

**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

SESSION, 2024

H. L. B. 23- 61

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

To appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) for the the continued operation and regulatory oversight of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission.

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

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this bill is to appropriate local funds in the amount of One
3 Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) for the the continued
4 operation and regulatory oversight of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission. These
5 funds were received by the Municipality of Rota pursuant to 10 CMC § 12141. This
6 local appropriation is made in accordance with NMI CONST. art. VI § 8, cl. 2; 1
7 CMC §§ 1402–03, and 1408; and 10 CMC § 12103. This appropriation is based on
8 the budget request adopted and approved by the 19th Rota Municipal Council
9 during its 13th Regular Session, held on August 5, 2024.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

2 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the
3 contrary, the Rota Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates, from the funds
4 received by the Municipality of Rota pursuant to 10 CMC § 12141, One Hundred
5 Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) to the Rota Casino Gaming
6 Commission for its operations and to be used as follows:

- 7 (a) \$113,500 for part-time personnel salaries;
- 8 (b) \$10,000 for employee fringe benefits;
- 9 (c) \$21,500 for training and travel expenses; and
- 10 (d) \$10,000 for legal counsel.

11 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

12 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 of this Act shall be
13 the Mayor of Rota.

14 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

17 **SECTION 5. REPORTING.**

18 The expenditure authority shall submit detailed monthly reports showing
19 the expenditure of funds appropriated under this Act. These reports shall be
20 furnished to the Chairpersons of the Rota Municipal Council and the First
21 Senatorial Delegation until all appropriated funds have been fully expended. If the

1 expenditure authority fails to meet this reporting requirement, no further
2 expenditures shall be authorized under this Act until the required reports are
3 submitted.

4 **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

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

10 **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

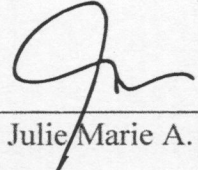
18 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

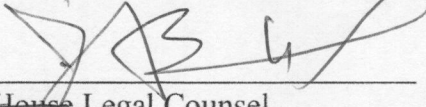
HOUSE LOCAL BILL 23-61

Prefiled: 8/26/2024

Date: _____

Introduced by: 
Rep. Julie Marie A. Ogo

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:



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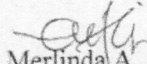
Hafa Adai Senator Donald Manglona,

This letter is to certify that I, Merlinda Atalig, Rota Municipal Treasurer have received the sum of One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$155,000.00) on July 08, 2024, from IH Corporation.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the aforementioned amount of \$150,000.00 in check number 1001431197 and \$5,000.00 in cash and deposit to Bank of Guam under the Rota Municipal Treasurer.

Should you have any questions or concern, please don't hesitate to call me at (670) 532-9453.

Sincerely,


Merlinda A. Atalig
Rota Municipal Treasurer