



# *Senator Justo S. Quitugua, M.Ed.*

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21<sup>st</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature – The Senate  
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September 16, 2020

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC § 9901 et seq.), Senator Justo S. Quitugua, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

**MEETING:** Committee Meeting

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

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

Copies of this notice, the official scheduled committee meeting notice, and the agenda have been filed in the Office of Senator Justo S. Quitugua, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

Administration Building Entrance Hall  
House of Representatives Entrance Hall  
Senate Entrance Hall  
Commonwealth Legislature website ([www.cnmileg.gov.mp](http://www.cnmileg.gov.mp))

Copies of the bills may be downloaded on the Legislative Bureau website [www.cnmileg.gov.mp](http://www.cnmileg.gov.mp).

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9904, written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of Senator Justo S. Quitugua, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, prior to the convening of the meeting. Oral testimony may be presented during the committee meeting.

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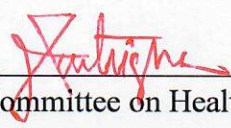
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## NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**DATE:** September 16, 2020

**TO:** All Active Government Employees and Citizens

**FROM:** Senator Justo S. Quitugua   
Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare

**LOCATION:** Senate President's Conference Room of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan

**SUBJECT:** Committee Meeting

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The Senate Standing Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) will convene on **Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Senate Chamber** of the **Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan** to deliberate on legislation referred to the Committee for action and pending matters. Meeting agenda is appended for your reference.

Members of the general public are encouraged to submit written testimony before the committee meeting. Oral testimonies will be received during the committee meeting.

Your attendance is greatly appreciated.

cc: Senate President  
HEW Committee Members  
LB Director  
Legal Counsel  
Legislative Assistant



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## AGENDA

**DATE:**  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020

**TIME:**  
10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:**  
Senate Chamber

### Senate Standing Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare

*Senator Justo S. Quitugua, Chairman*  
*Senator Sixto K. Igisomar, Vice Chairman*

*Senator Francisco Q. Cruz, Member*  
*Senator Jude U. Hofschneider, Member*  
*Senator Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan, Member*  
*Senator Teresita A. Santos, Member*

#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. Roll Call**

#### **III. Adoption of Agenda**

#### **III. Public Comment**

#### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. Referred Legislation**

##### **1. Senate Bill No. 21-35, *To establish an advance mental health directive and assisted outpatient treatment for patients in the CNMI: and for other purposes.***

**a. Author:** Senator Sixto K. Igisomar

**b. Referred to Committee:** August 15, 2019

**c. Request for Comments (RFC) Sent and Received:** RFC Deadline: 092019

1. Office of the Attorney General; *Received 122319*
2. CHCC Board of Trustees and Chief Executive Officer<sup>1</sup>
3. NMPASI (RFC Deadline: 111519)<sup>1</sup>
4. DD Council (RFC Deadline: 111519)<sup>1</sup>

**d. Committee Action:**

- Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Committee Report to:
  - ☐ Pass in Original Form
  - ☐ Pass with Amendments
  - ☐ Reject/File
- Hold for Further Discussion

<sup>1</sup> RFC Follow-Up sent 12/03/2019 providing one more opportunity to comment on pending legislation referred to the HEW Committee; submission of comments due prior to HEW CM- 12/11/2019



**2. Senate Bill No. 21-36, *To establish the Department of Corrections Residential Mental Health Unit: and for other purposes.***

**a. Author:** Senator Sixto K. Igisomar

**b. Referred to Committee:** August 15, 2019

**c. Request for Comments (RFC) Sent and Received:** RFC Deadline: 092019

1. Office of the Attorney General; *Received 122319*

2. CHCC Board of Trustees and Chief Executive Officer<sup>1</sup>

3. Department of Corrections; *Received 092019*

4. Dr. Liza Tupa, Director of Education and Research, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE); *Received 090519*

**d. Committee Action:**

○ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

○ Committee Report to:

○ Pass in Original Form

○ Pass with Amendments

○ Reject/File

○ Hold for Further Discussion

**VI. New Business**

**A. Referred Legislation**

**1. Senate Bill No. 21-66, *To amend 1 CMC § 2263 to require the Senate confirmation of the governor's appointee to fill a Board of Education vacancy.***

**a. Author:** Senator Justo S. Quitugua

**b. Referred to Committee:** July 19, 2020

**c. Request for Comments (RFC) Sent and Received (RFC Deadline: 082020):**

1. Office of the Attorney General; *Received 082020*

**d. Committee Action:**

○ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

○ Committee Report to:

○ Pass in Original Form

○ Pass with Amendments

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○ Hold for Further Discussion

**VII. Adjournment**