



# THE SENATE

23<sup>rd</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

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*Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law*

*Senate Standing Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations*

## NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Senator Celina R. Babauta  
Chair, EAGI and JGL

Senator Donald M. Manglona  
Vice Chair, EAGI  
Member, JGL


Senator Paul A. Manglona  
Vice Chair, JGL  
Member, EAGI

Senator Corina L. Magofna  
Member, EAGI

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz  
Member, JGL

DATE: 1 September 2023

TO: All Active Government Employees and Private Citizens

FR: Chairwoman  \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJ: Mark up of bills assigned to the committee

The Senate Standing Committee on JUDICIARY, GOVERNMENT AND LAW will convene on **Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Senate **Chamber** of the **Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Bldg., Capitol Hill, Saipan** to markup bills that have been assigned to the Committee. The agenda of this meeting is attached.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written testimony prior to the meeting. All materials provided in written form will be part of the Committee's record. Written comments may also be submitted to [staff.senbabautac@gmail.com](mailto:staff.senbabautac@gmail.com). Oral testimonies may be delivered during the committee meeting.



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## AGENDA

**Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Bldg., Senate Chamber**

**Thursday, September 14, 2023**

**1:30 p.m.**

1. Roll Call
  - a. Administrative / Housekeeping matters
  - b. Introductions
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Statements from Chair / Members
4. Public Comments
5. New Business
  - a. SB 23-41 - To ensure the autonomy & independence of the elected office of the AG by exempting employees from the civil service system. (Senator D. Manglona)
  - b. HB 23-24- To provide an affirmative defense against drug possession charges in the case of an overdose (Rep. Malcolm Omar)
  - c. HB 23-61 - To establish a right of survivorship for certain causes of action. (Rep. John Paul Sablan)
  - d. SB 23-34 - To amend the Crimes and Criminal Procedure Code definitions of dangerous weapon and serious bodily injury. (Senator K. Nabors)
  - e. HB 23-13 - To amend the Crimes and Criminal Procedure Code definitions of dangerous weapon and serious bodily injury. (Rep. Marissa R. Flores)
6. Miscellaneous
7. Adjournment / Recess



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Pursuant to the Rules of the Senate and the Open Government Act, Senator Celina R. Babauta, Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law and Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, of the Twenty-third Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature (NMCL) will convene the following open and public meeting:

MEETING: Committee Meeting  
DATE: Thursday, September 14, 2023  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Senate Chamber

Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan

Copies of this notice, the official scheduled committee meeting notice, and the agendas have been filed with the Office of the Senate Clerk, released to the media and posted at the following locations:

Administration Building Entrance Hall  
House of Representatives Entrance Hall  
Senate Entrance Hall  
NMCL Website ([www.cnmileg.net](http://www.cnmileg.net)) and Facebook Page

Written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of Senator Celina R. Babauta, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or sent via email to [staff.senbabautac@gmail.com](mailto:staff.senbabautac@gmail.com) prior to the convening of the meeting. Oral testimony may be presented during the committee meetings.

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