description of each item reprogrammed, the reason for each
21 reprogramming, the change in the approved budget caused by the reprogramming,

1 the cumulative amount of all reprogramming during the fiscal year, and such other
2 information as may be requested by the Chairpersons. The Governor shall submit
3 to the Presiding Officers and Chairpersons an annual summary of all
4 reprogramming activity within 60 days after the end of a fiscal year.

5 **CHAPTER VI. SUPPLEMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

6 **Section 601. Utilities.**

7 (a) The CUC monthly utility billings for all departments and agencies shall
8 be paid by the central government after all the funds in the general revolving
9 accounts are exhausted.

10 (b) For prepaid meter accounts, the authorized designee of the respective
11 government agencies or offices shall follow the protocol of the Department of
12 Finance for timely payment.

13 **Section 602. Hiring Restriction.**

14 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no new or vacant
15 position shall be filled in the executive branch, except for positions that are essential
16 for the delivery of public services such as the Department of Public Safety and the
17 Department of Fire and Emergency Services personnel for each respective
18 Senatorial District and other essential positions as determined by the Governor.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, if a Notice of
20 Personnel Action has been executed by the hiring agency or a candidate to fill the
21 vacancy has been selected or action has been initiated to fill the position by any

1 department or agency and filed at the Office of Personnel Management on Rota,
2 Tinian, or Saipan, the vacant position shall be considered as processed and to be
3 filled. The renewal of the contract for an existing employee shall not be considered
4 as creating a vacant position.

5 **Section 603. Salary Cap.**

6 (a) For Fiscal Year 2025, the compensation of certain appointed officials
7 shall be compensated as set forth in the attached Schedule A and pursuant to 1 CMC
8 § 8245 and 1 CMC § 28003.

9 (b) For Fiscal Year 2025, notwithstanding 1 CMC § 8245(c), the annual
10 salary of the Resident Department Heads of the First and Second Senatorial
11 Districts shall be \$40,000.

12 (c) For Fiscal Year 2025, notwithstanding 1 CMC § 8245(a), the annual
13 salary of the Secretary of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources shall be
14 \$54,000.

15 (d) For Fiscal Year 2025, notwithstanding any provision of law to the
16 contrary, austerity measures shall apply to all Resident Department Heads of the
17 First and Second Senatorial Districts and CNMI Department Heads.

18 **Section 604. Revolving Accounts.**

19 Subject to constitutional limits, notwithstanding any CNMI and/or local
20 laws, regulations, and rules to the contrary and except for the suspended accounts
21 as provided in Section 202 and special revenue accounts, all general revolving

1 account expenditure limitations and restrictions relating to the scope of application
2 or other subject matter requirements are hereby suspended in FY 2025.

3 Accordingly, all legally established general revolving accounts and the
4 funds therein may be expended by their respective expenditure authorities for
5 personnel and the following operational expenses: fuel, communications,
6 operational office supplies, and travel for training purposes. Provided further that
7 Section 501 of this Act shall not apply to this section.

8 **Section 605. Legal Holidays.**

9 Any employee required to work on a non-federal Commonwealth legal
10 holiday shall be paid at the basic salary rate for the hours worked on that day
11 without any additional adjustment for holiday leave with pay. This provision does
12 not apply to employees that are 100% or partially funded with federal funds.

13 **Section 606. Cell #1 and Cell #2 of the Marpi Landfill Closure Financial**
14 **Assurance Mechanism.**

15 In the event of any funding shortfalls caused by this Appropriations Act, the
16 CNMI Government shall commit its full faith and credit when necessary to
17 effectuate the closure of Cell #1 and Cell #2 of the Marpi Landfill.

18 **Section 607. Reduction of Work Hours.**

19 During Fiscal Year 2025, notwithstanding any laws or contractual
20 provisions to the contrary, a full pay period for the employment benefit of annual

1 leave, sick leave, or other benefits, shall be earned despite the implementation of
2 austerity measures.

3 **Section 608. Vacant Positions.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
4 any position that becomes vacant shall be closed out. Unused funds for such
5 position shall go to operation expenses within that department or agency within 30
6 days upon vacancy unless a request is made to the Legislature for reinstatement of
7 the vacant position, which shall be approved by a joint resolution.

8 **Section 609. Excepted Service Employee.** The legislature recognizes that
9 there are employees who are on an Excepted Service Contract in the government,
10 including the municipalities. Upon renewal of an excepted service contract, the
11 employee shall not receive a salary increase of more than ten percent.

12 **CHAPTER VII. APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 **Section 701. In General.**

14 Funds designated in Chapter II as available for appropriation for Fiscal Year
15 2025 are hereby appropriated pursuant to this Chapter.

16 **Section 702. Appropriation.**

17 The amount of \$117,040,086 is hereby appropriated as set forth in the
18 attached Schedule A which is inclusive of the Department of Public Lands.

19 **Section 703. Judicial Branch.**

20 (a) The Number of Personnel and appropriations for personnel, operations,
21 and utilities for the Judicial Branch shall be as shown in Schedule A.

1 (b) Funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2025 to the Judicial Branch shall be
2 allotted on a quarterly basis, pursuant to 1 CMC § 7204(e).

3 (c) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the Chief Justice of the CNMI
4 Supreme Court and Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior Court may adjust the
5 Judicial Branch work schedule and operating hours that are consistent with
6 available funds for personnel and operations.

