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Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

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MEMORANDUM:

TO: JGLFR Committee Members

FROM: /s/Senator Karl R. King-Nabors
Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law
and Federal Relations (JGLFR)

DATE : January 14, 2022

SUBJECT: JGLFR Committee Meeting

The Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law, and Federal Relations will convene on, **Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Senate Chamber** to discuss pending Bills referred to the Committee for action. The meeting agenda is attached for your reference.

Members of the general public are encouraged to submit written testimony before the committee meeting to the *Office of Senator Karl R. King-Nabors* or maybe email at sen.kking.nabors@gmail.com. Oral testimonies will be received during the committee meeting.

Your attendance is greatly appreciated.

xc: Senate President
Senate Clerk
Senate Legal Counsel
Senate Legislative Assistant



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Pursuant to the Senate Rules and the Open Government Act, the Chairman of the *Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations* of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will be conducting the following committee meeting:

MEETING: **JGLFR Committee Meeting**

DATE AND TIME: **Thursday, January 20, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.**

LOCATION: **Senate Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan**

Copies of this notice, the official committee meeting notice, and the agenda have been filed in the Office of Senator Karl R. King-Nabors, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

House of Representatives Entrance Hall
Senate Entrance Hall
NMCL Website (www.cnmileg.net) and Facebook Page

Copies of the bills may be downloaded on NMCL Website at www.cnmileg.net.

Written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the *Office of Senator Karl R. King-Nabors* at **Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan**, prior to the convening of the Committee Meeting. Oral testimony may be presented during the Committee Meeting.

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AGENDA

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday 20, 2022	9:30 a.m.	Senate Chamber

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. S.B. No. 22-06** To establish window tinting regulations in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.
a. Authored by: Senator Jude U. Hofschneider
b. Referred to Committee: January 29, 2021
c. Committee Action:

 - **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
 - File/Reject
 - **Hold for further discussion**

- 2. S.B. No. 22-35** To require the CNMI banks to provide a copy of the Suspicious Activity Report filed by a bank in the CNMI with the appropriate Federal Law enforcement agencies and the Department of Treasury.
a. Authored by: Senator Edith E. Deleon Guerrero
b. Referred to Committee: March 4, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
 - File/Reject
- **Hold for further discussion**

3. S.B. No. 22-39

To amend the Government Liability Act to require notice of a tort claim against the government to the attorney general within an adequate time; To clarify the definition of “employee” and “Commonwealth”; and for other purposes.

a. Authored by: Senator Vinnie F. Sablan

b. Referred to Committee: April 5, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
 - File/Reject
- **Hold for further discussion**

4. H.B. No. 22-5, HD1

To amend 1 CMC §20175 to include additional members to serve on the Planning and Development Advisory Council (PDAC); and for other purposes.

a. Authored by: Representative Joseph Lee T. Guerrero + 7 others

b. Referred to Committee: June 02, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
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5. HB No. 22-18, HD1

To amend Division 4 of Title 6 of the Commonwealth Code relating to disposition of offenders and sentencing to provide criteria for imposition of enhanced sentencing of defendants for crimes motivated by hate.

a. Authored by: Representative Donald M. Manglona + 9 others

b. Referred to Committee: June 24, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
 - File/Reject
- **Hold for further discussion**

6. **H.B. No. 22-26, HD1** To amend 3 CMC §2204(e) to remove the limitation of terms for members to serve on the Health Care Professions Licensing Board; and for other purposes.
- a. Authored by:** Representative Blas Jonathan T. Attao + 11 others
b. Referred to Committee: June 2, 2021
c. Committee Action:
- **Committee Report to:**
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 - **Hold for further discussion**

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. **S.B. No. 22-58** To present to the voters in the Commonwealth in the next general election the question: “Shall there be a constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?”
- a. Authored by:** Senator Victor B. Hocog
b. Referred to Committee: August 19, 2021
c. Committee Action:
- **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
 - File/Reject
 - **Hold for further discussion**
2. **H.B. No. 22-22, HD1** To establish laws to regulate bioprospecting activities with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to ensure prior, informed consent and equitable sharing of benefits.
- a. Authored by:** Representative Angel A. Demapan + 8 Others
b. Referred to Committee: September 08, 2021
c. Committee Action:
- **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
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 - **Hold for further discussion**
3. **H.B. No. 22-38** To amend Title 6, Division 5, Chapter 3, Article Protection of Abused Children, to enact a new §5326. Discovery of evidence of child abuse
- a. Authored by:** Representative Celina R. Babauta and
Rep. Christina Marie E. Sablan
b. Referred to Committee: September 08, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
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4. **H.B. No. 22-58** To amend 7 CMC §4101 to lower the interest rate of civil money judgments from nine percent (9%) to three (3%).

a. Authored by: Representative Richard T. Lizama + 6 Others

b. Referred to Committee: September 08, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
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5. **H.B. No. 22-3** To amend 9 CMC §2101(d) by requiring the motor vehicle liability insurance expiration to be consistent with the vehicle registration expiration; and for other purposes.

a. Authored by: Representative Joseph A. Flores

b. Referred to Committee: October 5, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
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6. **S.B. No. 22-64** To mandate that public swimming pools be equipped with approved covers.

a. Authored by: Senator Edith E. Deleon Guerrero

b. Referred to Committee: October 12, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
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7. **S.B. No. 22-65** To repeal and reenact 1 CMC § 7407 to provide for a uniform, reasonable, and fair travel policy within and outside the Commonwealth; repeal 2 CMC § 4433(u); and for other purposes.

a. Authored by: Senator Jude U. Hofschneider

b. Referred to Committee: October 12, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
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 - File/Reject
- **Hold for further discussion**

8. S.B. No. 22-66

To amend the duties of the Secretary of Department of Lands and Natural Resources to include development plans to authorize projects within the conservation areas in the Commonwealth.

a. Authored by: Senator Teresita A. Santos

b. Referred to Committee: October 28, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
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9. S.B. No. 22-68

To amend 9 CMC § 2103 to require execution of a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability by the appropriate parties upon the ownership transfer of a vehicle.

a. Authored by: Senator Francisco Q. Cruz

b. Referred to Committee: October 28, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
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- **Hold for further discussion**

10. S.B. No. 22-69

To amend 2 CMC § 7221 to increase the age of the zoning board members, increase the number of government employees on the board, and to include private sector employees.

a. Authored by: Senator Edith E. Deleon Guerrero

b. Referred to Committee: November 3, 2021

c. Committee Action:

- **Committee Report to:**
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
 - File/Reject
- **Hold for further discussion**

11. **H.B. No. 22-15** To establish the Foster Care Sponsorship Program under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Division of Youth Services; and for other purposes.
- a. Authored by:** Representative Joseph T. Guerrero and Rep. A. Demapan
b. Referred to Committee: November 3, 2021
c. Committee Action:
- ***Committee Report to:***
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
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 - ***Hold for further discussion***
12. **S.B. No. 22-71** To create a CNMI Term Pension Plan; and for other purposes.
- a. Authored by:** Senator Jude U. Hofschneider
b. Referred to Committee: January 4, 2022
c. Committee Action:
- ***Committee Report to:***
 - Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
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VII. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. ADJOURNED