



# House of Representatives

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
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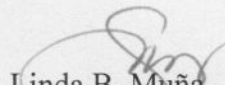
HOUSE  
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The Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider  
President  
The Senate  
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Capitol Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Senate President Hofschneider:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for Senate action, "**H. J. R. No. 22-5, HS1**, entitled: **A House Joint Resolution to authorize the establishment of an additional twenty-eight (28) positions as needed by the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI); and for other purposes.**", which was adopted by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, during its First Day, First Special Session on April 23, 2021.

Sincerely yours,

  
Linda B. Muña  
House Clerk

Attachment

Transmittal to the SENATE

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**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**APRIL 23, 2021**

**First Special Session, 2021**

**H. J. R. 22-5, HS1**

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**A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

To authorize the establishment of an additional twenty-eight (28) positions as needed by the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI); and for other purposes.

1           **WHEREAS**, the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI),  
2           established as a non-profit public corporation within the CNMI Government under  
3           CNMI Public Law 20-92, was created to serve as an institution that is dedicated to  
4           developing and enhancing career, trades, and technical trainings within the CNMI;  
5           and

6           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Career and Technical Training Act, NMTI is  
7           responsible for carrying out the duties of establishing a program that is conducive  
8           in supporting career and technical shortages as demanded by the global economy;  
9           and

10           **WHEREAS**, however, pursuant to Public Law 21-35 (FY 2021 Annual  
11           Appropriations Act), NMTI's entire budget was line-item vetoed, hence the lack of  
12           necessary personnel to commence the operations of the institute; and

1           **WHEREAS**, as of February 9, 2021, despite the shortage of funds, NMTI  
2 managed to successfully transition from a non-profit educational institute to a new  
3 government entity pursuant to the statutes under CNMI Public Law 20-92; and

4           **WHEREAS**, recently after transition, NMTI's Board of Trustees appointed  
5 Ms. Jodina Attao to serve as an interim Chief Executive Officer for the institute;  
6 and

7           **WHEREAS**, upon appointment, Interim CEO Attao is now obligated to  
8 face the many obstacles and hinderances that NMTI is presently enduring, most  
9 especially the shortage of necessary faculty and staff; and

10          **WHEREAS**, the following additional NOPs requested by NMTI, and  
11 deemed necessary, are as follows:

- 12           1. Chief Executive Officer
- 13           2. Human Resource Manager
- 14           3. Finance Department – Fiscal Specialist
- 15           4. Budget Analyst
- 16           5. Facilities Manager
- 17           6. Facilities Support Staff (2)
- 18           7. Administrative Officer
- 19           8. Administrative Assistant
- 20           9. Accreditation & Curriculum Coordinator
- 21           10. Student Services Coordinator

- 1           11. Procurement Officer
- 2           12. Marketing Specialist
- 3           13. Certified Instructor, Carpentry (2)
- 4           14. Certified Instructor, Construction (2)
- 5           15. Certified Instructor, Electrical (2)
- 6           16. Certified Instructor, Auto Mechanics (2)
- 7           17. Certified Instructor, Plumbing (2)
- 8           18. Certified Instructor, HVAC (2)
- 9           19. Certified Instructor, Welding
- 10          20. Certified Instructor, Hospitality & Tourism
- 11          21. Certified Instructor, Culinary

12           **WHEREAS**, in a letter submitted to the Legislature, dated March 30<sup>th</sup>,  
13           2021, NMTI Board of Trustees Chairman Mario Valentino and Interim CEO Jodina  
14           Attao indicated that additional positions are critical in setting up the institute with  
15           efficient processes and strong internal systems; and

16           **WHEREAS**, furthermore, Interim CEO Jodina Attao continues to meet  
17           stakeholders to address other issues that the institute is faced with; and

18           **WHEREAS**, as an institute committed to developing the various trades  
19           necessary to build a productive and reliable workforce, it is extremely important to  
20           provide NMTI with the resources they need to continue; and

1           **WHEREAS**, such trade programs include Adult High School, Automotive  
2 Technology, Construction Technology, Power Generation, Culinary Arts, and  
3 Hotel & Restaurant Operations; and

4           **WHEREAS**, cognizant of the labor workforce shortages that the CNMI is  
5 presently faced with, NMTI is the institute that is dedicated to rectify such  
6 deficiency; and

7           **WHEREAS**, with each passing day that goes by, NMTI continues to  
8 operate at an inadequate capacity which will negatively affect not only the  
9 institution, but the CNMI as a whole; and

10           **WHEREAS**, mindful of such shortfalls, we cannot sit idly by and allow for  
11 this well-founded institution to falter and, therefore, must act swiftly to equip our  
12 labor force with the proper foundation and establishment it needs to secure a better  
13 and brighter future for our Commonwealth; and

14           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of  
15 Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
16 Legislature, the Senate concurring, that the House authorizes the establishment of  
17 an additional twenty-eight (28) positions as needed by the Northern Marianas  
18 Technical Institute (NMTI); and

19           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify and the House Clerk  
21 and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this joint

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-5, HS1**

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1 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a copy to Ms. Jodina Attao,  
2 Interim CEO, Northern Marianas Technical Institute; the Northern Marianas  
3 Technical Institute Board of Trustees; The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres,  
4 Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable  
5 Gregorio “Kilili” C. Sablan, U.S. Delegate to the United States Congress, 117<sup>th</sup>  
6 United States Congress; the Honorable David M. Apatang, Mayor, the Municipality  
7 of Saipan; the Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor, the Municipality of Tinian and  
8 Aguiguan; the Honorable Efraim Atalig, Mayor, the Municipality of Rota; the  
9 Honorable Vicente C. Santos, Mayor, the Municipality of the Northern Islands; and  
10 Mrs. Vicky I. Benavente, Secretary, CNMI Department of Labor.

Prefiled: 4/14/2021

Date: 4/14/2021

Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Leila H.F.C. Staffler  
/s/ Rep. Roy C.A. Ada  
/s/ Rep. Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao  
/s/ Rep. Celina R. Babauta  
/s/ Rep. Sheila J. Babauta  
/s/ Rep. Ivan A. Blanco  
/s/ Rep. Joel C. Camacho  
/s/ Rep. Vicente C. Camacho  
/s/ Rep. Angel A. Demapan  
/s/ Rep. Joseph A. Flores  
/s/ Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero  
/s/ Rep. Richard T. Lizama  
/s/ Rep. Donald M. Manglona  
/s/ Rep. Edwin K. Propst  
/s/ Rep. Christina M.E. Sablan  
/s/ Rep. John Paul P. Sablan  
/s/ Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas

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/s/ Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez

/s/ Rep. Denita Kaipat Yangetmai

/s/ Rep. Ralph N. Yumul

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ Joseph L.G. Tajeron, Jr.

House Legal Counsel