

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

**RALPH N. YUMUL**

CHAIRMAN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-75

DATE: April 11, 2024

RE: House Local Bill No. 23-43

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

**House Local Bill No. 23-43:** "To amend Tinian Local Law 23-7; and for other purposes."

begs leave to report as follows:

## I. RECOMMENDATION:

After conducting financial due diligence, your Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-43 be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action.

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## II. ANALYSIS:

### A. Purpose:

The purpose of this Act is to amend Tinian Local Law 23-7 to adjust the poker fee funds appropriated by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

### B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which House Local Bill No. 23-43: "To amend Tinian Local Law 23-7; and for other purposes" was referred, examined and confirmed that the amount specified in the local appropriation Act is accurate and available for appropriation. The Committee received the Certification of Local Revenue-Tinian Poker Funds from the Department of Finance dated December 20, 2023, certifying the availability of funds in the amount of \$188,903.00. Therefore, your Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-43 be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action.

The Fund Certification has been attached as part of this committee report.

### C. Legislative History:

House Local Bill 23-43 was introduced by Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas on March 28, 2024, and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

## III. CONCLUSION:

The Committee is content and confident with the certification of funds provided by the Department of Finance with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-43; therefore, it recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-43 be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action.

Respectfully submitted,

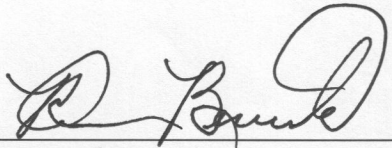
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Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Chairman



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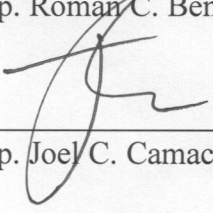
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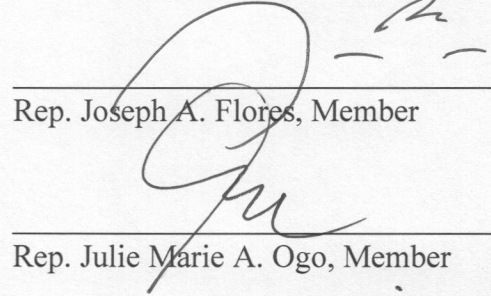
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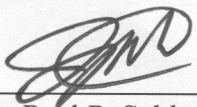
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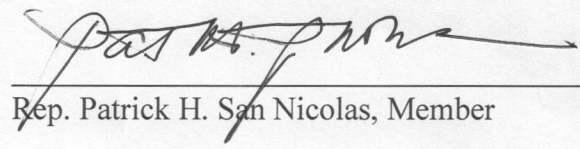
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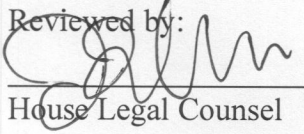


Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member



Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member

Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai, Member

Reviewed by:  4/15/24  
House Legal Counsel

Attachment: Fund Certification dated December 20, 2023

Project Name: LOCAL REVENUE-TINIAN POKER  
 JDE Business Unit: 3301  
 Project Ledger Project Number: RL17810018  
 General Ledger Project Number: 3301

JDE Ending Actual Balance as of 9/30/2021 (Inception)  
 FY21 Encumbrances in JDE  
 Should be Beginning Balance in FY2022 (10/01/2021)

SOI	Financial Services	Total
184,903.00	-	184,903.00
\$ 184,903.00	\$ -	\$ 184,903.00

**FY2022**

Revenue  
 JDE  
 PL  
 General Ledger

-	-	-
180,000.00	-	180,000.00
-	-	-

Expenses  
 JDE as of 09/30/2022 (Current)

Actual  
 Encumbrance  
 Project Ledger  
 Actual  
 Encumbrance

-	-	-
-	-	-
140,000.00	-	140,000.00
-	-	-

Ending Balance FY2022

\$ 204,903.00	\$ -	\$ 204,903.00
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**FY2023**

Revenue  
 JDE  
 Project Ledger  
 General Ledger

184,900.00	-	184,900.00
-	-	-
-	-	-

Expenses

Project Ledger  
 Actual  
 Encumbrance  
 General Ledger  
 Actual  
 Encumbrance  
 Pending Appropriations

-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
68,000.00	-	68,000.00

Ending Balance FY2023

\$ 300,903.00	\$ -	\$ 300,903.00
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**FY2024**

Revenue  
 JOE

12,000.00	-	12,000.00
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Expenses

Project Ledger  
 Actual  
 Encumbrance  
 General Ledger  
 Actual  
 Encumbrance  
 Pending Appropriations

-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
124,000.00	-	124,000.00

FY24 Remaining Balance as of 11/20/2023 \$ 188,903.00 \$ - \$ 188,903.00

Account Inquiry Total Revised Budget \$ 208,000.00

Decrease (subject to adjustment) \$ 119,097.00

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 Bethilde Palencia, Senior Financial Analyst

