



The Senate
NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
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SAIPAN, MP 96950

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: April 9, 2021

TO: All Active Government Employees and Citizens

FROM: Senator Justo S. Quitugua 
Chairperson, Committee on Resources, Economic Development, & Programs

Senator Karl R. King-Nabors 
Chairperson, Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law, and Federal Relations

SUBJECT: Joint Public Hearing on Senate Legislative Initiatives referred to REDP and JGLFR

The Senate Standing Committees on Resources, Economic Development and Programs (REDP) and Judiciary, Government, Law, and Federal Relations (JGLFR) have scheduled a joint public hearing on the following date:

DATE:
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

TIME:
5:00 pm

PLACE:
Senate Chamber
Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial
Building
Capitol Hill, Saipan

Members of the general public are encouraged to provide testimonies on the following proposed legislation:

- **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 22-01**, *To amend Article XII of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to remove the restriction on the alienation of land in the CNMI, to allow NMD landowners to fully exercise their real property rights, and to reduce the NMD percentage of ownership interest in a Northern Marianas Descent Corporation.* (Referred to REDP)
- **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 22-02**, *To propose a constitutional amendment to Article V, section 4, of the NMI Constitution to require the Resident Representative to the United States to provide a report to the legislature in a joint session.* (Referred to JGLFR)

- **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 22-03**, *To amend Section 10 of Article III of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to restrict the governor's emergency powers to mobilize available resources to respond to that emergency within the executive branch but not including the legislative branch, the judicial branch and autonomous agencies.* (Referred to JGLFR)
- **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 22-04**, *To propose a constitutional amendment to Article X, Section 2, of the NMI Constitution to require the governor to provide a report on the social, fiscal and economic impact of tax exemptions.* (Referred to JGLFR)

Written testimonies to the respective Committees, on or before **Tuesday, April 20, 2021**, may be sent via email to **Ms. Jolyn B. Duenas-Tagabuel, Legislative Assistant**, at tagabuelj.la@gmail.com. However, oral testimony will be received during the public hearing.

Your attendance is greatly appreciated.

xc: Senate President
Senate Members
Senate Clerk
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 (b) and (c) of the NMI Constitution and Rule 3, Section 3 of the Official Rules of the Senate, Senator Justo S. Quitugua, Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare, and Senator Karl R. King-Nabors Chairperson of the Judiciary, Government, Law, and Federal Relations of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature (NMCL) will convene the following open and joint public hearing:

MEETING: Joint Public Hearing

DATE: Tuesday, April 20, 2021

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Senate Chamber, Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan

Copies of this notice, the official scheduled committee hearing notice, and the agenda have been filed in the Office of Senator Justo S. Quitugua and Senator Karl R. King-Nabors, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

Administration Building Entrance Hall
House of Representatives Entrance Hall
Senate Entrance Hall
NMCL Website (www.cnmileg.net) and Facebook Page

Copies of the bills may be downloaded on the NMCL Website at www.cnmileg.net.

Written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the **Office of Senator Justo S. Quitugua and Office of Senator Karl R. King-Nabors**, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or sent via email to **Ms. Jolyn B. Duenas-Tagabuel, Legislative Assistant**, at tagabuelj.la@gmail.com. prior to the convening of the meeting. Oral testimony may be presented during the joint public hearing.

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JOINT PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Senate Standing Committees on Resources, Economic Development, and Programs (REDP) and Judiciary, Government, Law, and Federal Relations (JGLFR)

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Tuesday, April 20, 2021 | 5:00 p.m. | Senate Chamber |

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Testimonies on Proposed Legislation

- a. **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 22-01**, *To amend Article XII of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to remove the restriction on the alienation of land in the CNMI, to allow NMD landowners to fully exercise their real property rights, and to reduce the NMD percentage of ownership interest in a Northern Marianas Descent Corporation.*
 - **Author:** Senator Jude U. Hofschneider
 - **Referred to Committee REDP:** March 2, 2021
- b. **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 22-02**, *To propose a constitutional amendment to Article V, section 4, of the NMI Constitution to require the Resident Representative to the United States to provide a report to the legislature in a joint session.*
 - **Author:** Senator Justo S. Quitugua
 - **Referred to Committee JGLFR:** March 2, 2021
- c. **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 22-03**, *To amend Section 10 of Article III of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to restrict the governor's emergency powers to mobilize available resources to respond to that emergency within the executive branch but not including the legislative branch, the judicial branch and autonomous agencies.*
 - **Author:** Senator Justo S. Quitugua
 - **Referred to Committee JGLFR:** March 2, 2021
- d. **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 22-04**, *To propose a constitutional amendment to Article X, Section 2, of the NMI Constitution to require the governor to provide a report on the social, fiscal and economic impact of tax exemptions.*
 - **Author:** Senator Justo S. Quitugua
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V. Adjournment