



HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATION

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23RD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Please take notice that the House Committee on **Public Utilities, Transportation & Communication** will hold a Public Hearing on the following subject matter/issue before the committee.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m

LOCATION: Rota Centron Hustisia, Sinapalo

SUBJECT MATTER/ISSUE:

1. House Bill 23-92
2. House Bill 23-97
3. House Bill 23-98
4. Senate Bill 23-37

The following witnesses are requested to be present and may provide written testimony for the hearing record.

Honorable Mayor of Rota, Resident Director Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, Resident Director of Department of Public Works, Resident Director of Department of Public Safety, Resident Director of Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services and the General Public

The presiding chair, at his or her discretion, and pursuant to the rules of the committee may limit the time of questioning by each member after giving due consideration to the importance of the subject matter, the number of petitions scheduled for hearing and the length of time available.

The public hearing is an open and public meeting, the committee will receive written comments on the subject/issue before the meeting date by electronic mail at rep.aldanv@cnmileg.net and staff.rep.aldanv@cnmileg.net. Oral testimony may be presented during the meeting and is subjected to time limitation.

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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. **HB 23-92**: “To Suspend the Net Energy Metering in the CNMI; and for other purposes.”
 - b. **HB 23-97**: “To amend certain provisions of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission Act of 2006; and for other purposes.”
 - c. **HB 23-99**: “To remove the exemption of certified ENERGY STAR devices and solar electric power producing hardware from the imposition of the excise tax.”
 - d. **SB 23-37**: “To mandate the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to change the power, water and waste water rate for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to commercial rate; and for other purposes.”
- VI. MISCELLANEOUS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT



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June 24, 2024

Pursuant to the Interim Rules of the House and the Open Government Act, Representative Vincent S. Aldan, Chairperson of the House Standing Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication, of the Twenty-third Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature (NMCL) will convene the following open and public meeting:

MEETING: Public Hearing on bills referred to House Standing Committee on PUTC

DATE: Thursday, June 27, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Rota Centron Hustisia, Sinapalo

Copies of this notice, the official scheduled Public Hearing notice, and the agenda have been filed with the Office of Representative Vincent S. Aldan, released to the media and posted at the following locations:

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

Written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of Representative Vincent S. Aldan, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or sent via email to rep.aldanv@cnmileg.net and staff.rep.aldanv@cnmileg.net prior to the convening of the meeting. Oral testimony may be presented during the public hearing.

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TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2024

THIRD REGULAR Session, 2024

H. B. 23-97

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend certain provisions of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission Act of 2006; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 23RD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Commonwealth Legislature
2 established the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in 2006 as a regulatory agency,
3 in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Commonwealth Constitution. The
4 PUC is an independent agency within the executive branch of the Commonwealth
5 government and not a part of any principal department. As an independent agency,
6 which oversees and regulates the tremendously important public utilities of the
7 CNMI, the PUC must have independent control of its finances, expedited
8 procurement of its needs, unencumbered hiring of its employees to successfully
9 operate in a timely and efficient manner, and added compensation to cover the extra
10 demands of the Commissioners, all subject to annually reporting to the Governor's

1 office, the legislature, and the Office of the Public Auditor the Commission's due
2 diligence in its overall operations.

3 The purposes of the following amendments will change the manner of the
4 PUC's funding administration, the processes of its procurement needs, the hiring
5 of its staff and employees, and an adjustment to the compensation of the
6 commissioners to guarantee proper payment of their extra time and expenses to
7 regulate the important utility entities, and to also entice highly-qualified candidates
8 to accept all the responsibilities of the PUC's many challenges to protect and
9 preserve the fair and reasonable costs of the CNMI public utilities.

10 **Section 2. Repeal and Re-enactment.** 4 CMC §8404 is hereby repealed
11 and reenacted to read as follows:

12 **“§8404. Compensation of the Commissioners.**

13 The Commissioners shall be compensated at a monthly rate of 800 dollars
14 per commissioner, except the Chairperson shall receive 1000 dollars
15 monthly, provided all scheduled monthly meetings are attended or excused
16 by the Chairperson or his/her designate. Travel costs and expenses shall be
17 provided, if applicable, for the purpose of attending official Commission
18 meetings within the Commonwealth. Rules and rates for official travel
19 outside the Commonwealth will be established and authorized by the
20 Commission as same as the rates established by the executive branch. Thirty
21 days after travel outside the Commonwealth, a report must be submitted to

1 the Governor's office summarizing the costs and the purpose and
2 accomplishments of the travel."

