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MEMORANDUM

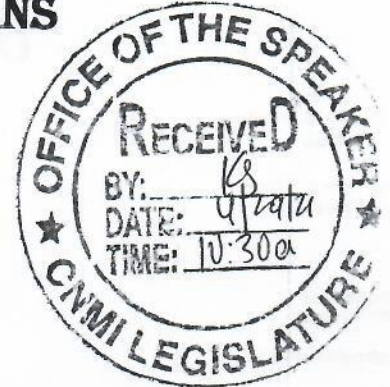
Date: April 29, 2021

To: Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker of the House

Ways & Means Committee Members

From: Rep. Donald M. Manglona
Chairperson

Subject: Notice of Committee Meeting (Amended)



This is to inform the Speaker and all members of the committee that the **House Standing Committee on Ways & Means** will be meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the House Chamber. The purpose of this meeting is to dispose of bills previously referred to the committee. Please see attached amended agenda.

Your attendance is greatly appreciated.

- cc: Members, Ways & Means
- House Clerk
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AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Public Comments
- IV. New Business
 - a. **HB 22-25:** To provide relief to CNMI taxpayers affected by disasters by allowing relief from penalties and interest on unpaid taxes; and for other purposes.
 - b. **HB 22-27:** To amend 4 CMC §1407(b) to remove the 15-day grace period and to provide the Division of Customs with the authority to promulgate and establish application fees for low-risk importer applicants; and for other purposes.
 - c. **HB 22-34:** To provide a tax credit for taxpayers who make donations of cash or food supplies to a qualified local food pantry, homeless shelter, or soup kitchen.
 - d. **HB 22-42:** To amend 4 CMC § 1943 to authorize developer infrastructure credits for appropriate Chamorro and Carolinian culture designs; and for other purposes.
 - e. **HB 22-45:** To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Finance in consultation with Department of Public Works to enter into a loan agreement for a sum up to \$16,800,000.00 for the construction and improvement of roads in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



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- f. **HB 22-48:** To amend Public Law 21-35, "To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2021"; and for other purposes.
- g. **HB 22-54:** To update the definition of tobacco products in the CNMI's excise tax laws; bring tobacco tax rates to the recommended level; set tobacco tax rates to increase with inflation; and invest tobacco tax revenues in health promotion and disease prevention and control programs in the CNMI; and for other purposes.
- h. **HB 22-57:** To provide a tax credit for business entities that hire United States citizens or residents of the CNMI whose employment was affected by the Vovid-19 pandemic.
- i. Gov. Comm. 22-29: RENEWAL-Authority of the Secretary of Finance to reprogram or transfer funds from accounts of any department, agency, office, board, commission, corporation, instrumentality or other entity of any branch of the Commonwealth Government in order to meet the threat of Covid-19

V. Old Business

- a. **HB 22-06:** To amend 4 CMC §1401(d) to increase revenues by properly taxing tobacco products.
- b. **HB 22-13:** To create the Commonwealth Worker Fee Revolving Fund and to designate the Secretary of the Department of Labor as the expenditure authority of said fund; and for other purposes.

VI. Miscellaneous

VII. Adjournment

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