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## **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DATE:** October 1, 2025

**TO:** General Public

**FROM:** Senator Jude U. Hofschneider,  
Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting

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This is to inform all members that the Committee will convene a meeting on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 1:30 pm** in the **Senate Chamber** of the **Honorable Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building**.

To ensure the Committee properly receives written comments on agenda items, the public may submit their written testimonies to the Office of Senator Jude U. Hofschneider, Hon. Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, prior to the convening of the committee meeting. Oral testimony may be presented during the committee meeting.

cc: Senate FA Members  
LB- Director  
Senate Clerk  
Senate Legal Counsels  
Senate Legal Assistants  
Senate Fiscal Analyst



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October 1, 2025

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC § 9901 et seq.), the Senate Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs announces that the Committee of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will be conducting the following meeting:

**MEETING:** **Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting:**  
**DATE AND TIME:** **Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.**  
**LOCATION:** **Senate Chamber**

Copies of this notice and the agenda have been filed in the Office of Senator Jude U. Hofschneider, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

Administration Building Entrance Hall  
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Senate Entrance Hall  
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### FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE	TIME	VENUE
October 7, 2025	1:30 p.m.	Senate Chamber

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. ROLL CALL

#### III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **H.B. No. 24-12**, To promote economic recovery and provide relief of CNMI taxpayers by waiving penalties and interest on unpaid taxes due to financial and socioeconomic hardships; and for other purposes.

[Representative Diego V.F. Camacho; Referred on August 14, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

- Secretary Remedio C. Mafnas-Dept. of Commerce (Rcv: Sept. 10, 2025)
- Mayor Ramon B. Camcho-Saipan (Rcv: Sept. 8, 2025)

Committee Action:

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

2. **H.B. No. 24-32**, To establish a tax on transient accommodations and to regulate the operation of short-term rentals in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.

[Representative Roy A. Ada; Referred on September 8, 2025]

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- ☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No
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3. **H.B. No. 24-54**, To increase the number of military leave hours to CNMI government employee and to broaden eligibility for its use. [Representative Daniel I. Aquino; Referred on September 8, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

- ☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No
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4. **H.J.R. No. 24-01**, To urgently request the immediate inclusion of the Republic of the Philippines in the nonimmigrant Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security. [Representative Marissa R. Flores; Referred on September 30, 2025]

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5. **H.J.R. No. 24-03**, To urge the United States Congress to require all contractors and subcontractors performing federally funded work in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to register with the CNMI Department of Finance and certify compliance with CNMI Tax laws as a condition of receiving federal payments, to request the Department of Defense to adopt a CNMI-specific clause in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to institutionalize this requirement, and to affirm the CNMI's right under Section 703(b) of the Covenant to receive federal income tax revenue generated from contract work performed in the Commonwealth. [Representative Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao; Referred on September 30, 2025]

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6. **H.J.R. No. 24-08**, To urge the United States to take immediate and comprehensive action to identify, remove, and safely dispose of World War II-era unexploded ordnance throughout the Northern Mariana Islands. [Representative Daniel I. Aquino, Jr.; Referred on September 30, 2025]

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7. **H.J.R. No. 24-09**, To respectfully urge the United States Department of Treasury, United States Customs and Border Protection, the United States Postal Service and any other responsible federal agencies to immediately cease and desist the implementation of Executive Order 14324 and remit to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands all revenues collected under Executive Order 14324, or in the alternative, to recognize the CNMI's authority to collect such revenues itself consistent with the Covenant and applicable law in the event that said charges must be imposed. [Representative Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Representative Edmund S. Villagomez, Representative John Paul P. Sablan, Representative Joel C. Camacho and Representative Ralph N. Yumul; Referred on September 30, 2025]

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**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**