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22nd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature – The Senate P.O. Box 500129, Saipan, MP 96950 Telephone No. (670) 664-8874/76

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE:

June 1, 2022

To:

All Active Government Employees and Private Citizens of the Commonwealth

FROM:

Senator Justo S. Quitugua

Chairperson, Senate Standing Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare

SUBJECT:

Committee Meeting

The Senate Standing Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) will convene on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Senate Chamber of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capital Hill, Saipan to deliberate on legislation referred to the Committee for action. Meeting agenda is appended for your reference.

Members of the general public are encouraged to submit written testimony before the committee meeting. Written comments sent via email, may be sent to Ms. Jolyn B. Duenas-Tagabuel, Senior Legislative Assistant, at tagabuelj.la@gmail.com. Oral testimonies will be received during the committee meeting.

Your attendance is greatly appreciated.

cc:

Senate President

HEW Committee Members

LB Director

Legal Counsel

Legislative Assistant



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Pursuant to the Official Rules of the Senate and the Open Government Act, Senator Justo S. Quitugua, Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature (NMCL) will convene the following open and public meeting:

MEETING:

Committee Meeting

DATE:

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

TIME:

9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Senate Chamber of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial

Building, Capital Hill, Saipan

Copies of this notice, the official scheduled committee meeting notice, and the agenda have been filed in the Office of Senator Justo S. Quitugua, 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**, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capital Hill, Saipan, or sent via email to **Ms. Jolyn B. Duenas-Tagabuel, Senior Legislative Assistant**, at <u>tagabuelj.la@gmail.com</u> prior to the convening of the meeting. Oral testimony may be presented during the committee meeting.

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AGENDA

DATE Wednesday, June 8 2022 TIME 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION Senate Chamber

Senate Standing Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare

Senator Justo S. Quitugua, Chairman Senator Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan, Vice Chairman

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz, Member Senator Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero, Member Senator Victor B. Hocog, Member Senator Karl R. King-Nabors, Member

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Old Business
 - 1. Senate Bill No. 22-67, To establish the Honor Scholarship for the top rank high school students in the Commonwealth
 - A. Author: Senator Jude U. Hofschneider
 - B. Referred to Committee: October 28, 2021
 - C. Request for Comments (RFC) Sent and Received: (RFC Deadline: 120321)
 - 1. Office of the Attorney General*
 - 2. NMC Board of Regents and President, Received 120321
 - 3. CNMI Scholarship Office*, Received 021622
 - 4. PSS Board of Education and Acting Commissioner of Education*
 - 5. SHEFA Board of Directors and Administrator, Received 120321
 - D. Committee Action:
 - Committee Report to:
 - Pass in Original Form
 - o Pass with Amendments
 - o Reject/File
 - Hold for Further Discussion

^{*} RFC follow-up sent via email on 021622, deadline to respond by 030422.

- **2. Senate Bill No. 22-70,** To waive the repayment requirements of the CNMI Scholarship Memorandum of Agreement/Promissory note.
 - A. Author: Senator Edith DeLeon Guerrero
 - B. Referred to Committee: January 4, 2022
 - C. Request for Comments (RFC) Sent and Received: (RFC Deadline: 021022)
 - 1. Office of the Attorney General*, Received 021622
 - 2. CNMI Scholarship Office, Received 020222
 - D. Committee Action:
 - o Committee Report to:
 - Pass in Original Form
 - o Pass with Amendments
 - o Reject/File
 - o Hold for Further Discussion
- **3. House Bill No. 22-68,** *To establish a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.*
 - A. Author: Representative Christina M. E. Sablan
 - B. Referred to Committee: January 4, 2022
 - C. Request for Comments (RFC) Sent and Received: (RFC Deadline: 021022)
 - 1. Office of the Attorney General*
 - 2. Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Received April 13, 2022
 - D. Committee Action:
 - o Committee Report to:
 - Pass in Original Form
 - o Pass with Amendments
 - o Reject/File
 - Hold for Further Discussion

VI. New Business

- 1. House Bill No. 22-80, To have the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) to improve and expand access to mental health care in the CNMI; and for other purposes.
 - E. Author: Representative Christina M. E. Sablan
 - F. Referred to Committee: April 28, 2022
 - G. Request for Comments (RFC) Sent and Received: (RFC Deadline: 061022)
 - 1. Office of the Attorney General
 - 2. Health Care Professions Licensing Board
 - H. Committee Action:
 - o Committee Report to:
 - o Pass in Original Form
 - Pass with Amendments
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VII. Adjournment

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