7 (d) The Chief Justice and the Presiding Judge may use any available outside
8 source funds, including revolving accounts, to restore the reduced work hours of
9 the Judicial Branch personnel.

10 **Section 704. Legislative Branch.**

11 The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and
12 utilities for the Legislative Branch shall be as shown in Schedule A.

13 (a) Art. II Sec. 16(e) of the Commonwealth Constitution provides:

14 e) Beginning the second Monday of January 1998, the amount of the
15 ceiling and all other dollar amounts stated in this section shall be
16 adjusted every two years by the same percentage as the percentage
17 change in the United States Department of Commerce composite
18 price index during the two preceding fiscal years using the
19 beginning of the fiscal year 1996 as the base.

20 The allocation ceilings have automatically increased every two years,
21 beginning in January 1998. Using the price composite indexes developed by the

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1 Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis for State and Local
2 Government Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment, the allocation
3 ceilings for the Legislature for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024 are as follows:

4 Price Index for All Government Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment

5 Legislative Branch	6 Base Ceiling Oct. 1, 1995	Change in Price Index Jan 1, 2020	Ceiling Jan. 1, 2020 Based on Change
7 Members Allocation	\$155,000	60.335%	\$248,519.25
8 Presiding Officers Allocation	\$400,000	60.335%	\$641,340.00
9 Legislative Bureau	\$2,000,000	60.335%	\$3,206,700.00

10 (b) Funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2025 to the Legislative Branch shall
11 be allotted on a quarterly basis, pursuant to 1 CMC § 7204(e).

12 (c) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the Legislative Bureau
13 Director may adjust the Legislative Branch work schedule and operating hours that
14 are consistent with available funds for personnel and operations.

15 (d) The Legislative Bureau Director may use any available outside source
16 funds to restore the reduced work hours of the LB personnel.

17 (e) Salaries of Legislative Members.

18 (1) The amount appropriated under this section to the House of
19 Representatives under "personnel" shall be used to fund the salaries and benefits of
20 the members of the House of Representatives. The expenditure authority for the
21 amounts appropriated shall be the Speaker of the House.

22 (2) The amount appropriated under this section to the Senate under
23 "personnel" shall be used to fund the salaries and benefits of the members of the

1 Senate. The expenditure authority for the amounts appropriated shall be the
2 President of the Senate.

3 (f) Members' Office Accounts and Employees.

4 (1) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7401(c) to the contrary, each member shall
5 be the expenditure authority of the funds appropriated to their individual sub-
6 account;

7 (2) Funds appropriated for the operation of the member's office, including,
8 but not limited to, the personnel costs of the member's employees and expenditures
9 as authorized by the adopted rules of the Senate in the case of the Senate member,
10 or the adopted rules of the House of Representatives in the case of a House member,
11 or the Legislative Bureau, may be expended to defray travel and incidental expenses
12 for the purpose of attending to legislative business; provided that a member may
13 receive a one-month advancement of funds appropriated to his or her office for
14 expenditures;

15 (3) Allocation of the maximum number of positions among House members
16 shall be governed by the rules of the House; and

17 (4) Allocation of the maximum number of positions among Senate members
18 shall be governed by the rules of the Senate.

19 (g) Senate and House Leadership Accounts. The leadership account of each
20 house shall be \$100,000. The Presiding Officer of each respective house, or his
21 lawfully authorized designee, shall be the expenditure authority and shall use such

1 funds to support the operations and activities of the House of Representatives and
2 Senate in accordance with its rules, provided that the Presiding Officer distributes
3 a portion of the total allocation in equal amounts to all the standing committees for
4 their operations and activities.

5 (h) Legislative Bureau, ORG 11620700. The Number of Personnel and
6 allocations for personnel, operations, and utilities for the Legislative Bureau shall
7 be as shown in Schedule A. The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated for
8 the Legislative Bureau shall be the Director of the Legislative Bureau or authorized
9 designee. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the expenditure authority
10 for the Legislative Bureau shall have reprogramming authority to move funding
11 from Personnel to Operations.

12 (i) Northern Marianas Youth Congress, ORG 11620800. The Number of
13 Personnel and allocations for personnel and operations for Youth Congress shall be
14 as shown in Schedule A. The expenditure authority is vested in the Director of the
15 Legislative Bureau with the consent of the Speaker of the Northern Mariana Islands
16 Youth Congress.

17 **Section 705. Executive Branch.**

18 The allocation for the Executive Branch shall be as shown in Schedule A.

19 (a) The Governor shall have authority to expend, obligate, encumber, or
20 otherwise commit, all the funds appropriated to the Office of the Governor and all
21 Other Offices of the Governor.

1 (b) The Lt. Governor shall be the expenditure authority of the funds
2 appropriated to the Office of the Lt. Governor.

3 (c) One NOP shall be allocated under ORG 11260900 for the Office of
4 Management and Budget.

5 (d) Funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2025 to the Executive Branch shall
6 be allotted on a quarterly basis, pursuant to 1 CMC § 7204(e).

7 (e) Law enforcement officers of the Department of Public Safety and the
8 Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services eligible for overtime shall be
9 funded by outside sources.

10 **Section 706. First Senatorial District – Mayor of Rota and Rota**
11 **Municipal Council.**

12 The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and
13 utilities for the First Senatorial District shall be as shown in Schedule A.

