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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives Emergency Session, 2nd Day, First Special Session
Date and Time: Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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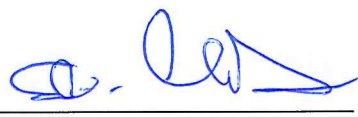
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 21 April 2026
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Emergency Session, 2nd Day, 1st Special Session

Pursuant to the Open Government Act and Rule III, Section 7 of the House of Representatives Rules of Procedure, I hereby call for an **Emergency Session** of the **2nd Day, 1st Special Session for Thursday, 23 April 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

The reason for finding that an emergency exists is based on the urgent need to take action on emergency appropriation legislation(s) due to the immediate and dire need to assist the people of the CNMI caused by the devastation of Super Typhoon Sinlaku and for other purpose(s).

cc: Senate President
 House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
EMERGENCY SESSION 2026

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
2ND DAY, FIRST SPECIAL SESSION	THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS** – (None)
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

A. House Bills:

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 24-56

To appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

H. L. B. NO. 24-57

To re-appropriate Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-07 and Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-08 collected from poker fees in the First Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

- 5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

A. House Resolutions:

B. House Joint Resolutions:

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:**D. House Concurrent Resolutions:**

6. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR** – (None)
7. **SENATE COMMUNICATIONS** – (None)
8. **HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS** – (None)
9. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH** – (None)
10. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES** – (None)
11. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS** – (None)
12. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES** – (None)
13. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES** – (None)
14. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – (None)
15. **RESOLUTION CALENDAR** – (None)

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. **BILL CALENDAR** – (None)

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

17. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

18. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(ADJOURNMENT)**APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS**

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on April 18, 2026:

H. L. B. NO. 24-55: To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59. REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) Introduced on April 18, 2026.

*LEGISLATIVE DEADLINE TRACKER (Informational)***Veto Override / Reconsideration Deadlines**

(Article II, Section 7(c), NMI Constitution)

GOV. COMM. 24-121: (3/11/2026) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. NO. 24-33, entitled, (*To statutorily define the scope of the Commonwealth's annual General Revenues within the meaning of Article XV, Section 1(e) of the NMI Constitution.*).

Deadline: 5/10/2026.

Executive Appointments Requiring Legislative Confirmation

None pending.

Judicial Rule Review Period

None pending.

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2026

H. L. B. 24- **56**

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT

**DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF
THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand
3 dollars (\$156,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second
4 Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery
5 initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku. The certification of funds
6 was prepared on March 13, 2026 and April 10, 2026 by the Acting Resident
7 Department Head of the Department of Finance, Tinian and is attached for
8 reference. This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY 2026 Budget Act.
9 Therefore, this local appropriation of local funds does not contravene 1 CMC §7401

1 and 1 CMC §7404(d) or any other provision of the CNMI Budget Act.

2 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

3 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the
4 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District from
5 poker fees, the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates
6 One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00) of the revenues collected
7 for the Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as follows:

8 (A) \$156,000.00 shall be allocated to the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and
9 Aguiguan. Funds will be allocated for operations, personnel, and public programs
10 to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in
11 the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

12 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

13 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 (A) shall be the Mayor
14 of Tinian and Aguiguan.

15 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

16 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other
17 purpose and notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this
18 Act shall be without fiscal year limitation(s).

19 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

1 The Secretary of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the
2 sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00), or so much thereof
3 as may be necessary, to the Tinian Municipal Treasurer for the local public
4 purposes specified in this Act. This transfer shall not be construed to limit,
5 diminish, or otherwise impair the constitutional or statutory authority of the
6 Secretary of Finance to control, regulate, supervise, audit, and account for the
7 expenditure of public funds. All funds transferred shall remain subject to
8 Commonwealth accounting and audit requirements. The Tinian Municipal
9 Treasurer shall submit monthly expenditure reports, with supporting
10 documentation, to the Secretary of Finance in a form prescribed by the Department
11 of Finance.

12 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

13 The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
14 responsible to report all expenses responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary
15 of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further
16 that failure to provide all expenses, entities that were afforded funds under this Act
17 shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Tinian & Aguiguan
18 Legislative Delegation.

