

# Senator Karl King-Nabors

# Chairman - Judiciary, Government, Law, and Federal Relations

## The Senate

Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

VICE CHAIRMAN: Sen. Vinnie F. Sablan

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## **MEMORANDUM:**

TO:

JGLFR Committee Members

FROM:

Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law,

and Federal Relations (JGLFR)

DATE:

June 02, 2021

**SUBJECT:** 

JGLFR Committee Meeting

The Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law, and Federal Relations will convene on **Tuesday**, **June 08**, **2021**, **at 9:30 a.m. in the Senate Chamber** to discuss on pending legislation 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 <a href="mailto:sen.kking.nabors@gmail.com">sen.kking.nabors@gmail.com</a>. 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: June 08, 2021 @ 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 (<u>www.cnmileg.net</u>) and Facebook Page

Copies of the bills may be downloaded on NMCL Website at <a href="https://www.cnmileg.net.">www.cnmileg.net</a>.

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:
Tuesday, June 08, 2021	9:30 a.m.	<b>Senate Chamber</b>

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  - 1. SB No. 22-01

To remove marijuana or THC from all pre-employment and random testing by all government employers and the Office of Personnel Management with certain exceptions; and for other purposes.

- a. Authored by: Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider
- **b. Referred to Committee:** January 29, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 2. SB No. 22-03

To amend 1 CMC § 2892(1) to exempt the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, as established by Public Law 20-92, from the oversight of the Office of Grants Management; and for other purposes.

- a. Authored by: Sen. Justo S. Quitugua
- b. Referred to Committee: January 29, 2021
- c. Committee Action:

- Committee Report to:
  - o Pass in Original Form
  - o Pass with Amendments
  - o File/Reject
- Hold for further discussion
- 3. SB No. 22-06

To establish window tinting regulations in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.

- **a.** Authored by: Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider
- **b. Referred to Committee:** January 29, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 4. SB No. 22-07

To prohibit personal use of political campaign funds and to provide for the disposition of unused campaign funds by establishing a new section 1 CMC § 6415; and for other purposes.

- a. Authored by: Senator Justo S. Quitugua
- **b. Referred to Committee:** February 4, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 5. SB No. 22-11

To require the Governor to submit annual reports to the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs on the Impacts of the Compacts of Free Association on the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.

- a. Authored by: Sen. Paul A. Manglona
- **b. Referred to Committee:** February 5, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 6. SB No. 22-15

To prohibit activity from occurring while traveling on a CNMI Government trip paid for by CNMI Government funds.

- a. Authored by: Sen. Paul A. Manglona
- **b. Referred to Committee:** February 5, 2021
- c. Committee Action:

- Committee Report to:
  - o Pass in Original Form
  - o Pass with Amendments
  - o File/Reject
- Hold for further discussion
- 7. SB No. 22-17

To establish mandatory presentation of valid personal photo identification for any debit card or credit card transaction and any check cash exchange or purchase for all business establishments in the Commonwealth.

- a. Authored by: Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz
- **b. Referred to Committee:** February 5, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 8. S.R. No. 22-02

Requesting the Honorable President Joseph Biden, President of the United States, to urge the U.S. Department of Labor to reconsider its interpretation of the Continued Assistance to Unemployed Workers Act of 2020.

- a. Authored by: Sen. Paul A. Manglona and Sen. Edith E. Deleon Guerrero
- **b. Referred to Committee:** February 18, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 9. S.B. No. 22-25

To authorize the expungement of records of certain non-violent offenses; and for other purposes.

- a. Authored by: Senator Justo S. Quitugua
- **b. Referred to Committee:** February 19, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 10. S.B. No. 22-27

To require all contractors to be licensed in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

- a. Authored by: Senator Paul A. Manglona
- **b. Referred to Committee:** February 23, 2021
- c. Committee Action:

- Committee Report to:
  - o Pass in Original Form
  - o Pass with Amendments
  - o File/Reject
- Hold for further discussion
- 11. S.B. No. 22-28

To amend 6 CMC §4102 by establishing higher mandatory sentences for crimes committed within the premises of schools and youth centers.

- a. Authored by: Senator Vinnie F. Sablan
- **b. Referred to Committee:** February 19, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 12. S.B. No. 22-30

To amend 4 CMC § 2173 to impose criminal penalties against tour guides that operate without an MVA approve certificate and tour operators that employ uncertified tour guides; and for other purposes.