14 (a) Except as provided in this section, the Mayor of Rota shall have
15 authority to expend, obligate, encumber, and otherwise commit, all the funds
16 appropriated to the First Senatorial District. Appropriations to the Municipal
17 Council shall be divided and distributed equally to each member of the Municipal
18 Council in separate accounts. Each Municipal Council member shall be the
19 expenditure authority of funds distributed to him/her. Additionally, except as
20 provided in this section, in accord with the Superior Court's decision in the case of
21 *Inos v. Tenorio*, the Mayors shall also have expenditure authority over resident

1 government departments in the First and Second Senatorial districts respectively
2 unless the Governor revokes expenditure authority in a manner consistent with the
3 Superior Court's holding in *Inos v. Tenorio*, to wit: expenditure authority over
4 resident departments that are primarily concerned with the delivery of public
5 services can be revoked only on a prior showing of just cause, but the Governor has
6 the discretion to revoke expenditure authority over those departments that are
7 primarily concerned with enforcing the law.

8 (b) Any shortfall in the appropriated funds as a result or due to payment of
9 overtime, retirement, or benefits shall be borne by the municipality. Provided that
10 law enforcement officers of the Department of Public Safety – Rota and the
11 Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services – Rota eligible for overtime
12 shall be funded by outside sources.

13 **Section 707. Second Senatorial District – Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan**
14 **and Tinian Municipal Council.**

15 The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and
16 utilities for the Second Senatorial District shall be as shown in Schedule A.

17 (a) Except as provided in this section, the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan
18 shall have authority to expend, obligate, encumber, or otherwise commit or
19 reprogram, all the funds appropriated to the Second Senatorial District.
20 Appropriations to the Municipal Council shall be divided and distributed equally to
21 each member of the Municipal Council in separate accounts. Each Municipal

1 Council member shall be the expenditure authority of funds distributed to him/her.
2 Additionally, in accord with the Superior Court's decision in the case of *Inos v.*
3 *Tenorio*, the Mayors shall also have expenditure authority over resident
4 government departments in the First and Second senatorial districts respectively
5 unless the Governor revokes expenditure authority in a manner consistent with the
6 Superior Court's holding in *Inos v. Tenorio*, to wit: expenditure authority over
7 resident departments that are primarily concerned with the delivery of public
8 services can be revoked only on a prior showing of just cause, but the Governor has
9 the discretion to revoke expenditure authority over those departments that are
10 primarily concerned with enforcing the law.

11 (b) Any shortfall in the appropriated funds as a result or due to payment of
12 overtime, retirement, or benefits shall be borne by the municipality. Provided that
13 law enforcement officers of the Department of Public Safety – Tinian and the
14 Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services – Tinian eligible for overtime
15 shall be funded by outside sources.

16 (c) Two NOPs under the Department of Commerce – Tinian shall be funded
17 by the Tobacco Settlement Fund.

18 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, four new NOPs
19 under the Customs and Biosecurity – Tinian shall be funded under CIQ – Saipan,
20 accounts 9040 and 9044, for two Customs Inspector I positions and two Quarantine
21 Inspector I positions.

1 **Section 708. Third Senatorial District – Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of the**
2 **Northern Islands; and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.**

3 The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and
4 utilities for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, Office of the Mayor of the Northern
5 Islands, and the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council shall be as shown
6 in Schedule A.

7 The Mayor of Saipan, the Mayor of the Northern Islands, and the
8 Chairperson of the Municipal Council for Saipan and the Northern Islands or each
9 of their respective designees shall be the expenditure authority for allocations for
10 their respective offices.

11 **Section 709. Other Programs.**

12 The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation for the programs under this
13 section shall be as shown in Schedule A.

14 (a) Northern Marianas College. The President of the Northern Marianas
15 College or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the funds under ORG
16 11881000.

17 (b) NMC Board of Regents. The Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the
18 Northern Marianas College or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the
19 appropriated funds under ORG 11882100.

20 (c) Public School System. The Commissioner of Education or designee
21 shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds under ORG 11881100.

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1 Funds appropriated to PSS shall not be used for the following: 1) personnel and
2 operations of the Board of Education, 2) pay raises for central administrative
3 directors until or unless all austerity measures such as teacher furloughs or other
4 curriculum/program cuts and or restrictions are rescinded or no longer in effect;
5 and 3) legal fees and costs of litigation including but not limited to any payments
6 for settlements and/or judgments. Of the appropriated funds under ORG 11881100,
7 up to \$650,000 shall be reserved for the Northern Marianas College for services
8 rendered to meet the educational needs of new graduates enrolled at the Northern
9 Marianas College. Provided further that the PSS and NMC shall enter into a
10 Memorandum of Agreement to authorize the use of these funds.

11 (d) Board of Education. The Chairperson of the Board of Education or
12 his/her designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds under
13 ORG 11882000. The funds appropriated to the Board of Education shall include
14 the cost and expenses of the student and teacher representatives to the Board of
15 Education.

16 (e) CNMI Medical Referral Program (Health Network Program). The
17 Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation shall administer the CNMI Medical
18 Referral Program or its successor, including both inter-island and off-island
19 referrals, consistent with its duties and responsibilities under 3 CMC § 2821 *et seq.*
20 More specifically, the inter-island medical referral services shall include stipends,
21 airfare, and lodging for patients and escorts, which is consistent with the off-island

1 medical referral program. The expenditure authority for all funds appropriated to
2 inter-island and off-island medical referral services and administration (inclusive
3 of ORG 11850100, 11850700, and any new organizations codes established for
4 CHCC Medical Referral) shall be the CEO of the Commonwealth Healthcare
5 Corporation or designee. Provided further that \$150,000 of the funds appropriated
6 to the Health Network Program, ORG 11850700, shall be used exclusively for
7 inter-island medical referral.

8 (f) Northern Marianas Technical Institute. The Chairperson of the Board of
9 Trustees or designee in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer shall be the
10 expenditure authority of the appropriated funds for the Northern Marianas
11 Technical Institute.

12 **Section 710. Independent Programs.**

13 The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Appropriation for the agencies under this
14 section shall be as shown in Schedule A.

15 (a) Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The Chairperson of the Commonwealth
16 Library Council or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated
17 funds.

18 (b) NMI Museum of History and Culture. The Chairperson of the Board of
19 Governors of the NMI Museum of History and Culture or designee shall be the
20 expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.

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1 (c) Elected Attorney General. The Attorney General or designee shall be the
2 expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.

3 (d) The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated for the Public
4 Assistance Program shall be the Governor's Authorized Representative.

5 (e) Medicaid Program. The funds appropriated in this Act for the Medicaid
6 Program, including Medicaid Reimbursement, ORG 11882200, Medicaid Agency,
7 ORG 11880300, and Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information
8 Technology, ORG 11850400 shall be deemed a single budget reserved for the
9 purposes of Medicaid Agency, Medicaid Reimbursement, and Medicaid Enterprise
10 Systems & Health Information Technology. The Director of the Commonwealth
11 Medicaid Agency may reallocate the funds appropriated in this Act to any of the
12 expenditure categories, including, but not limited to, Medicaid Agency, Medicaid
13 Reimbursement, and Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information
14 Technology. Provided further that for the Fiscal Year 2025, pursuant to the request
15 of CNMI Medicaid, with the concurrence of the Office of Personnel Management,
16 notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, all of the 11 NOPS for the Medicaid
17 Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology funded under ORG
18 11850400 shall be excepted service contract employees.

19 (f) CNMI Scholarship Office. Of the funds appropriated to the CNMI
20 Scholarship Office \$50,000 shall be used to fund the Professional Student
21 Exchange Program established under 3 CMC § 11101, as shown in Schedule A.

1 (g) For programs and activities not specifically mentioned, the expenditure
2 authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

3 **Section 711. Department of Public Lands.**

4 Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2803 of the Commonwealth Code, Department of
5 Public Lands (DPL) submitted a budget of \$5,566,075. The Legislature however
6 acknowledges that the DPL has in its reserve account the funds for FY 2025. The
7 reserved funds shall be used by DPL in FY 2025. Therefore, as shown in Schedule
8 A, \$2 is appropriated to DPL for FY 2025 and \$5,566,073 is appropriated to the
9 Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT). The DPL, pursuant to the Memorandum of
10 Agreement between DPL and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources
11 (DLNR) is authorized to pay for professional services provided by the personnel of
12 the DLNR Division of Parks and Recreation of all three senatorial districts.

13 **Section 712. Transparency and Accurate Information Access.**

14 (a) Access Provided to Legislative Fiscal Analysts.

15 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, training and access
16 to the following shall be provided:

17 (1) The Munis Financial Management Information System or other
18 financial and accounting system to obtain the following: monthly
19 collections and expenditures, including but not limited to funds status, and
20 detailed expenditure reports in a format that is exportable or convertible to
21 Excel files; and

1 (2) The following reports in a format that is exportable or
2 convertible to Excel files shall be provided to the CNMI Legislative Fiscal
3 Analysts 30 days after the effective date of this Act:

4 (A) All revolving accounts;

5 (B) All business activities listed in Schedule A;

6 (C) All accounts listed as earmarks in the Budget Authority Act;

7 (D) All debt service payments, including payments to the Settlement
8 Fund, and Series A and Series B Funds;

9 (E) All revenue accounts in the First, Second, and Third Senatorial
10 Districts that are identified as budgetary resources in the Budget
11 Authority Act;

12 (3) Any other financial information, not legally privileged or
13 protected, relating to the CNMI Government's expenditure of public funds,
14 as needed and requested, in writing, within 10 days of said request.

15 **Section 713. Violations of Spending Limits.**

16 The expenditure of funds in excess of allocations and reprogramming
17 established by this Act is a violation of the Planning and Budget Act, 1 CMC §7101
18 *et seq.* Any expenditure authority that violates The Planning and Budget Act shall
19 be suspended without salary for at least 30 days and the salary shall not be restored
20 until a fiscal plan is submitted to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature,
21 Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, and the Chairperson of the

1 House Committee on Ways and Means, and accepted by both houses of the
2 Legislature to retire the over-expenditure. Provided, they also shall not be entitled
3 to indemnification, defense, or reimbursement under the Government Liability Act
4 or any other Commonwealth Law.

5 **CHAPTER VIII. OUTSIDE SOURCES**

6 **Section 801. Administrative Provisions.**

7 (a) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7204, the outside source funds appropriated
8 for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be allotted monthly; except programs that require one-
9 time payments may receive advance allotments.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall
11 submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, at the end of each quarter, a
12 fund status report on the outside-sourced funds that are transferred in and out of
13 government organizational codes and their respective accounts, pursuant to Section
14 802 of this Act.

