

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. L. B. 23- 17

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

To re-appropriate Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-27; 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 Delegation finds that Saipan Local Law 20-27 authorized the Resident
3 Executive of the Indigenous Affairs Office (IAO) with the expenditure authority to
4 use the appropriated funds in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars
5 (\$75,000.00) for the feasibility study and architectural and engineering design of
6 the Indigenous Cultural Center pursuant to Article III, Section 23(b) of the CNMI
7 Constitution.

8 The Delegation further finds that the Resident Executive of the Indigenous
9 Affairs Office recently informed the Delegation that the funds appropriated in SLL
10 20-27 are no longer needed for its intended purpose. The IAO received federal

1 grant funding that will cover the full intent of the project. However, the Resident
2 Executive recommended that the funds be reprogramed to another worthy project.
3 The IAO is embarking on a “Ta fan fino Chamorro” campaign with local language
4 practitioner, Ms. Tracy Taimanao, and such funds could assist in the launching of
5 the program. The enrichment program targets 3-5 year-olds with their parents
6 accompanying them and is focused on “learning starting from home”. Therefore,
7 the purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars
8 (\$75,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-27 for the “Ta fan fino
9 Chamorro” program under the Indigenous Affairs Office.

10 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

11 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the
12 contrary, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby re-
13 appropriates the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) allotted
14 under Saipan Local Law 20-27 to the “Ta fan fino Chamorro” program under the
15 CNMI Indigenous Affairs Office for the following:

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| 16 | 1. Instructor Cost | \$60,000.00 |
| 17 | (3 part-time instructors x 2 semesters) | |
| 18 | 2. Outreach Campaign | \$7,000.00 |
| 19 | (Radio Advertisement: \$3,000.00) | |
| 20 | (Movie Theater Ads: \$3,000.00) | |
| 21 | (Community Events: \$1,000.00) | |

1	3. Materials and Supplies	\$3,000.00
2	(Textbooks, etc.)	
3	4. Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
4	5. Inter-Island Travel	\$2,000.00
5	(Chamorro Conferences)	
6	6. Guam Travel	\$1,000.00
7	(Chamorro Conferences)	
8	7. Fuel and Lubrication	\$500.00
9	(fuel for program functions)	
10	8. Classroom utilities	\$500.00
11	(cost of electrical usage)	

12 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

13 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 of this Act shall be
 14 the Resident Executive of the Indigenous Affairs Office.

15 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMING.**

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

18 **SECTION 5. REPORTING.**

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

1 **SECTION 6. FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

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

4 **SECTION 7. FISCAL YEAR.**

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

6 **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

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

12 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**


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

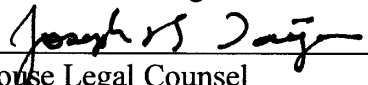
20 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming

1 law without such approval.

Intro 6/20/2023
Prefiled: _____

Date: _____ Introduced by:  _____
Rep. John Paul P. Sablan

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

House Legal Counsel