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NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: January 30, 2026
TO: General Public
FROM: Senator Jude U. Hofschneider,
Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs
SUBJECT: Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting

The Senate Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs will convene a meeting on **Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 10:00 am** 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
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January 30, 2026

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, February 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.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:

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FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE	TIME	VENUE
February 10, 2026	10:00 a.m.	Senate Chamber

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **S.B. No. 24-49**, To define “reasonable allowances” for members of the Legislature pursuant to Article II, Section 10 of the NMI Constitution.

[Senator Celina R. Babauta; Referred on December 16, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

☐ Pass in Original Form ☐ Pass with Amendments

☐ Reject ☐ File

☐ Hold for Further Discussion

2. **S.B. No. 24-50**, To authorize the Marianas Public Lands Trust through its Trustees to engage in the investment practice of margin account transactions at their discretion and authority pursuant to Article XI Section 6 of the CNMI Constitution.

[Senator Celina R. Babauta; Referred on December 16, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **H.B. No. 24-33**, 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.

[Representative Roman C. Benavente; Referred on November 24, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

☐ Pass in Original Form ☐ Pass with Amendments

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2. **H.B. No. 24-30, SD1**, To appropriate funds from Accounts 1501B and 1501S to support the operational and personnel needs of the CNMI Cannabis Commission and to direct the Secretary of Finance to establish and maintain a separate sub-account within the Cannabis Tax Account for the purpose of segregating and reserving PSS's designated share, and for other purposes.

[Representative Denita K. Yangetmai; Referred on August 14, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

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3. **H.B. No. 24-18**, To earmark Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of Electronic Gaming (E-Gaming) license fees towards the Department of Finance for enforcement purposes. [Representative John Paul P. Sablan; Referred on August 14, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

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4. **H.B. No. 24-38, HD1**, To establish a dedicated CNMI Emergency Reserve Fund ("Rainy Day Fund") with annual mandatory deposits and procedures for fund disbursement in times of declared emergency, while ensuring fiscal accountability. [Representative Diego F. Camacho; Referred on September 8, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

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5. **H.B. No. 24-51, HD1**, To establish revolving accounts for Department of Lands & Natural Resources; and for other purposes.

[Representative John Paul P. Sablan; Referred on October 22, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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6. **H.B. No. 24-09, HD1**, To amend 4 CMC § 1803 by reallocating a portion of the Hotel Occupancy Tax received by the Marianas Visitors Authority to the Division of Parks and Recreation to support beautification efforts. [Representative Joel C. Camacho; Referred on September 29, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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7. **H.B. No. 24-23**, To amend 9 CMC § 2116 to update the definitions of “veteran” and “disabled veteran” and to allow a valid Veteran ID Card to be used as proof of veteran status when applying for veteran’s license plate. [Representative Julie M. A. Ogo; Referred on September 30, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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8. **H.B. No. 24-70**, To authorize the Public School System (PSS) to utilize unrestricted funds previously appropriated to PSS for Fiscal Year 2026; and for other purposes.

[Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao; Referred on November 14, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

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☐ Hold for Further Discussion

9. S.B. No. 24-01, To create a CNMI Term Pension Plan; and for other purposes. [Senator Jude U. Hofschneider; Referred on February 20, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

- **Secretary Remedio C. Mafnas- Dept. of Commerce (Rcv: April 11, 2025)**
- **Millissa A. Mendiola-Dept. of Finance, Tinian (Rcv: April 23, 2025)**

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

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10. S.B. No. 24-26, To amend 1 CMC § 2893(d) to give the mayors of the First and Second Senatorial District authority to concur on all OGM-SC applications, programs and funding for the First and Second Senatorial Districts; and for other purposes. [Senator Jude U. Hofschneider; Referred on March 10, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

- **Mayor Aubry M. Hocog-Rota (Rcv: March 27, 2025)**
- **Secretary Tracy B. Norita-Dept. of Finance (Rcv: March 27, 2025)**
- **Mayor Ramon B. Camacho-Saipan (Rcv: March 27, 2025)**
- **Epiphania E. Cabrera- OGM (Rcv: April 9, 2025)**

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

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☐ Reject ☐ File

☐ Hold for Further Discussion

11. S.B. No. 24-27, To amend 1 CMC § 8390 to allow the Settlement Fund to adjust benefit payments to reflect the correct calculation forward and authorize waivers of overpayments of retirement benefits; and for other purposes. [Senator Dennis C. Mendiola; Referred on March 10, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

- **Mayor Aubry M. Hocog-Rota (Rcv: March 27, 2025)**
- **Secretary Tracy B. Norita-Dept. of Finance (Rcv: March 2, 2025)**
- **Joyce C.H. Tang-NMI Settlement Fund (Rcv: March 31, 2025)**

Committee Action:

☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

☐ Pass in Original Form ☐ Pass with Amendments

- ☐ Reject ☐ File
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12. H.B. No. 24-07, To ensure that the expenditure authority designated in the Annual Appropriation Act retains authority over all funds appropriated to it. [Representative Joseph A. Flores; Referred on April 22, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

- ☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

- ☐ Pass in Original Form ☐ Pass with Amendments
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- ☐ Hold for Further Discussion

13. H.B. No. 24-08, HD1; To amend 1 CMC § 2803 to ensure that public land revenues are managed and invested by the Marianas Public Land Trust in accordance with Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. [Representative Marissa R. Flores; Referred on April 25, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

- ☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

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14. H.B. No. 24-21, To establish the Joint Oversight of Incoming Non-Local Transfers Act to mandate Legislative and Executive Appropriation for all Non-Locally-Sourced allocated for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [Representative Denita K. Yangetmai; Referred on April 25, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

- ☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee Report to:

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- ☐ Hold for Further Discussion

15. S.B. No. 24-25, To amend 4 CMC § 10306(a)(4) to allow the board of directors to authorize the executive director to review and grant loan or loan guarantee applications exceeding \$25,000.00 per applicant; and for other purposes. [Senator Jude U. Hofschneider; Referred on June 24, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

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- ☐ Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT