



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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RALPH N. YUMUL

CHAIRMAN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-77

DATE: May 6, 2024

RE: House Local Bill No. 23-42

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. 23-42: "To re-appropriate Sixty-Five Thousand, Eighty-Two Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$65,082.45) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7190A; Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit 2007A; and One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$169,475.74) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit 2007B; 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. 23-42 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

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II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Sixty-Five Thousand, Eighty-Two Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$65,082.45) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7190A; Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit 2007A; and One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$169,475.74) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit 2007B, for a combined total of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, Fifty-Eight Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$282,058.19) for the pavement of Ladder Beach Road on Saipan.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-42: “To re-appropriate Sixty-Five Thousand, Eighty-Two Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$65,082.45) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7190A; Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit 2007A; and One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$169,475.74) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit 2007B; 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 Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division (DPW-TSD) provided the Certification of Fund Balances as of April 12, 2024, for project codes 7190A, 2007A and 2007B. An updated Fund Certification will be issued by the Department of Finance in the immediate future. DPW-TSD Fund Certification dated April 12, 2024, and the Department of Finance communication has been attached as part of this committee report. Therefore, the Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-42 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.


C. Legislative History:

House Local Bill No. 23-42 was introduced by Representative Roman C. Benavente 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 with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-42, therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

Respectfully submitted,

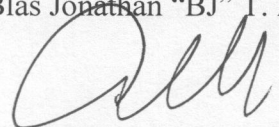


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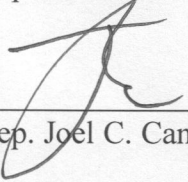
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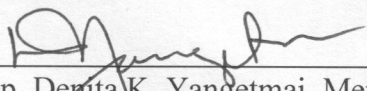
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 5/6/24

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TSD Fund Balance for Project Codes 7190, 7190A, 2007A, and 2007B

2 messages

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Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 2:14 PM

Good Afternoon Representative Roman Benavente,

The Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division is providing your office TSD Certification of Fund Balances as of April 12, 2024, of Precinct I project appropriation accounts:

1. Saipan Local Law 20-26; Business Unit/Project Code No. 7190 is \$80,000.00;
2. Saipan Local Law 20-26; Business Unit/Project Code No. 7190A is \$68,324.45;
3. Saipan Local Law 22-10; Business Unit/Project Code No. 2007A is \$50,000.00; and
4. Saipan Local Law 22-10; Business Unit/Project Code No. 2007B is \$178,475.74.

The total fund balance for 7190, 7190A, 2007A, and 2007B is \$376,800.19.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 234-9828.

Thank you.

George C. Sablan
Acting Director of TSD/DPW

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Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 2:26 PM

thnx George
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FC164 (7190), FC165(7190A), FC166(2007A), and FC167(2007B)

1 message

Kartrinalynn Henriquez <k.henriquez@dof.gov.mp>

Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 1:33 PM

To: "Roman C. Benavente" <r.benavente@dof.gov.mp>

Cc: "Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr" <E.Palacios@dof.gov.mp>, "staff.rep.rbenavente@gmail.com" <staff.rep.rbenavente@gmail.com>

Good afternoon Rep. Benavente,

I am writing to confirm that you would like to initiate fund certifications for the following projects.

Kindly review and confirm that the local laws you are referring to are correct:

- Fund Certification #164 SLL 20-26 Section 2(q)(5) P1- Atot Ave. Chalan Piao (\$80,000)
- Fund Certification #165 SLL 20-26 Section 2(q)(6) P1- Ahive Lane, Fina Sisu (\$70,000)
- Fund Certification #166 SLL 22-10 Section 2(B)(20)(A)(i) P1- Tataga Drive (\$50,000)
- Fund Certification #167 SLL 22-10 Section 2(B)(20)(A)(ii) P1- Pontan Dr, As Lito (\$180,000)

I am happy to start the process for you, please allow our office some time to get this routed for review.

Here are your reference numbers:

- Fund Certification #164 SLL 20-26 7190
- Fund Certification #165 SLL 20-26 7190A
- Fund Certification #166 SLL 22-10 2007A
- Fund Certification #167 SLL 22-10 2007B

Best regards,



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Cc: Kartrinalynn Henriquez <k.henriquez@dof.gov.mp>
Subject: BU 7190A, 2007A & 2007B: Fund Certification Request

Hafa Adai Rep. Benavente,

Good morning. This is to acknowledge receipt of your request for a fund balance on the following subject matter BU pertaining to Saipan Local Laws 20-26 & 22-10.

I've forwarded your request to Kartrinalynn Henriquez as she is the point of contact for local appropriation fund status. She is cc'd on this email.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our office. Thank you.

Respectfully,



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TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2024

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2024

H. L. B. 23-42

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

To re-appropriate Sixty-Five Thousand, Eighty-Two Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$65,082.45) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7190A; Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit 2007A; and One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$169,475.74) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit 2007B; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT

DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF

THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Sixty-Five Thousand, Eighty-
3 Two Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$65,082.45) allotted under Saipan Local Law
4 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7190A; Forty-Seven Thousand Five
5 Hundred Dollars (\$47,500.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically
6 under Business Unit 2007A; and One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand, Four

1 Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$169,475.74) allotted
2 under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit 2007B.

3 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

4 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the
5 contrary, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby re-
6 appropriates Sixty-Five Thousand, Eighty-Two Dollars and Forty-Five Cents
7 (\$65,082.45) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business
8 Unit 7190A; Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500.00) allotted
9 under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit 2007A; and One
10 Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventy-
11 Four Cents (\$169,475.74) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically
12 under Business Unit 2007B, for a combined total of Two Hundred Eighty-Two
13 Thousand, Fifty-Eight Dollars and Nineteen Cents(\$282,058.19) for the pavement
14 of Ladder Beach Road.

15 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

16 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 of this Act shall be
17 the Secretary of the Department of Public Works.

18 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMING.**

19 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, funds
20 appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose.

21 **SECTION 5. REPORTING.**

1 The expenditure authority shall submit to the Chairperson of the Saipan and
2 Northern Islands Legislative Delegation a detailed report showing the expenditure
3 of the funds at the completion of appropriations in Section 2 of this Act.

4 **SECTION 6. FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

5 Funds appropriated under Section 2 of this Act shall be distributed
6 according to the intended purpose and or entity upon this Act becoming law.

7 **SECTION 7. FISCAL YEAR.**

8 The funds allocated under this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation(s).

9 **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

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

15 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

16 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as
17 affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
18 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
19 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to
20 prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in
21 any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in

1 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

2 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Prefiled: 3/21/2024

Date: 3/21/2024

Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Roman C. Benavente
/s/ Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
/s/ Rep. Joel C. Camacho
/s/ Rep. Marissa R. Flores
/s/ Rep. Edwin K. Propst
/s/ Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:
/s/ Joseph L.G. Taijeron, Jr.
House Legal Counsel