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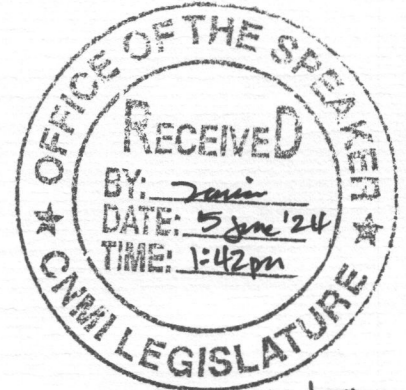
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

June 04, 2024

LT2024-083

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

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



6/5/24

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-42, S1**, entitled, "To re-appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit/Project Code 7190; Sixty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$68,324.45) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit/Project Code 7190A; Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10; specifically under Business Unit/Project Code No. 2007A; and One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$178,475.74) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit/Project 2007B; and for other purposes.," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 23-17**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

**DAVID M. APATANG**  
Acting Governor

HOUSE CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED BY [Signature]  
DATE 6/6/2024 TIME 2:41p

cc: Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision;  
Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; Special Assistant for Administration;  
Secretary, DPW; Programs and Legislative Review Office

6/5/2024  
@1:12 pm



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**  
**• THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**  
**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2024**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-42, S1**

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

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**OFFERED BY**

Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Edwin K. Propst and Edmund S. Villagomez

**Prefiled on March 21, 2024**

**Introduced and Referred to House Ways & Means Committee on March 28, 2024**

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**HOUSE ACTION**

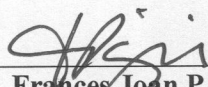
Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on  
**May 13, 2024**

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**DELEGATION ACTION**

<b>Referred to:</b>	None
<b>Comments Solicited:</b>	5/13/24: Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 23-75] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 23-76] 17 <sup>th</sup> SNIMC [Del. Matters 23-77]
<b>Comments Received:</b>	5/16/24 Mayor of the Northern Islands under Public Comments
<b>Standing Committee Report:</b>	None
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>	May 16, 2024 w/Substitute 1

  
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**Frances Joan P. Kaipat**  
Delegation Clerk



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
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**THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024**

**H. L. B. NO. 23-42, S1**

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

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2       The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) allotted  
3 under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit/Project Code 7190; Sixty-Eight  
4 Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$68,324.45) allotted under  
5 Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit/Project Code 7190A; Fifty Thousand  
6 Dollars (\$50,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-10; specifically under Business  
7 Unit/Project Code No. 2007A; and One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred

1 Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$178,475.74) allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-  
2 10, specifically under Business Unit/Project 2007B.

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

4 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the contrary, the Saipan  
5 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby re-appropriates Eighty Thousand Dollars  
6 (\$80,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit/Project  
7 Code 7190; Sixty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Forty-Five Cents  
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11 Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$178,475.74) allotted  
12 under Saipan Local Law 22-10, specifically under Business Unit/Project 2007B, for a combined  
13 total of Three Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars and Nineteen Cents  
14 (\$376,800.19) for the pavement of Ladder Beach Road.

15 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

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

18 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMING.**

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

1 **SECTION 5. REPORTING.**

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

5 **SECTION 6. FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

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

8 **SECTION 7. FISCAL YEAR.**

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

10 **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

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

15 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

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1 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

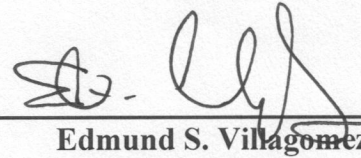
2           This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without  
3 such approval.

**CERTIFIED BY:**



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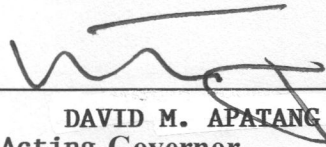
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**Chairman**  
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



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**Edmund S. Villagomez**  
**Speaker**  
23<sup>rd</sup> House of Representatives

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.



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



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

**RALPH N. YUMUL**

CHAIRMAN

*Adopted - 5/10/2024*

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.




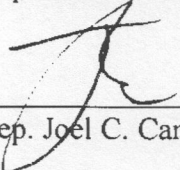
**III. CONCLUSION:**

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,

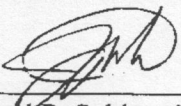
  
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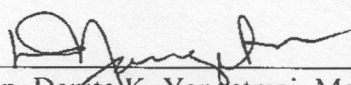
  
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Rep. Roman C. Benavente, Member

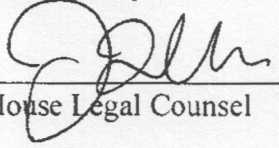
  
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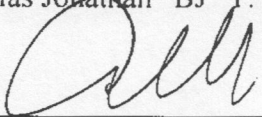
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Rep. Thomas John DLC. Manglona, Member

  
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Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member

  
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Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai, Member

Reviewed by:  
 5/6/24  
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House Legal Counsel

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

  
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Rep. Angelo A. Camacho, Member

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Rep. Vicente C. Camacho, Member

  
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Rep. Joseph A. Flores, Member

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Rep. Julie Marie A. Ogo, Member

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Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member



Terry Iginioef <staff.rep.rbenavente@gmail.com>

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

2 messages

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George Sablan <g\_sablandpw@yahoo.com>

Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 2:14 PM

To: "Rep. Roman C. Benavente" <staff.rep.rbenavente@gmail.com>

Cc: "J\_sasamoto@hotmail.com" <j\_sasamoto@hotmail.com>

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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Terry Iginioef <staff.rep.rbenavente@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 2:26 PM

To: George Sablan <g\_sablandpw@yahoo.com>

thnx George  
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Terry Iginioef <staff.rep.rbenavente@gmail.com>

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

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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,



*KartrinaLynn M. Henriquez*

**KartrinaLynn M. Henriquez**  
Financial Analyst  
Office of the Secretary  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
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**From:** Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr <E.Palacios@dof.gov.mp>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 8:22 AM  
**To:** Roman C. Benavente <r.benavente@dof.gov.mp>  
**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,



*Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr.*

**Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr.**  
Senior Financial Analyst | Office of the Secretary  
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