3 **Section 3. Amendment.** 4 CMC §8406 is hereby amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **"§8406. Operation of the Commission.**

6 (a) The Commission may employ agents, employees, hearing
7 examiners, legal counsel, or contract for services, specialists, experts, or
8 professionals as individual or as organizations to advise and assist the
9 Commission and its employees. The Commission may appoint an executive
10 director who shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission. The executive
11 director shall be compensated pursuant to the provisions of 1 CMC § 8246.
12 The Commonwealth Civil Service Act {1 CMC § 8101 et seq.] shall apply
13 to all administrative or clerical employees of the Commission. All ~~other~~
14 employees shall be exempt from the application of the Commonwealth Civil
15 Service Act.

16 (b) (unchanged)

17 (c) (unchanged)."

18 **Section 4. Amendment.** 4 CMC §8411(k), (l) and (n) are amended to read
19 as follows:

20 **"§8411. General Powers and Duties.**

1 The Commission shall have regulatory oversight provision over each
2 regulated entity as set forth in this Chapter and shall perform the duties and
3 exercise the powers imposed or conferred upon nit by this Chapter. The
4 Commission in the discharge of any of its duties or the exercise of any of
5 its powers, except a final determination affecting an entity, may act through
6 one or more of its Commissioners designated by the Commission for this
7 purpose. In addition to the powers and duties elsewhere conferred and
8 imposed, the Commission shall:

9 (a) through (j). (unchanged).

10 (k) Prepare and submit a budget to the legislature for its ~~approval~~
11 information.

12 (l) Adopt its own recognized accounting system ~~in coordination with the~~
13 ~~Department of Finance~~.

14 (m) (unchanged).

15 (n) ~~To~~ Promulgate Commission Procurement Rules and Regulations, and
16 such other orders, rules, and regulations and adopt such policies as are
17 necessary and appropriate for the exercise of its regulatory and enforcement
18 powers in accordance with this Chapter.

19 (o) (unchanged).”

20 **Section 5. Amendment.** 4 CMC §8424(b) is hereby amended to read as
21 follows:

1 **“§8424. Rule-making Authority: Procedures and Fees.**

2 (b) All such fees and costs charged and collected in accordance with this
3 section shall be paid into ~~the~~ its Public Utilities, ~~Telecommunications~~
4 ~~and Services Commission Revolving~~ Operational Fund as established
5 in the amended provisions of Section 8427 in this Chapter.”

6 **Section 6. Amendment.** 4 CMC §8426(f) is hereby amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **“§8426. Review of Rates; Operation Cost of Commission.**

9 (f) The Commission shall deposit all fees, charges, expenses, and late
10 penalties collected under this section in its Public Utilities Commission
11 ~~Revolving~~ Operational Fund as established in the amended provisions
12 of Section 8427 in this Chapter.”

13 **Section 7. Repeal and Re-enactment.** 4 CMC §8427 is hereby repealed
14 and reenacted to read as follows:

15 **“§8427. Public Utilities Commission Operational Fund.**

16 A Public Utilities Commission Operational Fund shall be established by the
17 Commission for the use of the Commission consisting of all financial
18 amounts as may be placed therein pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter
19 and the following:

20 (a) All Commission funds shall be placed with a CNMI federally-approved
21 and FDIC insured local bank on Saipan, as solely determined by the

- 1 Commission, for the sole use of the Commission in the total exercise of
2 the duties and powers as imposed by the provisions of this Chapter.
- 3 (b) The expenditure authority is the Commission's Chairperson, or his/her
4 designate, with majority approval of the other Commissioners.
- 5 (c) At the beginning of the fiscal year on October 1st, an annual budget, in
6 compliance to this Chapter, will be submitted to the Governor, House
7 Speaker, and the Senate President, for their edification and comments,
8 which will be considered and acted upon by the Commission if needed
9 for sound fiscal management.
- 10 (d) An annual audit at the end of the fiscal year shall be performed by the
11 Office of the Public Auditor, which will be made available to all
12 government leaders and the public.
- 13 (e) Any and all Commission funds currently held by the Department of
14 Finance, including any amounts budgeted for the Commission in the
15 Fiscal Year 2024 budget, shall be transferred to the Commission by
16 payment directly to the Commission or by direct deposit in the banking
17 account established by the Commission at the Bank of its choosing per
18 the provisions set forth in this section. Any future legislative funds
19 appropriated to the Commission shall be transferred to the Commission
20 via the Department of Finance in payment directly to the Commission."

