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Senate President

Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 12, 2026

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate


Sen. Karl R. King-Nabors

Subject: 1st Day, Eight Special Session – 2026

By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Interim Rules of the Senate, and the Open Government Act, this is to inform all members that the 1st Day, Eight Special Session is scheduled for ***Friday, August 14, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.***, in the Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

Your understanding and attendance are greatly appreciated.

Cc: Speaker of the House
Director, LB
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Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public session:

MEETING: 1st Day, Eighth Special Session - 2026
DATE AND TIME: Friday, August 14, 2026 @ 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building,
Capitol Hill, Saipan

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THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
EIGHT SPECIAL SENATE SESSION – 2026

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 st Day	Friday, August 14, 2026	11:30 a.m.
Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill – Saipan		

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

A. ROLL CALL:

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:

1. SJ 24-27 - 1st Day, Second Special Session – 06/26/26

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-300:** July 23, 2026 – Drug Test Results of Ms. Sharon A. Manglona to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission, representing the First Senatorial District.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-301:** July 02, 2026 – EO 2026-012 – Declaration of State of Significant Emergency.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-302:** July 24, 2026 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-84 – To authorize the expenditure of \$2,105,563.00 identified by the Governor as a surplus from Fiscal Year 2025 revenues that shall be appropriated by the Legislature to the Public School System and to the 25% Retirees' Pension Obligation, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-34.***
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-303:** July 20, 2026 – Request from Governor pursuant to Section 602(a) of Public Law 24-20 for approval of the Legislature by Joint Resolution for Ground Maintenance.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-304:** July 30, 2026 – Signed into law S.B. No. 24-21, HD1 – 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, becomes
PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-35.

6. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-305:** July 30, 2026 – Re-nomination of Mr. Warren F. Villagomez to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Board of Directors representing the Second Senatorial District.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-306:** July 31, 2026 – EO 2026-013 – Declaration of State of Significant Emergency.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-307:** July 31, 2026 – Re-nomination of Ms. Dina A. Tenorio to serve on the Northern Marianas Technical Institute Board of Trustees, representing the Third Senatorial District.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-308:** August 4, 2026 – Re: Approval for a Joint Resolution for Correction Cadets.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-309:** August 5, 2026 – *Vetoed* S.L.B. No. 24-04 – To define and authorize the use of abandoned investigative deposits held by the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC); to establish procedures for notice, claims, and final disposition of such deposits; to authorize the appropriation of abandoned deposits to pay outstanding regulatory fees, assessments, penalties, and taxes owed to the Commission; and for other purposes. ***[Deadline: 10/04/26]***
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-310:** August 6, 2026 – Signed into law S.B. No. 24-48 – To establish a Division of Customs and Biosecurity within the Department of Finance for the purposes enforcing all laws at the ports of entry and that is responsible for the inspection and clearance of containers, cargo, baggage related to customs and biosecurity at the ports of entry, and other matters related to border security, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-36.***
12. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-311:** August 6, 2026 – EO 2026-014 – Transfer of Arts Council to the Marianas Visitors Authority.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-32:** July 17, 2026 – SOF: MPLT EDA Line of Credit Status Quarterly Report (04/16/26 – 07/15/26)
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-33:** July 23, 2026 – SOF: Re: Submission of Reports Requested under Senate-SDC No. 24-001.

3. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-34:** July 30, 2026 – SOF Fiscal Year 2026 – June Monthly Financial Report.
4. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-35:** August 4, 2026 – DPW CNMI 4-Year Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) for FY 2027 to 2030.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-161:** July 24, 2026 – Certified copy of H.J.R. No. 24-13 - To affirm the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' commitment to eliminate the commercial facilitation of birth tourism as evidenced by the enactment of the Business Integrity and Regulation of Tourism Harms Act ("BIRTH Act"); to present updated data demonstrating the effectiveness of existing federal and local measures; and to request continued federal coordination consistent with those efforts.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-162:** July 28, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate *action* **H.B. 24-105** – To enact the Business Integrity and Regulation of Tourism Harms Act ("BIRTH Act"); and for other purposes.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-163:** July 29, 2026 – Returning *without* amendments **S.B. No. 24-38** – To rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the "Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station" in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-164:** July 29, 2026 – Returning *without* amendments **S.B. No. 24-48** – To establish a Division of Customs and Biosecurity within the Department of Finance for the purposes enforcing all laws at the ports of entry and that is responsible for the inspection and clearance of containers, cargo, baggage related to customs and biosecurity at the ports of entry, and other matters related to boarder security.

[NOTE: Hse. Comm. No. 24-165 was discussed on the Seventh Special Session dated 07/30/26.]

5. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-166:** July 29, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate *action* **H.J.R. 24-16** – To recognize and acknowledge the National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and the Guam-CNMI ESGR State Committee and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our service men and women and to thank and appreciate our civilian employers for their utmost support to our service members by recognizing the week of August 17th through August 21st, 2026 as "Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week".
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-167:** July 29, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate *action* **H.B. No. 24-66, HDI** – To regulate advisory and consulting engagements with the Commonwealth by requiring compliance with procurement laws, Attorney General approval, and Public Auditor oversight; to impose a \$50,000.00 cap per engagement; to establish priority

qualifications; to void non-compliant contracts; to provide remedies and penalties for violations; and to sunset this Act after five years.

7. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-168:** July 29, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate *action H.B. No. 24-69* – To amend Title 70, Subchapter 70-30.3 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code by adding a new section to authorize Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity Contracts; and for other purposes.
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-169:** July 29, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate *action H.B. No. 24-83* – Requiring Disclosure of 501(c)(3) Status for Government Funding.
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-170:** July 29, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate *action H.B. No. 24-94* – To amend the punishment for the crime of vandalism to include the option of confinement.
10. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-171:** July 29, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate *action H.B. No. 24-99* – To amend Title 6, Division 1, §1609, Theft of Utility Services, to provide a permissive inference of intent under specified circumstances while preserving due process protections; and for other purposes.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-250:** July 20, 2026 – Senator Celina R. Babauta’s off-island notice
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-251:** July 20, 2026 – Senate President King-Nabors to Governor Apatang regarding Final Request to Resolve the Possible Violation of the Senate’s Constitutional Authority.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-252:** July 17, 2026 – Affidavit of Service to SOF Tracy B. Norita.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-253:** July 17, 2026 – Affidavit of Service to Trustee Joyce C.H. Tang.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-254:** July 17, 2026 – Affidavit of Service to Administrator Lillian M. Pangelinan.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-255:** July 27, 2026 – Senator Francisco Q. Cruz off-island notice July 31, 2026 to August 16, 2026.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-256:** July 23, 2026 – Referral to EAGI Committee drug test result for Ms. Sharon A. Manglona to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission, representing the First Senatorial District.

8. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-257:** July 31, 2026 – Referral to EAGI Committee the withdrawal of Ms. Dina A. Tenorio to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute Board of Trustees, representing the Third Senatorial District.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Senate Bill No. 24-64:** To amend 4 CMC § 8141(c) to extend from three to five years the amount of time over which the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation may reach full cost recovery for the benefit of the ratepaying public; and for other purposes. *[SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER – 08/11/26]*
2. **Senate Local Bill No. 24-05:** To name the Rota East Harbor to the “Joseph Songao Inos East Harbor” in recognition and appreciation of his exemplary service and significant contributions to the Municipality of Rota and to the people of the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. *[SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA – 08/11/26]*