Prepared By: *[Signature]* 12-14-23  
 Ryan A Santos, Accountant II

Reviewed By: *[Signature]* 12/19/23  
 Ryan C. Camacho, Senior Financial Analyst

Consented By: *[Signature]* 12/15/23  
 Bethilde Palencia, Director of Financial Services

Certified By: *[Signature]* 12/20/23  
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**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**MARCH 28, 2024**

**THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024**

**H. L. B. 23-43**

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

To amend Tinian Local Law 23-7; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF  
THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2           The purpose of this Act is to amend Tinian Local Law 23-7 to adjust the  
3 poker fee funds appropriated by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

4 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS.**

5           Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the  
6 contrary, the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby amends Tinian  
7 Local Law 23-7 as follows:

8           (A)   The title is amended to read:

9                        “To appropriate \$188,903.00 ~~\$208,000.00~~ from revenues collected  
10           from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.”

1 (B) Section 1 is amended to read:

2 “SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate One Hundred  
4 Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Three dollars (\$188,903.00)  
5 ~~Two Hundred Twenty Four Thousand dollars (\$208,000.00 USD)~~  
6 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial  
7 District. The certification of funds was prepared on November 29,  
8 2023, and was reviewed and confirmed by the Secretary of Finance.  
9 This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY 2024 Budget  
10 Act. Therefore, this local appropriation of local poker fees does not  
11 contravene 1 CMC § 7401 and 1 CMC § 7204(d) or any other  
12 provision of the CNMI Budget Act.”

13 (C) Section 2 is amended to read:

14 “SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.

15 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or  
16 regulations to the contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the  
17 Second Senatorial District from poker fees, the Tinian and Aguiguan  
18 Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates \$188,903.00  
19 ~~\$208,000.00~~ of the revenues collected for the Second Senatorial  
20 District from the poker fees as follows:

21 (A) \$102,403.00 ~~\$118,000.00~~ to the Mayor of Tinian and

1           Aguiguan for operations, professional services and fees, and public  
2           programs.

3                   (B)   \$40,000.00 to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan  
4           discretionary account.

5                   (C)   \$35,000.00 to the Tinian Municipal Scholarship  
6           Board.

7                   (D)   \$1,500.00 ~~\$5,000.00~~ to the Commonwealth Office of  
8           Transit Authority-Tinian.

9                   (E)   \$10,000.00 to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative  
10          Delegation operations.”

11   **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

12           If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any  
13          person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
14          the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
15          circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected  
16          thereby.

17   **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

18           This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as  
19          affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
20          repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers  
21          contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to

1 prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in  
2 any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in  
3 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

4 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Prefiled: 3/21/2024

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:  
/s/ Joseph M. Hallahan (3/21/2024)  
House Legal Counsel



Project Name: LOCAL REVENUE-TIMAN POKER  
 JOE Business Unit: 3301  
 Project Ledger Project Number: RL17918018  
 General Ledger Project Number: 3301

JOE Ending Actual Balance as of 9/30/2021 (Inception)  
 FY21 Encumbrances in JOE  
 Should be Beginning Balance in FY2022 (10/01/2021)

SOB	Financial Services	Total
164,903.00	-	164,903.00
\$ 164,903.00	\$ -	\$ 164,903.00

**FY2022**

Revenue		
JOE	-	-
PL	180,000.00	180,000.00
General Ledger	-	-

Expenses		
JOE as of 09/30/2022 (Current)	-	-
Actual	-	-
Encumbrance	-	-
Project Ledger	-	-
Actual	140,000.00	140,000.00
Encumbrance	-	-

Ending Balance FY2022 \$ 264,903.00 \$ - \$ 264,903.00

**FY2023**

Revenue		
JOE	164,000.00	164,000.00
Project Ledger	-	-
General Ledger	-	-

Expenses		
Project Ledger	-	-
Actual	-	-
Encumbrance	-	-
General Ledger	-	-
Actual	-	-
Encumbrance	-	-
Pending Appropriations	69,000.00	69,000.00

Ending Balance FY2023 \$ 300,003.00 \$ - \$ 300,003.00

**FY2024**

Revenue		
JOE	12,000.00	12,000.00

Expenses		
Project Ledger	-	-
Actual	-	-
Encumbrance	-	-
General Ledger	-	-
Actual	-	-
Encumbrance	-	-
Pending Appropriations	124,000.00	124,000.00

FY24 Remaining Balance as of 11/30/2023 \$ 186,903.00 \$ - \$ 186,903.00

Account Inquiry Total Revised Budget \$ 208,000.00

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