19 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

20 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any

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

5 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

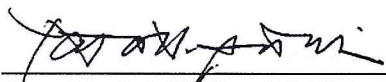
13 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon it
15 becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 04.21.2024

Date:

Introduced by:


Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:



House Legal Counsel

Date: _____



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE



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March 13, 2026

Hon. Edwin P. Aldan
Mayor
Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan
Tinian MP 96952

RE: Collection of Poker Fees on Tinian

Dear Mayor Aldan,

This is to inform you that Huang Shun Corporation made a \$36,000.00 payment for the renewal of three (3) poker machine licenses, and Long Sheng Corporation made a payment in the amount of 132,000.00 for eleven (11) poker machine licenses. Deposit dates into the CNMI Treasury account are as follows:

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| 1. February 25, 2026 | \$ 36,000.00 |
| 2. March 10, 2026 | \$132,000.00 |

In accordance with Tinian Local Law 23-10, the local license fee for Tinian is \$84,000.

Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at r.lazaro@dof.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 433-1600/04/10.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Lazaro
Acting Resident Department Head
Department of Finance



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April 10, 2026

Hon. Edwin P. Aldan
Mayor
Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan
Tinian MP 96952

RE: Collection of Poker Fees on Tinian

Dear Mayor Aldan,

This is to inform you that K - Amusement made a \$144,000.00 payment for the renewal of twelve (12) poker machine licenses. Deposit dates into the CNMI Treasury account are as follows:

1. April 02, 2026	\$144,000.00
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In accordance with Tinian Local Law 23-10, the local license fee for Tinian is \$72,000.

Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at r.lazaro@dof.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 433-1600/04/10.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Lazaro
Acting Resident Department Head
Department of Finance

cc: Jude U. Hofschneider, Senator, 2^{4th} CNMI Legislature

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SESSION, 2026

H. L. B. 24-

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**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

**DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF
THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Sixty thousand dollars
3 (\$60,000.00) allotted under Section 2 (a) of Rota Local Law 24-07 and Twenty
4 thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-08 collected from
5 poker fees in the First Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations
6 and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

1 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

2 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the
3 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the First Senatorial District from poker
4 fees, the Rota Legislative Delegation hereby re-appropriates Sixty thousand dollars
5 (\$60,000.00) allotted under Section 2 (a) of Rota Local Law 24-07 and Twenty
6 thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-08 as follows:

7 (A) \$80,000.00 shall be allocated to the Office of the Mayor of Rota. Funds
8 will be allocated for operations, personnel, and public programs to respond to
9 critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of
10 Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

11 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

12 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 (A) shall be the Mayor
13 of Rota.

14 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING AND NO FISCAL LIMITATION.**

15 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other
16 purpose and notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this
17 Act shall be without fiscal year limitation(s).

18 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

19 The Secretary of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the
20 sum of Eighty Thousand dollars (\$80,000.00), or so much thereof as may be
21 necessary, to the Rota Municipal Treasurer for the local public purposes specified

1 in this Act. This transfer shall not be construed to limit, diminish, or otherwise
2 impair the constitutional or statutory authority of the Secretary of Finance to
3 control, regulate, supervise, audit, and account for the expenditure of public funds.
4 All funds transferred shall remain subject to Commonwealth accounting and audit
5 requirements. The Rota Municipal Treasurer shall submit monthly expenditure
6 reports, with supporting documentation, to the Secretary of Finance in a form
7 prescribed by the Department of Finance.

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11 of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further
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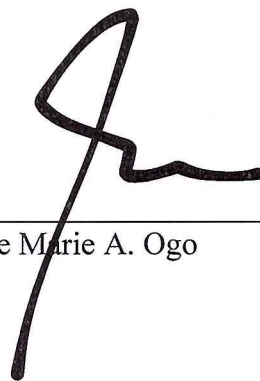
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Prefiled: 04-22-2020

Date: _____

Introduced by: _____
Rep. Julie Marie A. Ogo



Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:


House Legal Counsel

Date: 4-22-20