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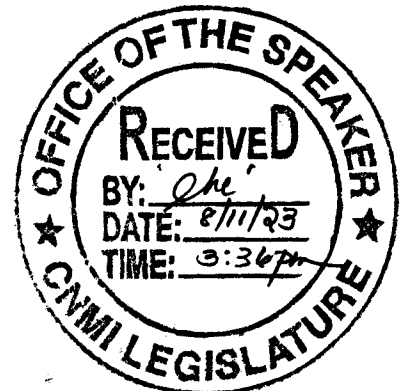
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 10, 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



8/11/23

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-17, S1** entitled, "To re-appropriate Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-27; 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. 23-05**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

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- cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision; Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; Special Assistant for Administration; Resident Executive, IAO; Executive Assistant; Carolinian Affairs Office; Programs and Legislative Review Office

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

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-17, S1

**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.

OFFERED BY

Representative Joh Paul P. Sablan

Introduced on June 20, 2023


HOUSE ACTION

Referred to House Ways and Means Committee on June 20, 2023
Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

July 7, 2023

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	7/10/23: Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 23-44] Mayor of Northern Island [Del. Matters 23-45] 17 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 23-46]]
Comments Received:	7/24/23: 17 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 23-42, 23-43, & 23-44]]
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	July 25, 2023, w/Substitute 1


**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
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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:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

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

7 The Delegation further finds that the Resident Executive of the Indigenous Affairs Office
8 recently informed the Delegation that the funds appropriated in SLL 20-27 are no longer needed
9 for its intended purpose. The IAO received federal grant funding that will cover the full intent of
10 the project. However, the Delegation finds that the remaining funds should be re-appropriated to
11 the Indigenous Affairs Office and the Carolinian Affairs Office to enhance their efforts in

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-17, S1

1 preserving our cultural identities. With such funds, the respective offices can efficiently carry out
2 their operations in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is
3 to re-appropriate Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law
4 20-27 to the Indigenous Affairs Office and the Carolinian Affairs Office.

5 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

6 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the contrary, the Saipan
7 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby reappropriates the amount of Seventy-Five
8 Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-27 for the following:

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 9 a. Indigenous Affairs Office | \$37,500.00 |
| 10 b. Carolinian Affairs Office | \$37,500.00 |

11 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

12 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(a) of this Act shall be the Resident
13 Executive of the Indigenous Affairs Office. The expenditure authority for the funds under Section
14 2(b) of this Act shall be the Chairman of the Refaluwasch Advisory Council.

15 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMING.**

16 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, funds appropriated
17 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 Northern
20 Islands Legislative Delegation a detail report showing the expenditure of the funds at the
21 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 accordingly to the
3 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 person or
8 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act
9 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held
10 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

11 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

18 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

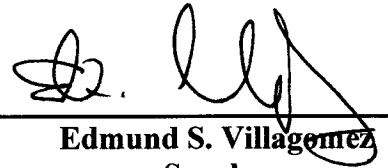
19 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without
20 such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman

Saipan & Norther Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker

23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 10th day of August, 2023.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

P.O. BOX 500586
SAIPAN, MP 96950
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HSE. COMM. NO. 23-23
(SNILD)

July 7, 2023

The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Third CNMI Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have the honor of transmitting for Delegation action, H. L. B. No. 23-17, entitled: "To re-appropriate Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-27; and for other purposes.", which has met the required provision of 1 CMC Section 1403, as amended.

Sincerely yours,


Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Attachment

Transmittal to the Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation

Received by:  Date: 7/7/23 Time: 1:33 pm

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2023

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 2023

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 Delegations 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 grant

1 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
13 reappropriates 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. REPROGRAMMING.**

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21 the funds at the completion of appropriations in Section 2 of this Act.

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3 accordingly to the intended purpose and or entity upon this Act becoming law.

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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.

1 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Intro: 6/20/2023

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

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

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



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

Adopted - 7/7/2023

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 29-28

DATE: July 3, 2023

RE: House Local Bill No. 23-17

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 Local Bill No. 23-17: "To re-appropriate Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-27; and for other purposes"

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After conducting financial due diligence, your committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-17 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

To re-appropriate Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-27.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-17: "To re-appropriate Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-27; and for other purposes" was referred to verify and confirm that the amount specified in the local appropriation Act is accurate and available for appropriation. Prior to the enactment of Saipan Local Law 20-27, the certification of funds was made available to the Members and were informed that the funds were available. Therefore, the Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-17 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation for action.


C. Legislative History:

House Local Bill 23-17 was introduced by Representative John Paul P. Sablan on June 20, 2023 and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

III. CONCLUSION:

The Committee is content and confident with the prior certification of funds with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-17, and therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation for action.


Respectfully submitted.



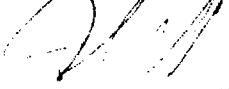
Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Chairman



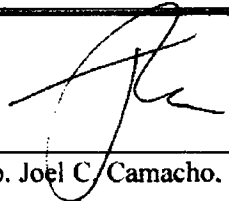
Rep. Roman C. Benavente, Member



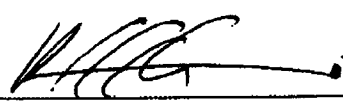
Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Atao, Vice Chair




Rep. Angelo A. Camacho, Member




Rep. Joel C. Camacho, Member



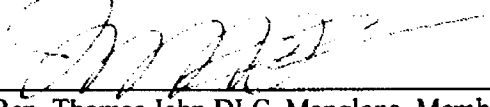
Rep. Vicente C. Camacho, Member



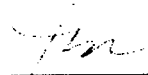
Rep. Manny Gregory T. Castro, Member



Rep. Joseph A. Flores, Member

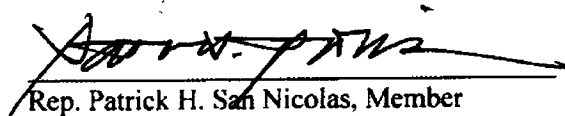


Rep. Thomas John DLC. Manglona, Member

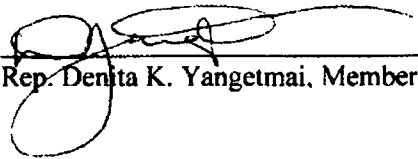


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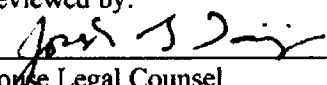
Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member



Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member



Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai, Member

Reviewed by:


House Legal Counsel