

## **OFFICE OF SENATOR JUDE U. HOFSCHNEIDER**

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT

CHAIRMAN-FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN-PUBLIC UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN-TINIAN & AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

July 3, 2025

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

| <b>MEETING:</b> | <b>PUTC Committee Meeting</b>      |  |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| DATE AND TIME:  | Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 1:30 pm |  |
| LOCATION:       | Senate Chamber                     |  |

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# **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

| DATE :   | July 3, 2025   |
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| то:      | General Public   |
| FROM:    | Senator Jude U. Hofschneider,<br>Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Public Utilities,<br>Transportation & Communications |
| SUBJECT: | Public Utilities, Transportation & Communications Committee Meeting  |

This is to inform all members that the Committee will convene a meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 1:30 pm in the Senate Chamber of the Honorable Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan

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



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# PUBLIC UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

| DATE         | TIME      | VENUE          |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| July 9, 2025 | 1:30 p.m. | Senate Chamber |

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - S.B. No. 24-02, To improve the food security of the CNMI by amending 4 CMC §8182 and §8183 to establish agriculture water usage rates for commercial farmers, commercial ranchers, and livestock producers; and for other purposes. [Senatore Jude U. Hofschneider; Referred on February 20, 2025] Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received
    - Mayor Aubry M. Hocog, Rota (Rcv: March 10, 2025)
    - Glenn H. Manglona, Chairman-S&NISWD-CNMI (Rcv: March 18, 2025)
    - Mayor of Tinian (RFC Deadline: April 7, 2025)
    - Mayor of Saipan (RFC Deadline: April 7, 2025)
    - CUC (RFC Deadline: April 7, 2025)
    - CPUC (RFC Deadline: April 7, 2025)
    - Tinian Cattleman's Association (RFC Deadline: April 7, 2025)

Committee Action:

- $\square$  Public Hearing:  $\square$  Yes  $\square$  No
- □ Committee Report to: □ Pass in Original Form □ Pass with Amendments
- $\square$  Reject  $\square$  File
- □ Hold for Further Discussion
- 2. S.B. No. 24-14, To temporarily suspend the collection of certain charges by the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation; and for other purposes. [Senator Celina R. Babauta; Referred on February 20, 2025]

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## Committee Action:

- $\Box$  Public Hearing:  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No
- $\Box$  Committee Report to:  $\Box$  Pass in Original Form  $\Box$  Pass with Amendments
- $\Box$  Reject  $\Box$  File
- □ Hold for Further Discussion
- **3. H.B. No. 24-29**, To reconcile public utility accounts between CHCC and CUC by waiving intra-governmental penalties and preserving enforceable debt obligations; and for other purposes. [Representative Vincent S. Aldan; Referred on May 29, 2025]

Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

- $\square$  Public Hearing:  $\square$  Yes  $\square$  No
- □ Committee Report to: □ Pass in Original Form □ Pass with Amendments
- $\Box$  Reject  $\Box$  File
- $\Box$  Hold for Further Discussion
- 4. H.B. No. 24-11, To provide greater authority to government transit buses owned and operated by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA); to establish traffic safety measures, enhance public engagement, ensure fiscal responsibility, and comply with existing CNMI laws and federal standards; and for other purposes. [Representative Vincent R. Aldan; Referred on April 22, 2025] Request for Comments (RFC) Deadline/Date Received

Committee Action:

- $\Box \quad \text{Public Hearing: } \Box \text{ Yes } \Box \text{ No}$
- $\Box$  Committee Report to:  $\Box$  Pass in Original Form  $\Box$  Pass with Amendments
- $\Box$  Reject  $\Box$  File
- □ Hold for Further Discussion
- 5. Senate Comm. No. 24-49, Oversight Investigation of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Procurement Process.

## VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**