



**Arnold I. Palacios**  
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

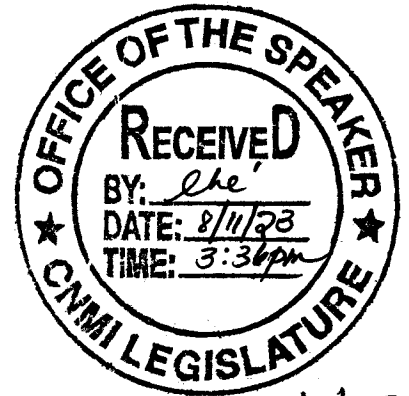
**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

August 10, 2023

GOV2023-861

The Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors  
Chairman  
Tinian and Aguiguan 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. 23-18, D1** entitled, "To re-appropriate Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-01; and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 23-02; and for other purposes." The bill was passed unanimously by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Tinian Local Law No. 23-04**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

**ARNOLD I. PALACIOS**  
Governor

HOUSE CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED BY [Signature]  
DATE 8/14/2023 TIME 10:07a

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision; Secretary of Finance; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan; Tinian Municipal Treasury; Programs & Legislative Review Office

08/11/2023  
@3:23pm



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2023**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-18, D1**

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

To re-appropriate Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-01; and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 23-02; and for other purposes.

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**OFFERED BY**

**Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas**

Prefiled on June 27, 2023 and Introduced on June 28, 2023

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**HOUSE ACTION**

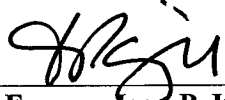
Referred to Ways and Means Committee on June 28, 2023  
Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on  
July 7, 2023

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**DELEGATION ACTION**

<b>Referred to:</b>	None
<b>Comments Solicited:</b>	7/10/23: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 23-15] & Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-16]
<b>Comments Received:</b>	7/20/23: Mayors Comm. 23-06
<b>Standing Committee Report:</b>	None
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>	July 24, 2023 w/Draft 1

  
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**Frances Joan P. Kaipat**  
Delegation Clerk



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2023**

**H. L. B. 23-18, D1**

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

To re-appropriate Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-01; and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 23-02; and for other purposes.

**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 Act is to re-appropriate Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00)  
3 allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-01, §2(A); and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from  
4 Tinian Local Law 23-02, §2(a) for a combined total of Seventy-Six Thousand Dollars  
5 (\$76,000.00).

**6 SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

7       Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary, the  
8 Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby re-appropriates the combined total in the  
9 amount of Seventy-Six Thousand Dollars (\$76,000.00) from the following Tinian Local Laws:

HOUSE LOCAL BILL 23-18, D1

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1 Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-01, §2(A); and  
2 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 23-02, §2(a) to the following:

- 3 (1) \$12,000.00 to the Mayor of the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan for discretionary  
4 account;
- 5 (2) \$54,000.00 to the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission for personnel;
- 6 (3) \$5,000.00 to the Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for operations; and
- 7 (4) \$5,000.00 to the Tinian Municipal Council for operations.

8 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

- 9 (1) The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(1) and (2) shall be the Mayor of  
10 Tinian and Aguiguan and the Chairman of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control  
11 Commission.
- 12 (2) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(3) shall be the Chairman of  
13 the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation; and
- 14 (3) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(4) shall be the Chairman of  
15 the Tinian Municipal Council.

16 **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

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

21 **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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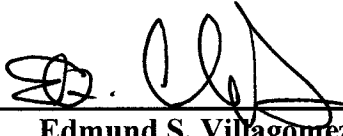
1 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing  
2 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or  
3 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding  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

7 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.


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

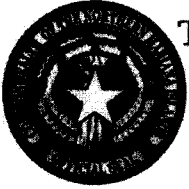
CERTIFIED BY:

  
Karl R. King-Nabors  
Chairman  
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation

  
Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker  
23<sup>rd</sup> House of Representatives

Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> 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.* 23-07  
*(TALD)*

July 7, 2023

The Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors  
Chairman  
Tinian and Aguiguan 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. 23-18, entitled: "To re-appropriate Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-01; and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 23-02; 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 Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation*

Received by:



Date:

7/7/23

Time:

1:33 pm

**TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**JUNE 28, 2023**

**THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 2023**

**H. L. B. 23-18**

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

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

**DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF**

**THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

**1 SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2           The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars  
3 (\$36,000.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-01, §2(A); and Forty Thousand  
4 Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 23-02, §2(a) for a combined total of  
5 Seventy-Six Thousand Dollars (\$76,000.00).

**6 SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

7           Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the  
8 contrary, the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby re-appropriates  
9 the combined total in the amount of Seventy-Six Thousand Dollars (\$76,000.00)

1 from the following Tinian Local Laws: Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00)  
2 allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-01, §2(A); and Forty Thousand Dollars  
3 (\$40,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 23-02, §2(a) to the following:

4 (1) Seventy-Six Thousand Dollars (\$76,000.00)) to the Mayor of the  
5 Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan for personnel and operations and to the Tinian  
6 Casino Gaming Control Commission for personnel.

7 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

8 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 shall be the Mayor of  
9 Tinian and Aguiguan and the Chairman of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control  
10 Commission.

11 **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

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

17 **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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



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

4 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Prefiled: 6/27/2023

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ Joseph L.G. Tajeron, 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. 29-29

DATE: July 3, 2023

RE: House Local Bill No. 23-18

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. 23-18:** "To re-appropriate Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-01; and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 23-02; 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. 23-18 be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action.

## II. ANALYSIS:

### A. Purpose:

To re-appropriate Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-01, §2(A); and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 23-02, §2(a); and for other purposes.

### B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-18: "To re-appropriate Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 23-01; and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 23-02; 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. The Committee received SFL Communication 2023-095 dated January 20, 2023 from Acting Secretary of Finance, Mrs. Norita certifying the availability of the funds under Tinian Local Law 23-01, §2(A). In addition, the Committee also received the Certification of Local Funds from the Tinian Municipal Treasurer dated February 13, 2023, certifying the availability of these funds under Tinian Local Law 23-02, §2(a). Therefore, your Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-18 be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action.


### C. Legislative History:

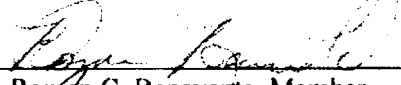
House Local Bill 23-18 was introduced by Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas on June 28, 2023 and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

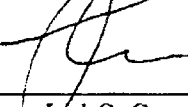
## III. CONCLUSION:


The Committee is content and confident with the certification of funds provided by the Acting Secretary of Finance and the Tinian Municipal Treasurer with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-18, and therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Chairman

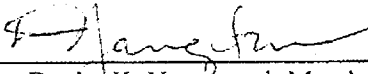
  
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Rep. Roman C. Benavente, Member

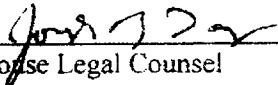
  
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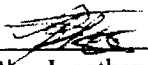
  
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Rep. Manny Gregory T. Castro, Member


  
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Rep. Thomas John DLC. Manglona, Member


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Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member


  
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Rep. Denita K. Yangtmai, Member

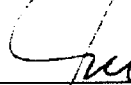
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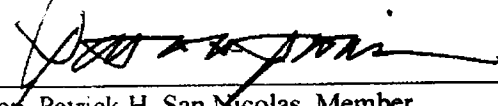
  
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Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Vice Chair

  
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Rep. Angelo A. Camacho, Member

  
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Rep. Julie Marie A. Ogo, Member

  
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Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member