L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-80:** From the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee reporting on *S.B. No. 24-53* - To prohibit the Office of the Attorney General from issuing criminal investigative subpoenas or adopting regulations to issue investigative subpoenas unless explicitly authorized by CNMI Law or a CNMI Judicial Officer; and for other purposes. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-81:** From the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee reporting on *S.B. No. 24-55* – To amend Title 9, Division 5 of the Commonwealth Code to establish “Higher Fine Zones,” imposing increased penalties for traffic violations within designated areas such as school zones, construction zones, and other high-risk areas; and for other purposes also known as the Patrick Henry Camacho Castro Act. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-82:** From the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee reporting on *H.B. No. 24-10* – To establish change of name legal procedure in the CNMI. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*

4. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-83:** From the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee reporting on *H.B. No. 24-39* –To establish Treatment Program Enforcement Officers within the Judiciary to carry out enforcement, supervision, and monitoring functions essential to the success of court-supervised treatment programs, and to ensure that these officers are fully recognized as law enforcement personnel under Commonwealth law. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*
5. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-84:** From the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee reporting on *H.B. No. 24-43, HD1* –To create a new criminal defense for Desecration or Theft of Memorial or Historical Sites. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*
6. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-85:** From the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee reporting on *H.B. No. 24-57* –To establish a Government Liability Cap. *[Recommends passage in the form of H.B. No. 24-57, Senate Draft 1]*
7. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-86:** From the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee reporting on *S.B. No. 24-06* –To authorize CNMI Department of Corrections to pay inmates and establish work programs. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*
8. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-87:** From the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee reporting on *S.B. No. 24-07* – To establish a Police Reserve Unit within the Department of Public Safety. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*
9. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-88:** From the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee reporting on *S.B. No. 24-33* – To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 18, Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, of the Commonwealth Code, to rename the Commissioner to Fire Chief, Deputy Commissioner to Deputy Fire Chief, Division Deputy Commissioner to Assistant Fire Chief; and for other purposes. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*

[NOTE: SCR 24-89 AND 24-90 WERE ADOPTED ON 4TH SPECIAL SESSION DATED 06/26/26.]

10. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-91:** From the Resources, Economic Development, and Workforce Committee reporting on *S.B. No. 24-52* – Authorizing the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority to utilize its preferred dividend funds to carry out the mandates of Public Law 22-01. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*
11. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-92:** From the Resources, Economic Development and Workforce Committee reporting on *S.B. No. 24-57* – To amend 4 CMC § 5611 to modernize and clarify the general business licensing framework to promote economic efficiency, business growth, and administrative consistency. *[Recommends passage in the form of Senate Bill No. 24-57, Senate Draft I]*

[NOTE: SCR 24-93 WAS ADOPTED ON 6TH SPECIAL SESSION DATED 07/20/26.]

12. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-94:** From the Resources, Economic Development, and Workforce Committee reporting on *H.B. No. 24-40* – To amend Title 4 of the Commonwealth Code to clarify the application of business registration, licensing, and tax laws to foreign corporations engaged in land development, infrastructure development, or construction activities in the Commonwealth, including those related to development projects performed under or in connection with contracts, subcontracts, or agreements with the United States. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*
13. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-95:** From the Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee reporting on *H.B. No. 24-05* – To establish provisions for jaywalking and for other purposes. *[Recommends passage in the form of H.B. 24-05, Senate Substitute 1]*

N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:(NONE)

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. *H.J.R. 24-16* – To recognize and acknowledge the National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and the Guam-CNMI ESGR State Committee and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our service men and women and to thank and appreciate our civilian employers for their utmost support to our service members by recognizing the week of August 17th through August 21st, 2026 as “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”.

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
S.B. No. 24-53 (See SCRep. No. 24-80)	To prohibit the Office of the Attorney General from issuing criminal investigative subpoenas or adopting regulations to issue investigative subpoenas unless explicitly authorized by CNMI Law or a CNMI Judicial Officer; and for other purposes.
S.B. No. 24-55 (See SCRep. No. 24-81)	To amend Title 9, Division 5 of the Commonwealth Code to establish “Higher Fine Zones,” imposing increased penalties for traffic violations within designated areas such as school zones, construction zones, and other high-risk areas; and for other purposes also known as the Patrick Henry Camacho Castro Act.
H.B. No. 24-10 (See. SCRep. No. 24-82)	To establish change of name legal procedure in the CNMI.