15 (c) All salaries of elected officials that are waived under 1 CMC § 8442
16 shall be transferred by the Secretary of Finance to the Scholarship Trust Account
17 and the funds from the account shall be spent for scholarship purposes only, without
18 further appropriation, and without fiscal year limitation. The Administrator of the
19 CNMI Scholarship Office shall provide a report to the Presiding Officers of the
20 legislature within 30 days after the end of each quarter.

1 **Section 802. Outside Sources.**

2 (a) **Tobacco Settlement Funds.** Pursuant to 3 CMC § 2173 and the funds
3 allocated in this section pursuant to the submittal of a program and expenditure plan
4 to the Secretary of Finance, the Tobacco Settlement funds in the amount of
5 \$541,597.00, not subject to reprogramming or fiscal year limitation, shall be
6 allocated as follows:

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|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 7 (1) Division of Public Health 40%: | \$216,638.80 |
| 8 (2) Public School System 20%: | \$108,319.40 |
| 9 (3) Youth Affairs Office 12.5%: | \$67,699.62 |
| 10 (4) Coalition of Private Schools 7.5%: | \$40,619.78 |
| 11 (5) Rota Mayor 10%: | \$54,159.70 |
| 12 (6) Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor 10%: | \$54,159.70 |

13 The expenditure authorities of the funds allocated pursuant to this
14 Section 802(a) shall be the persons authorized by law for each respective office or
15 agency. The expenditure authorities shall provide accountability and transparency
16 by providing within 30 days after the end of each quarter an expenditure report of
17 the funds to the governor and the Presiding Officers of the Legislature.

18 (b) **Commonwealth Worker Fund** (Source: U.S.P.L. 115-218).

19 In accordance with U.S. Public Law 115-218, the sum of \$1,300,000.00 in
20 Commonwealth Worker Fee Funds shall be available for the sole and exclusive
21 purpose of funding vocational education, apprenticeships, or other training

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1 programs for United States workers by Commonwealth educational entities for
2 Fiscal Year 2025. Provided that out of the \$1,300,000.00, the following amounts
3 shall be allocated for the sole and exclusive purpose of funding vocational
4 education, apprenticeships, or other vocational training programs for United States
5 workers:

6	(1) NMTech 60%:	\$780,000.00
7	(2) NMC 15%:	\$195,000.00
8	(3) CNMI DOL Registered Apprenticeship 15%:	\$195,000.00
9	(4) CNMI PSS 4%:	\$52,000.00
10	(5) DOL Admin Cost 6%:	\$78,000.00

11 (1) The expenditure authorities of all Commonwealth educational entities
12 that receive Commonwealth Worker Fee Funds shall submit to the Presiding
13 Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs
14 and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, at the end of
15 each quarter, a fund status report of the funds allocated under this subsection.

16 (2) The recipients of the funds in this subsection shall submit to the
17 Governor and the Department of Labor the required education plans consistent with
18 and mandated by U.S. Public Law 115-218.

19 (c) **Reporting Requirement.** The expenditure authorities of the funds
20 allocated pursuant to Section 802 shall provide accountability and transparency by

1 providing within 30 days after the end of each quarter an expenditure report of the
2 funds to the Governor and the Presiding Officers of the Legislature.

3 **CHAPTER IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

4 **Section 901. Severability.** If any provision of this Act, or its application to
5 any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other
6 provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid
7 provision or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

8 **Section 902. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
9 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
10 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted
11 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
12 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have
13 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability civil or criminal,
14 which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

15 **Section 903. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
16 the Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 8/1/2024

Date: Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Ralph N. Yumul
/s/ Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
/s/ Rep. Diego V. F. Camacho