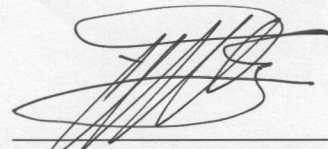
1 **Section 8. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
2 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
3 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
4 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
5 shall not be affected thereby.

6 **Section 9. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
7 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
8 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
9 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
10 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
11 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
12 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

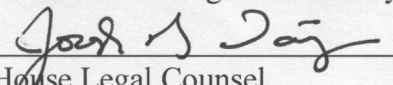
13 **Section 10. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
14 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

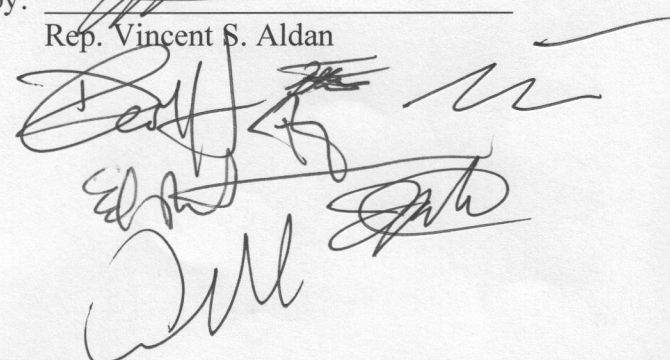
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Date: 26 FEB'24

Introduced by: 
Rep. Vincent S. Aldan

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:


House Legal Counsel



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2023

S. B. NO. 23-37

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To mandate the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to change the power, water and waste water rate for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to commercial rate; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Public Law 16-51, as
2 amended by Public Law 19-78, established the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
3 (CHCC) in 2011 and transferred the functions of then Department of Public Health &
4 Environmental Services (DPH) to CHCC. Specifically, CHCC was created as an
5 independent public healthcare and medical services provider, financially self-sufficient,
6 professionally managed, and nationally accredited whose purpose is to develop and
7 regulate, as necessary, a high quality, efficient, and market oriented public healthcare
8 delivery system in the CNMI, and to coordinate the delivery of quality healthcare and
9 medical services to all Commonwealth residents in a financially responsible manner.

10 The Legislature further finds that prior to the establishment of CHCC, the utility
11 bills including the power, water, and waste water billing of the Department of Public Health
12 and its offices, divisions, hospital, clinics and facilities were part of the CNMI central
13 government's utility bills and paid for by the CNMI government at the government rate
14 established at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC). After CHCC was
15 established, all its utility billing including power, water, and waste water was separated
16 from the CNMI government and CHCC was mandated to pay its CUC utility bills from its
17 own financial resources at the same higher government rate. The Legislature finds that, as
18 a financially self-sufficient independent public healthcare and medical services provider,
19 CHCC should not have to subsidize CUC by paying the higher utility government rate.

1 Instead, CHCC should be classified as a commercial entity and charged commercial utility
2 rates since the establishment of CHCC in 2011 similar to every other healthcare provider
3 in the CNMI.

4 According to the rates effective July 1, 2020, if the CHCC were designated as a
5 commercial entity, the base rate for power consumption for the CHCC would be 8.8%
6 lower per kWh, water charges would be 98.4% lower, and wastewater would be 95.6%
7 lower. The CHCC should be billed as any other health care provider in the CNMI, at a fair
8 and reasonable utility rate which is not more than the cost of the CUC to provide utility
9 services to the corporation.

10 The Legislature finds that CHCC's struggle with paying the higher CUC
11 government rates was also experienced by the CNMI Public School System (PSS). For
12 many years, PSS could not afford to pay its utility bills because CUC applied the higher
13 government rate to its utilities. In order to assist PSS settle its CUC billing disputes and
14 allow PSS to pay a utility rate that all other educational institutions are required to pay,
15 Public Law 18-19 was enacted in 2013 to authorize PSS to pay its utility bills at the lower
16 commercial rate instead of the higher government rate.

