

David M. Apatang
Governor



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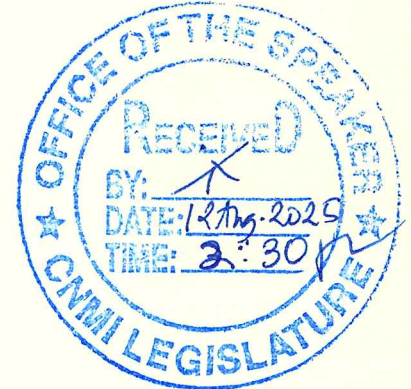
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 11, 2025

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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950





Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-21, S1**, entitled "To appropriate \$2,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to assist the Department of Finance and the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority with funding related to the Third Senatorial District," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This Bill becomes **Saipan Local Law 24-010**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

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cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
Public Auditor; Acting Special Assistant for Administration; Secretary of Finance;
CEDA; CUC; Programs and Legislative Review



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2025**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-21, S1

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

To appropriate \$2,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to assist the Department of Finance and the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority with funding related to the Third Senatorial District.

OFFERED BY

Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roy C. A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Angelo A. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Malcom J. Omar, Elias J. M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul.


Introduced on July 31, 2025

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on
July 31, 2025

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	7/31/25 Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 24-42] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 24-43] 18 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 24-44]
Comments Received:	8/5/25 Mayor of Saipan [Mayors Comm. 24-09] 8/6/25 Mayor of Northern Island [Mayors Comm. 24-10]
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	August 7, 2025, with Substitute 1


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2025

H. L. B. NO. 24-21, S1

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
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To appropriate \$2,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to assist the Department of Finance and the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority with funding related to the Third Senatorial District.

**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 the Central Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern
3 Mariana Islands is in dire need of revenue to pay for its obligations to its employees and inherited
4 arrears to contracts that the government had entered into. Additionally, the Delegation finds that
5 the Administration has been using its reprogramming authority to pay for the constitutional
6 obligation to the Public School System (PSS). Therefore, the intent of this Act is to appropriate
7 dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the
8 Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC).

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1 Said funds originated from Covenant Section 702 Funds and shall be appropriated from
2 the revolving fund established pursuant to Public Law 5-37 and codified at 4 CMC 10508, to the
3 Department of Finance and the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority for funding
4 assistance within the Third Senatorial District.

5 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

6 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
7 pursuant to the authority vested to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
8 (SNILD) to appropriate dividends collected by CEDA from CUC, the Saipan and Northern Islands
9 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$2,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by
10 CEDA from CUC from the revolving fund established pursuant to Public Law 5-37 and codified
11 at 4 CMC 10508 to the following:

- 12 1) \$1,000,000.00 for the Department of Finance to pay for various obligations and/or local
13 projects within the Third Senatorial District; and
- 14 2) \$1,000,000.00 for the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority for economic
15 development within the Third Senatorial District.

16 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

17 Funds appropriated under this act may be reprogrammed for any other purpose within the
18 Third Senatorial District, and notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under
19 this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation.

20 **SECTION 4. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

21 The expenditure authority of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be the

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1 Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee and the CEDA Executive Director, or
2 his/her designee, respectively. Furthermore, the Secretary of the Department of Finance and the
3 CEDA Executive Director shall be responsible to report all expenses to the Chairperson of the
4 Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) upon the exhaustion of the funds
5 appropriated under this Act.

6 **SECTION 5. 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 6. 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.

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SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

CERTIFIED BY:



John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 11th day of August, 2025.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands