



## *The Senate*

NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Senate of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public session:

**MEETING:** **Sixth Special Session - 2022**  
**DATE AND TIME:** **Friday, July 22, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.**  
**LOCATION:** **Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan**

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JULY 20, 2022

***THE SENATE***  
**TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION - 2022**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Friday, July 22, 2022	10:00 a.m.
HON. JESUS P. MAFNAS MEMORIAL BUILDING, CAPITOL HILL SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN		

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

***A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER***

**A. ROLL CALL:**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:**

1. SJ 22-26 - 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session – 05/26/22
2. SJ 22-27 - 5<sup>th</sup> Special Session – 06/17/22

**D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-214:** June 18, 2022 – Assumption of Authority – Senate President Hofschneider Acting Governor from June 18, 2022 to June 24, 2022.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-215:** June 17, 2022 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test results of Mr. William M. Cing appointed to serve as a member of NMC Board of Regents.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-216:** June 17, 2022 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test results of Ms. Diana B. Hocog re-appointed to serve as a member of CNMI Scholarship Board of Directors representing the First Senatorial District.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-217:** June 22, 2022 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 22-22, S2 – To amend Table 1, under Section 404 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended, to

allow for “Auto Rental office with storage, staging and service on site” for conditional use in “Village Commercial” zoning districts; and for other purposes, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 22-11**.

5. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-218:** June 22, 2022 – Executive Order No. 2022-09 – Declaration of Major Disaster & State of Significant Emergency arising from the burning of the super typhoon waste and debris site on the Island of Tinian.
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-219:** June 24, 2022 – *Vetoed* H.L.B. No. 22-31 – To appropriate unobligated funds under SLL 22-10 (\$430,000.00) from fees collected pursuant to PL 20-10; and for other purposes.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-220:** June 24, 2022 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 22-32 - To re-appropriate One Thousand, Sixteen Dollars (\$1,016.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-2, specifically under Business Unit 3400X; Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-2, specifically under Business Unit 3500A; Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-24, specifically under Business Unit 7177I; Thirteen Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$13,173.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-04, specifically under Business Unit 3754; Forty-Two Thousand, Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$42,059.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7190B; and Seventy-Nine Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$79,171.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186X; and for other purposes, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 22-12**.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-221:** June 24, 2022 – Signed into law H.B. No. 22-102, HS1, HD1 – To exempt the Commonwealth Ports Authority from paying the one percent (1%) Public Auditor Fee with respect to airport revenues, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-18**.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-222:** June 24, 2022 – Signed into law H.B. No. 22-22, HD1, SD1 – To establish laws to regulate bioprospecting activities within the CNMI in order to ensure prior, informed consent and equitable sharing of benefits, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-19**.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-223:** June 27, 2022 – Amended EO 2022-09 - Declaration of Major Disaster & State of Significant Emergency arising from the burning of the super typhoon waste and debris site on the Island of Tinian.
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-224:** June 24, 2022 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test results of Ms. Esther Marie A. Yatar re-appointed to serve as a member of Commonwealth Election Commission representing the First Senatorial.
12. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-225:** July 06, 2022 – Revised proposed budget for the Commonwealth Government and Related Agencies for FY 2023, beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023.

13. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-226:** [Rec'd July 08, 2022] – Signed into law, S.B. No. 22-59 – To rename the Tinian Head Start/Early Head Start Center the “Magdalena M. Hofschneider Head Start/Early Head Start Center”; and for other purposes, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-20**.
14. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-227:** July 01, 2022 – Withdrawing the re-nomination of Ms. Charlene S. Masiwemai to serve as a member of CNMI Scholarship Board of Directors.
15. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-228:** July 07, 2022 – Re-nomination of Mr. Jesus I. Sablan to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.
16. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-229:** July 13, 2022 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$65,175.00 to Ms. Frances T. Demapan, Assistant AG to receive \$70,000.00 per annum.
17. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-230:** July 14, 2022 – *Vetoed* H.L.B. No. 22-18, D2 -To amend Title 10, Division 3 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting a new Chapter 15 to establish permitting requirements for landings in the Northern Islands; and for other purposes.
18. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-231:** July 07, 2022 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test results of Mr. Jesus I. Sablan to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:**

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 22-40:** June 27, 2022 – OPM’s request for a 30-day extension on the submission of DOC and DPS audit.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-114:** June 28, 2022 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 22-20 – \$1,000 CUC utilities voucher. [FOR INFO.]
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-115:** June 28, 2022 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 22-21 – Late Elias Parong Sablan. [FOR INFO.]
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-116:** July 18, 2022 – Transmitting for Senate action H.J.R. No. 22-16 – 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-22-ST69-0001; the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M-22-ST69-0203; and, the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. E-22-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 Solutions Grant Programs.

4. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-117:** July 18, 2022 – Transmitting for Senate action H.J.R. No. 22-17 – To recognize and acknowledge the National 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 and to thank and appreciate our civilian employers for their utmost support to our service members by recognizing the week of August 7<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-118:** July 18, 2022 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 22-82 – To adopt the village delimitation and name master map for Saipan as the sole village delimitation and name master map of Saipan and to provide for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to be the primary custodian for maintaining and preserving the master map and for the Department of Commerce – Central Statistics Division to be the secondary custodian; and for other purposes.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-119:** July 18, 2022 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 22-99, HD1 – To amend 1 CMC, Division 6. Elections specifically §§6213, 6222, 6521(a), 6524(a) and 6528(f) of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-154:** June 21, 2022 – Delegation of Authority to Senate Vice President Justo S. Quitugua as Acting Senate President – 06/18/22 to 06/24/22.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-155:** June 21, 2022 – Official EAGI referral of Mr. William M. Cing copies of resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test results.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-156:** June 21, 2022 – Official EAGI referral of Ms. Diana B. Hocog copies of resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test results.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-157:** June 27, 2022 – Senate President Hofschneider’s delegation of authority to Vice-President Justo S. Quitugua to serve as Acting Senate President from June 27, 2022 to July 01, 2022.

5. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-158:** June 28, 2022 – Official EAGI referral of Ms. Esther Marie A. Yatar copies of resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test results.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-159:** July 04, 2022 – Senator Manglona’s off-island notice from July 4, 2022 to July 13, 2022.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-160:** July 12, 2022 – Official EAGI referral of Mr. Jesus I. Sablan re-nominated to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission.
8. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-161:** July 13, 2022 – Senate President Hofschneider’s off-island and delegation of authority to Acting Senate President Justo S. Quitugua from July 13, 2022 to July 30, 2022.
9. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-162:** July 13, 2022 – Senator Santos’ off-island notice from July 14, 2022 to July 18, 2022.
10. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-163:** July 15, 2022 – Official EAGI referral of Mr. Jesus I. Sablan copies of resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test results re-nominated to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission.

**I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)**

**K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Senate Resolution No. 22-25:** Requesting the Governor and Secretary of the Department of Finance to assist the taxpayers who were unable to utilize the first issued local stimulus due to the implemented deadline. [**SEN. EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO – 06/28/22**]
2. **Senate Bill No. 22-78:** To amend 4 CMC § 1205 to include the Northern Marianas Technical Institute as a qualified educational institution to benefit from the education tax credit. [**SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA – 07/19/22**]

**L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-77:** From the Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare reporting on **H.B. 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. [**RECOMMENDS PASSAGE IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM**]



2. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-78:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive appointment of **Mr. Martin T. Mendiola** to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Casino Commission to represent the First Senatorial District.
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-79:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive appointment of **Mr. William M. Cing** to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regent to represent the Second Senatorial District.
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-80:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive re-appointment of **Ms. Elaine H. Orilla** to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regent to represent the First Senatorial District.
5. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-81:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive re-appointment of **Mr. Vinney Atalig-Hocog** to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Board of Directors to represent the First Senatorial District.
6. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-82:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive re-appointment of **Ms. Diana B. Hocog** to serve as a member of the CNMI Scholarship Board of Directors to represent the First Senatorial District.
7. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-83:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive re-appointment of **Ms. Esther Marie A. Yatar** to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission to represent the First Senatorial District.
8. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-84:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive re-appointment of **Mr. Jesus M. Tudela** to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents to represent the Third Senatorial District.
9. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-85:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive re-appointment of **Mr. Jesus I. Sablan** to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission to represent the Third Senatorial District.

**N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: (NONE)**

**O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

1. **H.J.R. No. 22-17** – ESGR (See HC 22-117)

**P. BILL CALENDAR:**

**FINAL READING**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
<b>H.B. No. 22-80</b>  (See SCRep. 22-77)	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.

**Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;**

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 22-106:** July 7, 2022 – Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB) 2021 Annual Report and 2021 independent audit report.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 22-107:** July 9, 2022 – CNMI Youth Congress elected a new speaker – Sen. YuriHana DLG. Sasamoto of Mount Carmel School.

**R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and**

**S. ADJOURNMENT.**



APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
<b>S.L.B. No. 22-14</b>	To ban the use of plastic checkout bags in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.  2nd Appearance

The Senate may consider, debate, and/or act upon any item contained in this Order of Business at the time and place described herein.