17 Similar to Public Law 18-19, Legislature finds that CHCC should pay the lower
18 utility commercial rates – the same utility rates applicable to all other commercial medical
19 providers in the CNMI. The lower commercial rates for CHCC would ensure that CHCC
20 only pays for the utility services it receives from CUC and allow CHCC to pay in full and
21 on time its current CUC utility bills. More importantly, CHCC can focus on its obligation
22 to deliver accessible quality health services to the CNMI residents. Accordingly, the
23 purpose of this legislation is to change the power, water and waste water rate for the CHCC
24 from the higher government rate to the sustainable commercial rates.

25 **Section 2. Enactment.** Subject to the codification by the CNMI Law Revision
26 Commission, the following provisions shall be enacted to read as follows:

27 **§ 101. CHCC Commercial Rate.** Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the
28 contrary, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation shall charge the Commonwealth
29 Healthcare Corporation, as established in 3 CMC § 2823, the commercial rate for power,

1 water, and wastewater. The assessment of commercial rate to the Commonwealth
2 Healthcare Corporation shall be retroactive to October 2011, the month the Commonwealth
3 Healthcare Corporation began operations.

4 **§ 102. Late Fees or Penalties Waiver.** Notwithstanding any applicable law, rule,
5 or regulation to the contrary after the effective date of this section, any late fees or penalties
6 that have been assessed to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation shall be waived
7 from fiscal year 2011 to present.

8 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
9 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
10 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
11 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

12 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
13 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled:

Date: 04/19/23

Introduced By: /s/
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider
/s/ Donald M. Manglona
/s/ Corina L. Magofna

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ Antonette R. Villagomez
Senate Legal Counsel

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Regular Session, 2023

H. B. 23- 92

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To suspend the Net Energy Metering in the CNMI; and for other purpose.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 23RD NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

- 1 **Section 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be cited as the “Net Metering Act of
2 2023”.
- 3 **Section 2. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that suspending
4 the Net Energy Metering in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands
5 (CNMI) should be considered for several reasons. First, it will address the concerns
6 related to grid stability and management. By not allowing excess energy from
7 individual solar systems to feed back into the grid, potential fluctuations in
8 electricity supply and demand could be mitigated. Second, the proponents argue
9 that doing away with Net Energy Metering could lead to a fairer cost allocation for
10 maintaining the grid. Without Net Energy Metering, the burden of grid
11 maintenance costs would not fall disproportionately on non-solar customers.
12 Moreover, this shift could encourage investments in battery storage or other energy

1 storage solutions, promoting greater grid independence. Additionally, the CNMI
2 might explore alternative approaches like community solar projects that distribute
3 benefits and costs more equitably among participants. Financial considerations
4 could also play a role, as eliminating Net Energy Metering subsidies may alleviate
5 some budgetary pressures.

6 **Section 3. Amendment.** Title 4, Division 8, Chapter 1, Article 2, § 8122 (f)
7 is hereby suspended.

8 **Section 4. Amendment.** Title 4, Division 8, Chapter 5, Article 3. Net
9 Energy Metering is hereby suspended in its entirety.

10 **Section 5. Sunset Clause.** The Provisions under Sections 3 and 4 of this
11 Act shall automatically expire four years after the effective date of this Act.

12 **Section 6. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
13 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
14 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
15 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
16 shall not be affected thereby.


17 **Section 7. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
18 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
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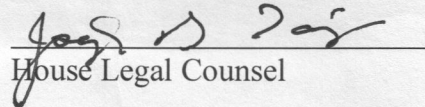
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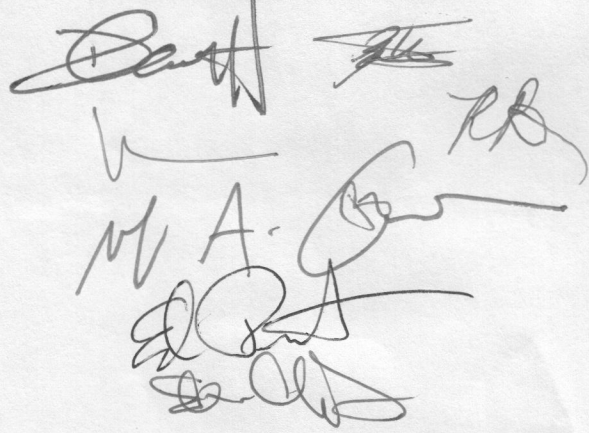
3 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
4 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 12/21/2023

