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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives First Day, Second Regular Session

Date and Time: Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 1:30 PM

Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial

Building, Capitol Hill

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SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Second Regular Session	Tuesday, August 3, 2021	1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.
- 3. **ADOPTION OF JOURNALS** -(2)

First Day, Third Special Session Journal – June 16, 2021 First Day, Fourth Special Session Journal – July 6, 2021

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 22-73

To amend certain sections under Title 2, Division 3, Chapter 4 of the Commonwealth Code to enable they mayors of each municipality to enforce provisions in the Litter Control Act of 1989, as amended; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 22-74

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 2022; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai)

H. B. No. 22-75

To add a new Expungement procedure as section 4120 to Division 4 of Title 6 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*, Representatives Joseph A. Flores, John Paul P. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 22-19

To amend 10 CMC, Division 3, §3702, Authorization to the Municipalities, to require dog owners to be responsible for their pets solid waste disposals.

Prefiled by: REP. DENITA KAIPAT YANGETMAI of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Richard T. Lizama, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. L. B. No. 22-20

To prohibit the hunting of Sambar Deer on Tinian until the year 2026; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (for himself)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

H. L. I. No. 22-1

To amend Article III, Section 14 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the election of a Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Celina R. Babauta, Christina M.E. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, , and Ralph N. Yumul)

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

H. RES. No. 22-10

Paying just tribute and commending the Honorable Felicidad Leiwamal Taman Ogumoro upon serving more than 50 years of distinguished service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prefiled by: REP. DENITA KAIPAT YANGETMAI of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for herself)

H. RES. No. 22-11

To honor the memory of the late Veteran U.S. Army Sergeant First Class, Antonio C. Tomokane, better known as "Mitch", and to express our sincere gratitude for his twenty-one years of military active duty service and for his many contributions toward the security of our nation particularly, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through his dedication, commitment, and service both in the United States and the CNMI Government.

Prefiled by: REP. VICENTE C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself)

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. No. 22-9

To recognize and acknowledge the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI State Committee and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our service men and women by recognizing the week of August 16th through August 20th, 2021, as "Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week".

Prefiled by: REP. VICENTE C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself)

H. J. R. No. 22-10

To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-21-ST69-0001; the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M-21-ST69-0203; and the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. E-21-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein, and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solution Grant Programs.

Prefiled by: REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

- *C.* House Commemorative Resolutions:
- **D.** House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 22-46: (6/30/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Lisa Ann Sztukowski, Endangered Species Program Manager, at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 22-47: (7/2/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-1, D1 (*To appropriate sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation Reserve Account (specifically under BU 2301); and for other purposes.*). Became **Rota Local Law 22-1** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 22-48: (7/2/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-2, D1 (*To appropriate sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from the Poker Licensing Fee Account (specifically under BU 3302); and for other purposes.*). Became **Rota Local Law 22-2** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 22-49: (7/2/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-6, (*To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under Public Law 18-30, as amended; and for other purposes.*). Became **Rota Local Law 22-3** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 22-50: (7/2/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-3, D1, (To appropriate up to \$695,177.58 of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the Third Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes.). Became Saipan Local Law 22-1 [For info]

GOV. COMM. 22-51: (7/2/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-7, (*To appropriate \$1,446,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 22-2** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 22-52: (7/2/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-10, (*To re-appropriate lapse funds under Section 2(B)(5) of Saipan Local Law 21-5; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 22-3** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 22-53: (7/13/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-9, (*To re-appropriate \$2,145.73 allotted under Saipan Local Law 17-18, specifically under Business Unit 3398P and \$3,387 allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-05, specifically under Business Unit 3752U; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 22-4** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 22-54: (7/13/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-12, D1, (*To appropriate \$560,000 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 22-5** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 22-55: (5/19/2021 received 7/22/2021)) **Executive Order 2021-11** – RENEWING AUTHORITY—Order authorizing the Secretary of Finance to reprogram or transfer funds from accounts of any department, agency, office, board, commission, corporation, instrumentality or other entity of all branches of the Commonwealth Government in order to meet the threat of COVID-19.

GOV. COMM. 22-56: (6/11/2021 received 7/22/2021) **Executive Order 2021-12** – RENEWAL—Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL—Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.

GOV. COMM. 22-57: (7/12/2021 received 7/22/2021) **Executive Order 2021-14** – RENEWAL—Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL—Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.

GOV. COMM. 22-58: (7/18/2021 received 7/22/2021) **Executive Order 2021-15** – RENEWING AUTHORITY—Order authorizing the Secretary of Finance to reprogram or transfer funds from accounts of any department, agency, office, board, commission, corporation, instrumentality or other entity of all branches of the Commonwealth Government in order to meet the threat of COVID-19.

GOV. COMM. 22-59: (7/16/2021 received 7/22/2021) **Executive Order 2021-16** — Creating the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Strategic Energy Taskforce to promote coherence in the planning and implementation processes of all ongoing and future CNMI energy related projects.