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House Legal Counsel

Schedule A
FY2025 Budget

Activity/Function	ORG	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL
Judicial Branch						
Justices & Judges	11510600	8	\$1,140,468	\$11,405	\$0	\$1,151,873
CNMI Supreme Court	11510400	8	\$450,620	\$4,506	\$0	\$455,126
CNMI Superior Court	11510300	52	\$1,437,298	\$14,373	\$0	\$1,451,671
Administrative	11510100	37	\$1,211,013	\$15,110	\$300,000	\$1,526,123
Law Revision Commission	11510500	7	\$216,114	\$2,161	\$0	\$218,275
Drug Court	11510700	8	\$315,070	\$3,151	\$0	\$318,221
Mental Health Court	11511000	7	\$273,152	\$2,732	\$0	\$275,884
Judicial Branch Total		127	5,043,735	53,438	300,000	\$5,397,173
Legislative Branch						
Current House Member's Salaries	11620100	20	\$777,546	\$0	\$0	\$777,546
House Member's Allocation	11620200	45	\$0	\$2,100,000	\$0	\$2,100,000
House Leadership	11620300	0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Current Senate Salaries	11620400	9	\$330,866	\$0	\$0	\$330,866
Senate Member's Allocation	11620500	27	\$0	\$945,000	\$0	\$945,000
Senate Leadership	11620600	0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Legislative Bureau	11620700	32	\$1,532,848	\$0	\$180,000	\$1,712,848
CNMI Youth Congress	11620800	1	\$25,521	\$0	\$0	\$25,521
Legislative Branch Total		134	2,666,781	3,245,000	180,000	6,091,781
Office of the Governor						
Office of the Governor	11261100	16	\$624,971	\$7,952	\$0	\$632,923
Governor's Discretionary Account	11269000	0	\$0	\$80,800	\$0	\$80,800
Office of the Governor Total		16	\$624,971	88,752	0	\$713,723
Office of the Lt. Governor						
Office of the LT. Governor	11262000	16	\$561,973	\$6,632	\$0	\$568,605
Lt. Gov's Discretionary Account	11269100	0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Office of the Lt. Governor Total		16	\$561,973	\$6,632	\$0	\$618,605
Other Offices of the Gov and Lt. Gov						
Office of Management & Budget	11260900	9	\$321,047	\$3,610	\$0	\$324,657
Administrative Services	11260100	17	\$511,882	\$6,348	\$0	\$518,230
CNMI Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office	11260700	14	\$328,983	\$4,080	\$0	\$333,063
Office of Youth Affairs	11261800	8	\$198,003	\$2,456	\$0	\$200,459
Office of Planning & Development	11260500	5	\$218,645	\$2,712	\$0	\$221,357
Office of Parole Board	11261300	5	\$125,961	\$1,562	\$0	\$127,523
Office of Grants Management	11261000	0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$2
Public Defender Office	11261200	9	\$382,839	\$4,748	\$0	\$387,587
Carolinian Affairs Office	11260200	10	\$202,060	\$2,506	\$0	\$204,566
Indigenous Affairs Office	11260800	4	\$105,031	\$1,303	\$0	\$106,334
Veteran's Affairs Office	11261400	6	\$194,401	\$2,411	\$0	\$196,812
Women's Affairs Saipan	11261600	4	\$104,921	\$1,301	\$0	\$106,222
Environ. Protec. Act PL3-23		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Environmental Quality - Saipan	11261900	1	\$18,906	\$234	\$0	\$19,140
Environmental Quality Tinian		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Zoning Board	11262200	6	\$169,984	\$2,108	\$0	\$172,092
Commonwealth Zoning Board		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CJPA	11260400	3	\$95,699	\$1,187	\$0	\$96,886
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	11261500	0	\$0	\$80,800	\$0	\$80,800
Medicaid Reimbursements	11882200	0	\$0	\$6,060,000	\$0	\$6,060,000
Medicaid Agency	11880300	20	\$302,472	\$127,990	\$0	\$430,462
Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology	11850400	11	\$41,543	\$192,542	\$0	\$234,085
Other Offices of the Gov and Lt. Gov Total		132	3,322,378	6,497,899	0	9,820,277

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Activity/Function	ORG	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL
Department of Commerce						
Secretary of Commerce	11160100	15	\$386,983	\$4,799	\$0	\$391,782
Economic Development - Saipan	11160300	2	\$68,885	\$854	\$0	\$69,739
Statistical Research	11160400	6	\$155,283	\$1,926	\$0	\$157,209
Alcoholic Beverage Control	11160200	17	\$277,648	\$3,443	\$0	\$281,091
Enforcement and Compliance	11160500	5	\$139,819	\$1,734	\$0	\$141,553
Workers Compensation Commission	11160600	4	\$130,334	\$1,616	\$0	\$131,950
Department of Commerce Total		49	1,158,952	14,372	0	1,173,324
Department of Community & Cultural Affairs						
Secretary of CCA	11120100	8	\$212,800	\$2,639	\$0	\$215,439
Youth Services - Saipan	11120800	11	\$245,703	\$3,047	\$0	\$248,750
Child Care Licensing Program	11120900	4	\$122,255	\$1,516	\$0	\$123,771
Historical Preservation - Saipan	11120600	8	\$227,969	\$2,827	\$0	\$230,796
Office of Aging - Saipan	11120700	5	\$183,134	\$2,271	\$0	\$185,405
Council for Arts & Culture	11120200	8	\$185,839	\$2,305	\$0	\$188,144
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	11121000	2	\$42,039	\$521	\$0	\$42,560
Chamorro/Carolinian Language Commission	11121200	5	\$153,337	\$1,902	\$0	\$155,239
NAP	11121400	0	\$0	\$161,600	\$0	\$161,600
Department of Community & Cultural Affairs Total		51	1,373,076	178,628	0	1,551,704
Department of Corrections						
Secretary of Corrections	11130100	139	\$2,785,486	\$34,545	\$0	\$2,820,031
Juvenile Detention Unit	11130200	15	\$255,344	\$3,167	\$0	\$258,511
Department of Corrections Total		154	3,040,830	37,712	0	3,078,542
Department of Fire & Emergency Services						
Administration	11140100	11	\$337,759	\$4,191	\$0	\$341,950
Emergency Services	11140300	86	\$2,408,189	\$29,866	\$0	\$2,438,055
Fire Prevention & Arson Investigation	11140200	10	\$305,799	\$3,793	\$0	\$309,592
Emergency Medical Services	11140400	9	\$310,313	\$3,848	\$0	\$314,161
Logistical Support	11140500	6	\$226,510	\$2,809	\$0	\$229,319
DFEMS Training Section	11140600	2	\$79,840	\$990	\$0	\$80,830
DFEMS Dispatch Section	11140700	12	\$113,653	\$1,410	\$0	\$115,063
Department of Fire & Emergency Services Total		136	3,782,063	46,907	0	3,828,970
Department of Finance						
Secretary of Finance	11170100	18	\$540,184	\$6,699	\$0	\$546,883
Finance and Acct Saipan	11170800	27	\$805,851	\$9,994	\$0	\$815,845
Treasury	11170700	15	\$221,211	\$2,743	\$0	\$223,954
Revenue & Taxation - Saipan	11170500	64	\$1,339,635	\$16,614	\$0	\$1,356,249
Procurement & Supply - Saipan	11170400	11	\$308,941	\$3,831	\$0	\$312,772
Division of Customs & Quarantine Services - Saipan	11170900	105	\$2,402,429	\$29,795	\$0	\$2,432,224
Office of Information Technology	11170200	13	\$371,332	\$4,605	\$0	\$375,937
Passport Office	11171000	3	\$68,007	\$843	\$0	\$68,850
Department of Finance Total		256	6,057,590	75,124	0	6,132,714
Department of Labor						
Secretary of Labor	11180100	4	\$153,460	\$1,903	\$0	\$155,363
Administrative Hearing Office	11180400	1	\$69,416	\$861	\$0	\$70,277
Employment Services	11180500	8	\$218,183	\$2,706	\$0	\$220,889
WIA		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Labor Enforcement Fund	11180700	7	\$171,802	\$2,131	\$0	\$173,933
Department of Labor Total		20	\$612,861	\$7,601	\$0	\$620,462

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Department of Land and Natural Resources						
Secretary of DLNR	11190100	6	\$232,109	\$2,879	\$0	\$234,988
Agriculture	11190700	18	\$414,281	\$5,138	\$0	\$419,419
Fish & Wildlife Saipan	11190800	14	\$182,867	\$2,268	\$0	\$185,135
Parks & Recreation - Saipan	11190400	40	\$418,488	\$5,190	\$0	\$423,678
Soil & Water Conservation - Saipan	11190500	1	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
Land Registration Saipan	11190900	11	\$166,771	\$2,068	\$0	\$168,839
Department of Land and Natural Resources Total		90	1,414,517	17,543	0	1,432,060
Department of Public Safety						
DPS Commissioner	11150400	1	\$42,537	\$528	\$0	\$43,065
Police - Saipan	11150500	185	\$3,858,218	\$47,849	\$0	\$3,906,067
Administrative Division	11150100	13	\$377,415	\$4,681	\$0	\$382,096
Motor Vehicles Division	11150300	12	\$220,467	\$2,734	\$0	\$223,201
Department of Public Safety Total		211	\$4,498,637	\$55,792	\$0	\$4,554,429
Department of Public Works						
Secretary Public Works	11200100	10	\$333,735	\$4,139	\$0	\$337,874
Street Lights		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building Safety Code	11200200	13	\$401,022	\$4,973	\$0	\$405,995
Roads & Grounds Division	11200500	22	\$387,290	\$4,803	\$0	\$392,093
Technical Services Division	11200700	21	\$555,414	\$6,888	\$0	\$562,302
Solid Waste Management Division	11200600	37	\$661,819	\$6,803	\$0	\$668,622
Department of Public Works Total		103	\$2,339,280	\$27,606	\$0	\$2,366,886
Executive Branch Total		1,234	\$28,787,128	\$7,104,568	\$0	\$35,891,696
First Senatorial District						
Mayor Rota	12270100	103	\$2,136,151	\$23,861	\$150,000	\$2,310,012
Municipal Council Rota	12710100	8	\$149,890	\$11,499	\$0	\$161,389
Finance and Acct Rota	12170800	4	\$130,550	\$16,305	\$0	\$146,855
Revenue & Taxation - Rota	12170500	4	\$88,902	\$889	\$0	\$89,791
Procurement & Supply Rota	12170400	2	\$70,216	\$702	\$0	\$70,918
Customs Service - Rota	12170900	15	\$351,645	\$3,516	\$0	\$355,161
Historic Preservation - Rota	12120600	3	\$79,628	\$796	\$0	\$80,424
Sports and Recreation - Rota	12120400	9	\$263,186	\$12,632	\$0	\$275,818
Labor Rota	12180100	5	\$195,818	\$6,958	\$0	\$202,776
Economic Development - Rota	12160300	4	\$140,561	\$6,406	\$0	\$146,967
Police - Rota	12150500	47	\$1,429,962	\$29,300	\$0	\$1,459,262
Fire & EMS - Rota	12140100	29	\$1,033,090	\$25,331	\$0	\$1,058,421
Agriculture - Rota	12190700	12	\$413,213	\$14,132	\$0	\$427,345
Fish & Wildlife Rota	12190800	5	\$140,878	\$1,409	\$0	\$142,287
Parks & Recreation - Rota	12190400	4	\$90,516	\$905	\$0	\$91,421
Soil & Water Conservation - Rota	12190500	1	\$23,138	\$231	\$0	\$23,369
Land Registration Rota	12190900	2	\$59,966	\$600	\$0	\$60,566
Operations & Maintenance - Rota	12200100	22	\$539,188	\$20,392	\$0	\$559,580
Public Library - Rota	12880900	1	\$16,443	\$164	\$0	\$16,607
Contingency - Rota		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
First Senatorial District Total		280	7,352,941	176,028	\$150,000	\$7,678,969

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Second Senatorial District						
Mayor Tinian	13270100	135	\$3,172,938	\$124,297	\$250,000	\$3,547,235
Mayor Contingency Tinian		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Municipal Council Tinian	13710100	7	\$175,452	\$1,755	\$0	\$177,207
Finance and Acct Tinian	13170800	3	\$98,970	\$29,554	\$0	\$128,524
Revenue & Taxation - Tinian	13170500	4	\$105,637	\$867	\$0	\$106,504
Procurement & Supply Tinian	13170400	2	\$44,056	\$243	\$0	\$44,299
Customs Service - Tinian	13170900	15	\$333,432	\$3,334	\$0	\$336,766
Historic Preservation - Tinian	13120600	3	\$69,572	\$523	\$0	\$70,095
Office of Aging - Tinian	13120700	4	\$93,884	\$762	\$0	\$94,646
Sports and Recreation - Tinian	13120400	6	\$177,887	\$1,585	\$0	\$179,472
Labor Tinian	13180100	9	\$266,152	\$14,437	\$0	\$280,589
Economic Development - Tinian	13160300	9	\$150,574	\$1,351	\$0	\$151,925
Police - Tinian	13150500	39	\$834,104	\$21,755	\$0	\$855,859
Fire - Tinian	13140100	28	\$916,034	\$22,575	\$0	\$938,609
Agriculture - Tinian	13190700	9	\$284,046	\$2,840	\$0	\$286,886
Fish & Wildlife Tinian	13190800	5	\$115,358	\$738	\$0	\$116,096
Parks & Recreation - Tinian	13190400	3	\$63,965	\$640	\$0	\$64,605
Soil & Water Conservation Tinian	13190500	1	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$2
Operations & Maintenance - Tinian	13200100	11	\$241,118	\$2,055	\$0	\$243,173
Tinian Public Library	13880900	3	\$55,918	\$559	\$0	\$56,477
Vacant Holding Account Tinian		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second Senatorial District Total		296	7,199,098	229,871	\$250,000	\$7,678,969
Third Senatorial District						
Mayor Saipan	11270100	81	\$2,606,737	\$23,041	\$0	\$2,629,778
Mayor Northern Islands	14270100	17	\$351,208	\$3,512	\$0	\$354,720
Municipal Council Saipan	11710100	5	\$123,724	\$1,237	\$0	\$124,961
Mayor of Saipan Contingency		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mayor of Northern Islands Contingency		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Third Senatorial District Total		103	3,081,669	27,790	\$0	\$3,109,459
Boards and Commissions						
Civil Service Commission	11110700	2	\$109,023	\$1,090	\$0	\$110,113
Office of Personnel Management - Saipan	11111100	19	\$770,566	\$7,706	\$0	\$778,272
Office of Personnel Management - Tinian	13111100	1	\$40,790	\$408	\$0	\$41,198
Office of Personnel Management - Rota	12111100	2	\$65,774	\$658	\$0	\$66,432
Commonwealth Election Commission	11110200	6	\$215,231	\$2,152	\$0	\$217,383
Board of Professional Licensing	11110500	2	\$80,548	\$805	\$0	\$81,353
Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission	11110800	1	\$47,097	\$471	\$0	\$47,568
Commonwealth Casino Commission	11111200	0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$2
Commonwealth Cannabis Commission	11110900	3	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
CNMI Cannabis Commission Board	11111000	0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
Political Status Commission		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Boards and Commissions Total		36	\$1,329,032	\$13,291	\$0	\$1,342,323

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Independent Program						
Scholarship and Grants	11881400	7	\$240,669	\$52,407	\$0	\$293,076
Substance Abuse Prevention	11881500	15	\$360,975	\$3,610	\$0	\$364,585
Elected Attorney General	11880500	53	\$2,647,873	\$26,479	\$0	\$2,674,352
Active Employees DC Empl'g Cntrbn.	11881600	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GHLI: Retirees	11881700	0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
NM Sports Association	11883100	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Active EE ER Health Ins Cntrbn.	11881800	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25% Retirees' Pension Benefits	11884200	0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
Micronesia Legal Services		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Governmental Utilities	UNASSIGNED	0	\$0	\$18,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,818,000
Joeten/Kiyu Public Library	11880900	15	\$499,330	\$4,993	\$0	\$504,323
General Fund Deficit Reduction	11884500	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NMRF - Gov/Lt. Gov Pension	11881900	0	\$78,875	\$789	\$0	\$79,664
Judgement Against Government	11884600	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Commonwealth Museum	11880200	4	\$128,351	\$1,284	\$0	\$129,635
Government Operational Costs	11884400	0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Public Assistance Matching		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Independent Program Total		94	3,956,075	107,563	1,800,000	5,863,638
Other Programs (Transfers to Agencies)						
Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Subsidy	11850100	0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Health Network Program	11850700	0	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$800,000
Northern Marianas College (NMC)	11881000	178	\$0	\$3,948,842	\$0	\$3,948,842
NMC Board of Regents	11882100	0	\$0	\$51,158	\$0	\$51,158
Marianas Visitors' Authority	11881300	41	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Public School System	11881100	972	\$0	\$33,466,869	\$0	\$33,466,869
PSS Board	11882000	6	\$0	\$153,131	\$0	\$153,131
NMTI	11883500	0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Other Programs (Transfers to Agencies) Total		1,197	0	38,420,003	\$0	38,420,003
General Fund Grand Total		3,501	\$59,416,459	\$49,377,552	\$2,680,000	\$111,474,011
Department of Public Lands		81	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$2
MPLT		0	\$0	\$5,566,073	\$0	\$5,566,073
General Fund Grand Total with DPL		3,582	\$59,416,460	\$54,943,626	2,680,000	\$117,040,086