Date: _____

Introduced by:  _____
Rep. Vincent R. S. Aldan

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

House Legal Counsel



REFERRED TO: *WM & PUTC*
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TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 16, 2024

Third Reg. Session, 2024

H. B. 23- 98

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To remove the exemption of certified ENERGY STAR devices and solar electric power producing hardware from the imposition of the excise tax.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 23RD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that pursuant to
2 4 CMC §1402(a), an excise tax is imposed for the privilege of first sale, use,
3 manufacture, lease or rental of goods, commodities, resources, or merchandise in
4 the Commonwealth for business purposes or for personal use exceeding a certain
5 value. Furthermore, the Legislature further finds that pursuant to 4 CMC §1402(c),
6 certain items are exempted from the imposition of the excise tax. Pursuant to the
7 subsection (12) of the specified statute, refrigerators, stoves, ovens, and other
8 devices for preserving or cooking food, which are certified ENERGY STAR by the
9 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy are
10 exempted. Furthermore, pursuant to subsection (6) of the same statute, equipment,
11 machinery, merchandise, devices, and other items which produce, or are
12 components of a system that produces, electric power from solar are exempted as

1 well. The Legislature finds that in today's day and age, many businesses and
2 households possess these certified ENERGY STAR appliances and solar electric
3 power producing items. As a means of potential revenue for the CNMI, the
4 Legislature finds that it would be highly appropriate to remove the exemption of
5 such appliances and hardware items. With all the certified ENERGY STAR devices
6 and solar electric power producing hardware coming in to the Commonwealth, the
7 CNMI will be able to utilize such funds to improve government services intended
8 to serve for the benefit of both our people and communities alike.

9 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to remove the exemption of certified
10 ENERGY STAR devices and solar power producing hardware from the imposition
11 of the excise tax.

12 **Section 2. Repealer.** 4 CMC §1402(c)(12) are hereby repealed in its
13 entirety.

14 **Section 3. Amendment.** 4 CMC §1402(c)(6) is hereby amended to read as
15 follows:

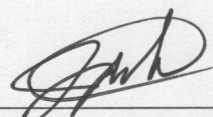
16 “(6) Equipment, machinery, merchandise, devices, and other items which
17 produce, or are components of a system that produces, electric power from
18 wind, solar, water, landfill gas, waste, geothermal sources, ocean thermal,
19 ocean current or wave energy, biomass, municipal solid waste, biofuels, or
20 fuels derived from organic sources, hydrogen fuels, or fuel cells where the
21 fuel is derived from renewable sources.”

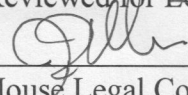
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13 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
14 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Intro
Prefiled: 2/16/2024

Date: _____ Introduced by: 
Rep. John Paul P. Sablan

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Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:
 2/16/24
House Legal Counsel



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
 HONORABLE JESUS P. MAFNAS MEMORIAL BUILDING
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EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

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MEMORANDUM

DATE : February 20, 2024

TO : CHAIRMAN VINCENT R.S. ALDAN, PUTC COMMITTEE

FROM : SPEAKER EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ 

SUBJECT : Referral of Legislation

In accordance with Rule IX, Section 8, I hereby refer the following measure for the Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications Committee's review:

H. B. No. 23-98: To remove the exemption of certified ENERGY STAR devices and solar electric power producing hardware from the imposition of the excise tax. Introduced by Rep. John Paul P. Sablan of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself)

The Committee has 60 days to submit a written report on the legislation; therefore, I urge the Committee to review promptly the aforementioned legislation.

cc: Senate President
 House Members
 LB Director
 House Clerk

*Approved 2/20/24
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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SPEAKER

HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM

DATE : February 20, 2024
TO : CHAIRMAN RALPH N. YUMUL, WM COMMITTEE
FROM : SPEAKER EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ 
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Rep. Yumul
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