- a. Authored by: Senator Vinnie F. Sablan
- b. Referred to Committee: March 2, 2021
- c. Committee Action
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 13. S.B. No. 22-32

To amend 6 CMC § 1306(b) to increase the statutory fine and 6 CMC § 4102(d) to increase the mandatory minimum penalties for sexual assault and sexual abuse of children in the first degree; and for other purposes.

- a. Authored by: Senator Jude U. Hofschneider
- **b. Referred to Committee:** March 2, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 14. S.B. No. 22-33

To prohibit foreigners and other individuals from making contributions and donations to an election candidate or a political party or committee; to prohibit fraudulent misrepresentation of campaign authority; and for other purposes.

- a. Authored by: Senator Justo S. Quitugua
- **b. Referred to Committee:** March 2, 2021

- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 15. S.L.I. No. 22-02

To propose a constitutional amendment to Article V, section 4, of the NMI Constitution to require the Resident Representative to the United States to provide a report to the legislature in a joint session.

- a. Authored by: Senator Justo S. Quitugua
- **b. Referred to Committee:** March 2, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 16. S.L.I. No. 22-03

To amend Section 10 of Article III of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to restrict the governor's emergency powers to mobilize available resources to respond to that emergency within the executive branch but not including the legislative branch, the judicial branch and autonomous agencies.

- a. Authored by: Senator Justo S. Quitugua
- **b. Referred to Committee:** March 2, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 17. S.L.I. No. 22-04

To propose a constitutional amendment to Article X, Section 2, of the NMI Constitution to require the governor to provide a report on the social, fiscal and economic impact of tax exemptions.

- a. Authored by: Senator Justo S. Quitugua
- **b. Referred to Committee:** March 2, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 18. 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
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- **19. S.B. No.22-37** To amend Chapter 4, Division 6 of Title 6 of the Commonwealth Code relating to bail proceedings.
  - a. Authored by: Senator Karl R. King-Nabors
  - **b. Referred to Committee:** March 5, 2021
  - c. Committee Action:
    - Committee Report to:
      - o Pass in Original Form
      - o Pass with Amendments
      - o File/Reject
    - Hold for further discussion
- **20. S.B. No. 22-38** To amend the Crimes and Criminal Procedure Code definitions of dangerous weapon and serious bodily injury.
  - a. Authored by: Senator Karl R. King-Nabors
  - b. Referred to Committee: March 5, 2021
  - c. Committee Action:
    - Committee Report to:
      - o Pass in Original Form
      - o Pass with Amendments
      - o File/Reject
    - Hold for further discussion
- 21. 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:** March 5, 2021
  - c. Committee Action:
    - Committee Report to:
      - Pass in Original Form
      - o Pass with Amendments
      - o File/Reject
    - Hold for further discussion
- **22**. **S.L.I. No. 22-08** To propose a constitutional amendment to Article XI, Section of 6 of the NMI Constitution.

- **a.Authored by:** Senator Edith E. Deleon Guerrero
- **b. Referred to Committee:** March 5, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. S.B No. 22-43

To amend 7 CMC § 2202 to change the tort liability of the government, its employees, or agents; and for other purposes.

- 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
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 2. S.B No. 22-44

To authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to work with private business owners to install video surveillance cameras directed toward the public right-of-way in support of the CNMI's reporting system; and for other purposes.

- a. Authored by: Senator Pau. A. Manglona
- **b. Referred to Committee:** March 4, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion
- 3. S.B No. 22-46

To repeal and reenact 1 CMC § 2502 to clarify the rank and file at the Department of Public Safety; and for other purposes.

- a. Authored by: Senator Jude U. Hofschneider
- **b. Referred to Committee:** March 4, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion

4. S.B. No. 2-49

To harmonize the statutes on the authority of the Office of the Attorney General with the constitutional requirement for the election of the Attorney General and its independence as a constitutional office within the Executive Branch.

- a. Authored by: Senator Justo S. Quituguab. Referred to Committee: March 4, 2021
- c. Committee Action:
  - Committee Report to:
    - o Pass in Original Form
    - o Pass with Amendments
    - o File/Reject
  - Hold for further discussion

## VII. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. ADJOURNED