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-24: (7/12/2021) Informing the House that the Senate accepted the House amendments to S. B. No. 22-29, HD1, entitled, "To authorize government agencies, boards, and commissions to promulgate regulations to utilize electronic means to participate in official meetings." on July 8, 2021. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 22-25: (7/12/2021) Informing the House that the Senate accepted the House amendments to S. B. No. 22-40, HD1, entitled, "To protect the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) contamination." on July 8, 2021. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 22-26: (7/12/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 22-1, SD1, entitled, "To remove marijuana or THC from all pre-employment drug testing by all government employers and the Office of Personnel Management with certain exceptions; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Senate on July 8, 2021. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 22-27: (7/12/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 22-3, SD1, entitled, "To amend 1 CMC § 2892(1) to exempt the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, as established by Public Law 20-92, from the oversight of the Office of Grants Management and State Clearinghouse; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Senate on July 8, 2021. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 22-28: (7/12/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 22-7, entitled, "To prohibit personal use of political campaign funds and to provide for the disposition of unused campaign funds by establishing a new section 1 CMC § 6415; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Senate on July 8, 2021. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 22-29: (7/12/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 22-18, SD1, entitled, "To waive the Northern Marianas College tuition for a veteran with 30 percent or greater service-connected disability; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Senate on July 8, 2021. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 22-30: (7/12/2021) Transmitting for House action S. L. I. No. 21-3, SD1, entitled, "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.", which was passed by the Senate on July 8, 2021. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 22-31: (7/12/2021) Transmitting for House action S. L. I. No. 21-4, entitled, "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.", which was passed by the Senate on July 8, 2021. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 22-32: (7/15/2021) Returning H. C. R. No. 22-1, HD1, entitled, "To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2022, beginning October 1, 2021, and ending on September 30, 2022.," which was passed by the Senate with amendments on July 15, 2021, in the form of **H. C. R. No. 22-1, HD1, SD1**. [For action on Senate amendments]

SEN. COMM. 22-33: (7/15/2021) Returning H. J. R. No. 22-7, entitled, "To honor and commend the United States Coast Guardsmen that have served the CNMI under the leadership of Admiral Karl L. Schultz.", which was adopted by the Senate, without amendments on July 15, 2021. [For info]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 22-25: (7/2/2021) From Representative Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the office on personal leave from July 6 to July 9, 2021 and request to be excused from any scheduled meetings during his absence. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 22-26: (7/16/2021) From the House Minority Leader Representative Blanco informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning Monday, July 19, 2021 and returning on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [For info]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 22-3: (7/20/2021) From the CNMI Judiciary re: submission of Amended FY 2022 Budget Request. [For info]

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-23: (7/28/2021) From the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) submitting FY 2021—Third Quarter Report. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-24: (7/29/2021) From the Department of Public Lands (DPL) re: *Comprehensive Land Use Plan*. [For info]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 22-45: (7/6/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of RLD Resolution No. 22-2, entitled, "To amend the Official Rules of Procedures of the Rota Legislative Delegation to add provisions pertaining to the Rota Legislative Journal Clerk.", which was adopted by the Rota Legislative Delegation on June 16, 2021. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-46: (7/6/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of RLD Resolution No. 22-3, entitled, "To pay tribute to the Late †Simeon E. Taisacan on his untimely passing and to honor him for his Contributions to the people of Rota.", which was adopted by the Rota Legislative Delegation on June 16, 2021. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-47: (7/12/2021) From the Legislative Bureau re: *Addtl funding under FY 2022 Budget for the Legislative Bureau*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-48: (6/28/2021) From Ms. Jane Mack and Mrs. Maria P. Muña of the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) extending their appreciation that was bestowed by the CNMI House of Representatives. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-49: (7/7/2021) From the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) extending appreciation to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) in supporting funding for the MLSC outreach to the Saipan community. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-50: (7/12/2021) From the Director of the Legislative Bureau re: *Position of Legal Counsel*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-51: (7/14/2021) From the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) re: *Saipan Local Law* 22-05 — *MLSC Appropriation*. [For info]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (2)

- S. C. R. No. 22-21: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-70, entitled: "To reform the Investment Incentive Act of 2000 to promote economic development in the Commonwealth and increase competitiveness of the Commonwealth for private sector investment." Your House Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 22-70 in its current form.
- **S. C. R. No. 22-22:** Reporting on H. B. No. 22-56, entitled: "To assess a fee on plastic checkout bags distributed in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes." *Your House Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 22-56, HS1.*
- 13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES (None)
- **14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. No. 22-15: To prohibit the hunting of Micronesia Starling or *Paluman Sali* on Tinian until the Year 2025 and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on July 6, 2021.

H. L. B. No. 22-18: To amend Title 10, Division 3 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting a new Chapter 15 to establish permitting requirements for aircraft and/or personal landings in the Northern Islands; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. SHEILA J. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representative Joel C. Camacho) on July 6, 2021.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. No. 22-13 To amend Section 413 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended, to allow for concrete hollow block manufacturing for conditional use within "Village Commercial" zones; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on June 16, 2021.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on July 6, 2021:

H. B. No. 22-72: To amend Title 6, Division 4, Chapter 1, Section 4102(d)(i) of the Commonwealth Code. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 6, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

- H. L. B. No. 22-15: To prohibit the hunting of Micronesia Starling or *Paluman Sali* on Tinian until the Year 2025 and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on July 6, 2021.
- H. L. B. No. 22-16: To appropriate \$78,000 from revenues collected from poker fees for the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (for himself) on July 6, 2021.
- H. L. B. No. 22-17: To appropriate \$200,092 from the Second Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund under Business Unit 3731; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on July 6, 2021.
- H. L. B. No. 22-18: To amend Title 10, Division 3 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting a new Chapter 15 to establish permitting requirements for aircraft and/or personal landings in the Northern Islands; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. SHEILA J. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representative Joel C. Camacho) on July 6, 2021.
- H. J. R. No. 22-7: To honor and commend the United States Coast Guardsmen that have served the CNMI under the leadership of Admiral Karl L. Schultz. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 6, 2021, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.
- H. J. R. No. 22-8: To honor and commend the Honorable Serafina Rosario King-Nabors for her dedicated service and remarkable contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, (Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 6, 2021, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override: