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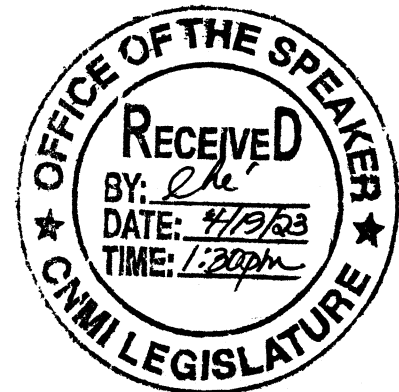
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 18, 2023

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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



4/19/23

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-08**, entitled, "To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC); 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. 23-02**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

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RECEIVED BY [Signature]
DATE 4/19/23 TIME 4:20pm

cc: Lt. Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision; Public Auditor
Acting Secretary of Finance; Northern Marianas College; Commonwealth Economic
Development Authority; Commonwealth Utilities Corporation;
Special Assistant for Administration; Programs and Legislative Review Office



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2023**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-08

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

To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC); and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roy C. A. Ada, Vincent R. S. Aldan, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Manny G. T. Castro, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa A. Flores, Thomas J. DLC. Manglona, Malcom J. Omar, Edwin K. Propst, Joh Paul P. Sablan, Denita K. Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul, and Senator Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero

Introduced on March 09, 2023

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to House Ways and Means Committee on March 09, 2023
Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

March 21, 2023

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	3/21/23: Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 23-29] Mayor of Northern Island [Del. Matters 23-30]
Comments Received:	None
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	March 30, 2023



Frances Joan B. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



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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:**

3 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

4 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate dividends collected by the Commonwealth
5 Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
6 (CUC).

7 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

8 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
9 pursuant to the authority vested to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
10 (SNILD) to appropriate dividends collected by CEDA from CUC, the Saipan and Northern
11 Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$1,000,000.00 of the dividends
12 collected by CEDA from CUC to the Northern Marianas College (NMC) for the construction of

1 Finasisu Lane, including but not limited to the road construction, water lines, waste water lines,
2 etc. The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated under this section shall be the President
3 of the Northern Marianas College (NMC) or his/her designee.

4 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

5 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
6 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal
7 year limitation.

8 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

9 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
10 report all expenses to the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
11 (SNILD) upon the completion of the project. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses
12 that were afforded under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by
13 the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

14 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

19 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

20 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any
21 existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule,
22 regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect

1 any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
2 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall
3 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

4 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:



John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman

Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker

23rd House of Representatives

Approved _____ this 18th day of April, 2023.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands