



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. 23-48
DATE: October 3, 2023
RE: House Bill No. 23-75

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 Bill No. 23-75: "To re-appropriate Thirteen thousand four hundred one dollars (\$13,401.00) allotted under Public Law No. 20-61; and for other purposes."

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After considerable discussion and conducting financial due diligence, your Committee recommends that House Bill No. 23-75 be passed by the House in its current form.

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II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Thirteen thousand four hundred one dollars (\$13,401.00) allotted under Public Law No. 20-61 for the following purpose:

(1) Thirteen thousand four hundred one dollars (\$13,401.00) to the Rota DPS for fuel and operations.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee finds that Public Law No. 20-61 appropriated Fifteen Million dollars from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account to various programs in the First, Second and Third Senatorial Districts. Funds specifically appropriated to the First Senatorial District for the Rota DPS Academy was not completely exhausted therefore the remaining balance will be re-appropriated so that the Rota DPS can utilize the funds for its operations and fuel.

The Committee received the Fund Certification as of August 28, 2023 that was verified and approved by the Secretary of Finance, Mrs. Tracy B. Norita, certifying that Public Law No. 20-61, Section 2(c)(1)(E), specifically under BU 7184Y, has a remaining balance of **\$13,401.50**, that is available for re-appropriation.

Your Committee agrees with the intent and purpose of House Bill No. 23-75 and recommends that the House pass the legislation in its current form. DOF Fund Certification, as of August 28, 2023, has been attached as part of this committee report.

C. Legislative History:

House Bill No. 23-75 as introduced by Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo on September 15, 2023 and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

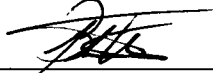
III. CONCLUSION:

The Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of House Bill No. 23-75 and is confident with the Fund Certification provided by the Secretary of Finance, therefore recommends its passage in its current form.

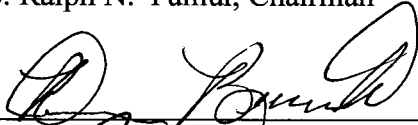
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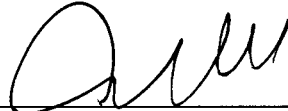
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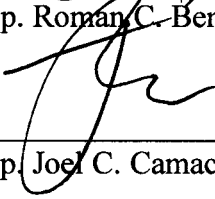
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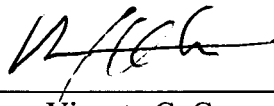
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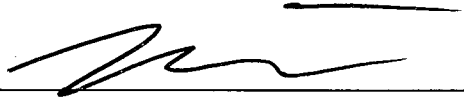
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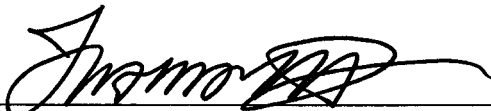
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Rep. Manny Gregory T. Castro, Member



Rep. Joseph A. Flores, Member



Rep. Thomas John DLC. Manglona, Member



Rep. Julie Marie A. Ogo, Member



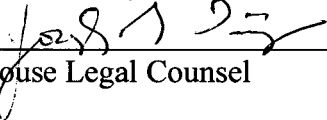
Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member

Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member



Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai, Member

Reviewed by:



House Legal Counsel

Attachment: DOF Fund Certification as of August 28, 2023

FUND CERTIFICATION
VARIOUS ROTA PROJECTS
AS OF 08/28/2023
Prepared on 08/25/23

BU	VARIOUS PROJECTS ON ROTA	FY 2021 JDE				FY 2022				FY 2023			
		BUDGET	ENCUMB	ACTUALS	END BALANCE (FY 21)	BUDGET	ENCUMB	ACTUALS	END BALANCE (FY 22)	BUDGET	ENCUMB	ACTUALS	VTD BAL AS OF 08/25/23
7657	Mayor of Rota	\$ 376,942		\$ 197,425	\$ 179,517.00	\$ 179,517.00			\$ 179,517.00	\$ 179,517.00	\$ 9,957.58	\$ 24,197.85	\$ 145,361.57
2204R	RLL 22-04 2(D) DPS - Rota C.I.D.	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 44,999.00	\$ 5,001.00	\$ 5,001.00			\$ 5,001.00
2208R	RLL 22-08 2(A) Medical Subsistence	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,000.00		\$ 86,850.00	\$ 8,150.00	\$ 8,150.00		\$ 8,150.00	\$ -
2311U	RLL 19-02 2(B) Rota Scholarship *	\$ 13,350		\$ 13,475	\$ (126.00)	\$ (126.00)			\$ (126.00)	\$ (126.00)			\$ (126.00)
2312M	RLL 20-10 2(C) Medical Subsistence	\$ 100,000		\$ 81,750	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 18,250.00		\$ 18,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ -
2312O	RLL 21-01 Student House Asst.	\$ 127,209		\$ 38,700	\$ 88,509.00	\$ 88,509.00		\$ 32,000.00	\$ 56,509.00	\$ 56,509.00		\$ 56,000.00	\$ 509.00
2312Q	RLL 22-02 2(A) Medical Subsistence	\$ 40,000		\$ 35,300	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ -
2701G	RLL 22-09 2(A) Rota Municipal Scholarship	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00			\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00			\$ 150,000.00
2701H	RLL 22-12 2(A) Medical Subsistence**	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 8,200.00	\$ 1,800.00
2701R	RLL 22-04 2(C) Rota Liason Office	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,000.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 65,500.00	\$ 65,500.00		\$ 49,052.62	\$ 16,447.38
7183G	RLL 20-08 2(C) Rota Scholarship	\$ 58,000		\$ 56,093	\$ 1,907.00	\$ 1,907.00		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 307.00	\$ 307.00			\$ 307.00
7184Y	PL 20-61 2(C)(1)(E) DPS Academy Rota	\$ 55,000	\$ 8,857	\$ 25,992	\$ 20,151.00	\$ 20,151.00		\$ 6,749.50	\$ 13,401.50	\$ 13,401.50			\$ 13,401.50
7185B	PL 20-61 2(C)(1)(U) Municipal Scholarship	\$ 100,000		\$ 99,846	\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00			\$ 154.00	\$ 154.00			\$ 154.00
7192Y	PL 21-10 2(A)(2)(B)(iv)(D) ROP Municipal Scholarship Fund	\$ 100,000		\$ 76,916	\$ 23,084.00	\$ 23,084.00		\$ 22,320.00	\$ 164.00	\$ 164.00			\$ 164.00
7193D	PL 21-10 2(A)(2)(B)(iv)(I) ROP Health Center	\$ 25,000		\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00
7193F	PL 21-10 2(A)(2)(B)(iv)(K) ROP Mayors Office Operations	\$ 85,000	\$ 139	\$ 84,706	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00			\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00			\$ 155.00

TOTAL REMAINING BAL. \$ 343,174.45

Prepared by: 
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Reviewed by: 
 Eleuterio Q. Palacios Jr., Senior Financial Analyst

Approved by:  8/29/23
 Tracy B. Norita, Secretary of Finance

NOTES:

- *2311U JDE ending balance for FY 2021 is in deficit. FY 22-23' Munis is showing surplus. This should be a deficit ending FY 23'.
- **2701H JE Adjustments needed to be made on the carry forward balance from FY22 to FY23. Balance carryforward should be \$10,000 for FY23.

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Second Regular Session, 2023

H. B. 23-75

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To re-appropriate Thirteen thousand four hundred one dollars (\$13,401.00) allotted under Public Law No. 20-61; and for other purposes.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The legislature finds that Public Law
2 No. 20-61 appropriated Fifteen Million Dollars from the Special Casino Gross
3 Revenue Tax Account to various programs in the First, Second and Third Senatorial
4 Districts. Funds specifically appropriated to the First Senatorial District for the Rota
5 DPS Academy was not completely exhausted therefore the remaining balance will
6 be re-appropriated so that the Rota DPS can utilize the funds for its operations and
7 fuel.

8 The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Thirteen thousand four hundred
9 one dollars (\$13,401.00) allotted under Public Law No. 20-61, Section 2 (c)(1)(E).

10 **Section 2. Re-appropriation.** Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes,
11 laws or regulations to the contrary, Thirteen thousand four hundred one dollars

1 (\$13,401.00) allotted under Public Law No. 20-61, specifically under Section 2
2 (c)(1)(E) is hereby appropriated as follows:

3 (a) Thirteen thousand four hundred one dollars (\$13,401.00) to the Rota
4 DPS for fuel and operations under the expenditure authority of the Rota DPS
5 Resident Director.

6 **Section 3. Fiscal Year Limitation and Reprogramming.** Notwithstanding
7 any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, the funds appropriated under
8 Section 2 of this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and all the
9 fuds shall be available for expenditure without fiscal year limitations.

10 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
11 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
12 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
13 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
14 shall not be affected thereby.

15 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
16 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
17 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
18 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
20 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
21 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

1 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
2 the Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 9/11/2023

Date: _____ Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Julie M.A. Ogo

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ Joseph L.G. Taijeron, Jr.
House Legal Counsel