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H.B. 24-39 (See SCRep. No. 24-83)	To authorize the expenditure of \$2,105,563.00 identified by the Governor as a surplus from Fiscal Year 2025 revenues that shall be appropriated by the Legislature to the Public School System and to the 25% Retiree' Pension Obligation.
H.B. No. 24-43, HD1 (See SCRep. No. 24-84)	To create a new criminal defense for Desecration or Theft of Memorial or Historical Sites.
H.B. No. 24-57, SD1 (See SCRep. No. 24-85)	To re-establish a Government Liability Cap.
S.B. No. 24-06 (See SCRep. No. 24-86)	To authorize CNMI Department of Corrections to pay inmates and establish work programs.
S.B. No. 24-07 (See SCRep. No. 24-87)	To establish a Police Reserve Unit within the Department of Public Safety.
S.B. No. 24-33 (See SCRep. No. 24-88)	To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 18, Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, of the Commonwealth Code, to rename the Commissioner to Fire Chief, Deputy Commissioner to Deputy Fire Chief, Division Deputy Commissioner to Assistant Fire Chief; and for other purposes.
S.B. No. 24-52 (See SCRep. No. 24-91)	Authorizing the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority to utilize its preferred dividend funds to carry out the mandates of Public Law 22-01.
S.B. No. 24-57 (See SCRep. No. 24-92)	To amend 4 CMC § 5611 to modernize and clarify the business licensing framework to promote economic efficiency, business growth, and administrative consistency.
S.B. No. 24-62	To enact the "CNMI Dignified Aging and Long-Term Care Act of 2026"; to establish a comprehensive statutory and regulatory framework for assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and Programs of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); to regulate licensing, operations, and oversight of long-term care facilities; and for other purposes.; and for other purposes.
H.B. No. 24-40	To amend Title 4 of the Commonwealth Code to clarify the application of business registration, licensing, and tax laws to foreign

(See SCRep. No. 24-94)	corporations engaged in land development, infrastructure development, or construction activities in the Commonwealth, including those related to development projects performed under or in connection with contracts, subcontracts, or agreements with the United States.
H.B. No. 24-05 (See SCRep. No. 24-95)	To establish provisions for jaywalking and for other purposes.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-107:** July 15, 2026 – CUC Executive Director’s Report – July 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-108:** July 13, 2026 – OAG – Re: H.B. No. 24-89, HS1, SD1, CCS1 and H.B. No. 24-91.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-109:** April 11, 2024 – OAG – Re: H.B. No. 23-104, HD1, SD1.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-110:** July 19, 2026 – CUC Board request for a few days to allow CUC to meet with potential lenders to discuss language on H.B. No. 24-107.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-111:** July 23, 2026 – NMI Settlement Fund re: Records Relating to 25% Payments.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-112:** July 29, 2026 – TALD transmitted certified copy of TALD Res. No. 24-05, 24-06 and 24-07.
7. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-113:** July 31, 2026 – OPA Report on CNMI Agencies’ Implementation of Audit & Inspection Recommendations.
8. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-114:** August 6, 2026 – Notice of Youth Congress Speaker Resignation.
9. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-115:** August 7, 2026 – YC Notice of Vacancy – Saipan International School Youth Congress Seat
10. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-116:** August 7, 2026 - YC Notice of Vacancy – Kagman High School Youth Congress Seat.
11. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-117:** August 11, 2026 - LB Status Update: FEMA-DR-4910-MP and Office Closure.

- R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and
- S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
S.L.B. No. 24-05	To name the Rota East Harbor to the “Joseph Songao Inos East Harbor” in recognition and appreciation of his exemplary service and significant contributions to the Municipality of Rota and to the people of the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. <i>1st Appearance</i>

The Senate may consider, debate, and/or act upon any item contained in this Order of Business at the time and place described herein.