



JANUARY 24, 2022

THE SENATE
TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION - 2022

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 st Day	Thursday, January 27, 2022	3:00 p.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 22-17 - 6th Day, Second Regular Session – 12/15/21

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-141:** Dec. 15, 2021 – Assumption of Authority to Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider as Acting Governor from December 15 to December 18, 2021.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-142:** Dec. 16, 2021 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 22-23, S1- To appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000.00 from the exclusive gaming annual license fees allotted to the First Senatorial District under 4 CMC § 2307(a); and for other purposes, becomes **ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 22-04**.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-143:** Dec. 06, 2021 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$65,000.00 to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., to receive \$120,000.00 per annum.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-144:** Dec. 29, 2021 – Vetoed S.L.B. No. 22-04 – To earmark the \$400,000.00 repayment by Luta Mermaid LLC and the local poker fees in order to provide funds for the Rota Interisland Medical Referral patients, medical subsistence program, and Rota Municipal Scholarship; and for other purposes.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-145:** Jan. 07, 2022 – Copy of resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test results of Mr. Ramon S. Basa, appointed to serve as a member of PUC representing Saipan on November 30, 2021.

6. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-146:** Jan. 07, 2022 – Copy of resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test results of Mr. Peter Q. Cruz, Jr., re-appointed to serve as a member of MPLT representing Tinian on December 01, 2021.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-147:** Jan. 19, 2022 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$65,175 to Mr. William M. Castro as the Chief of Staff – Office of the Governor to receive \$80,000.00 per annum.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-148:** Jan. 20, 2022 – Copy of resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test results of Mr. Vianney B. Hocog, re-appointed to serve as a member of MPLT representing Rota on December 01, 2021.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-149:** Jan. 20, 2022 – Re-appointment of Ms. Agida Toves Quitugua to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to represent Rota.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 22-150:** Jan. 20, 2022 – Appointment of Ms. Liza Power to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI) Board of Trustees to represent the Second Senatorial District.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 22-31:** Dec. 8, 2021 – DOF’s response to Congressman Gregorio Kili C. Sablan on the Coronavirus Relief Funds from CARES Act, U.S. PL 116-136.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 22-32:** Dec. 28, 2021 – DOF re: Review of Expenditures – Anticipate submission of this report on Friday, January 14, 2022.
3. **Dept. Msg. No. 22-33:** Dec. 29, 2021 – DPW re: The new 20-Year CNMI Highway Master Plan.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-68:** Dec. 03, 2021 – Establishment of Special Standing Committee on Official Conduct & Ethics and Appointment of Chair and Members.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-69:** Dec. 21, 2021 – Returning without amendments, S.J.R. No. 22-02 – Commending the life and selfless contributions of the late Glicerio “Eli” Del Mundo Arago. *[FOR INFO.]*
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-70:** Dec. 21, 2021 – Returning without amendments, S.J.R. No. 22-03 – Recognize and commend Gordon Ichihara Marciano. *[FOR INFO.]*
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-71:** Dec. 21, 2021 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 22-68 – To establish a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. *[Referred to HE&W]*

5. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-72:** Dec. 21, 2021 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 22-81, HD1 – To amend 4 CMC § 1202, to exclude local stimulus payments from taxation. [*Referred to FA*]
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-73:** Jan. 7, 2022 – Certified copy of H.J.R. No. 22-11, HS1 – Nuclear testing, storage, waste disposal in the Pacific. [*FOR INFO.*]
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-74:** Jan. 7, 2022 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 22-13– Late Maya Kara. [*FOR INFO.*]
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-75:** Jan. 7, 2022 – Certified copy of H.Comm. Res. No. 22-5– Late Glicerio Arago. [*FOR INFO.*]
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-76:** Jan. 14, 2022 – Certified copy of HR No. 22-14– Impeaching Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres, Governor of the CNMI, pursuant to Article II, Section 8 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth for Commission of Felonies, Corruption, and Neglect of Duty, in violation of Article III, Section 19 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.
10. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-77:** Jan. 14, 2022 – Transmitting for Senate action H.J.R. No. 22-12 – To strongly encourage and endorse the issuance of a new local economic impact payment to provide direct and expedited financial relief to qualified households of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the expansion of eligibility for premium pay “bonuses” for essential workers in the government and private sector.
11. **Hse. Comm. No. 22-78:** Jan. 14, 2022 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 22-91, HD1 – To Amend the Appropriation Act of Fiscal Year 2022 (PL22-08) to establish a business unit and properly fund the Retirees’ Bonus; and for other purposes.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-86:** Dec. 01, 2021- Official referral to EAGI Committee the re-appointment of Mr. Peter Q. Cruz, Jr. to serve as a member of MPLT representing 2nd Senatorial District.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-87:** Dec. 01, 2021 – Official referral to EAGI Committee the re-appointment of Mr. Vianney B. Hocog to serve as a member of MPLT representing 1st Senatorial District.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-88:** Dec. 15, 2021 – From Senate President Hofschneider Delegation of Authority to Senator Justo S. Quitugua as Acting Senate President from December 15 through December 18, 2021.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-89:** Dec. 15, 2021 – Senator Vinnie Sablan’s off-island notice – December 16 through December 19, 2021.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-90:** Jan. 20, 2022 – Official referral to EAGI the re-appointment of Ms. Agida T. Quitugua to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to represent Rota.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 22-91:** Jan. 20, 2022 – Official referral to EAGI the appointment of Ms. Liza Power to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI) to represent the 2nd Senatorial District.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE:

1. **Wash. Del. Comm. No. 22-04:** Dec. 10, 2021 – Acknowledging receipt of DOF’s response to Congressman Sablan on the Coronavirus Relief Funds.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

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

1. **S.R. No. 22-13:** Requesting the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority to proactively work with the Office of the Governor in establishing a program using ARPA funds to provide financial assistance to businesses in the Commonwealth. [**SEN. EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO – 12/28/21**]
2. **S.R. No. 22-14:** To adopt the Senate Impeachment Rules for the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. [**SEN. EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO and SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA - 01/18/22**]
3. **S.R. No. 22-15:** To recognize and commend Anthony Iglecias Macaranas for his meritorious commitment to serve as a distinguishable peace officer in the Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands and for his sacrifice for our country as a member of the United States Army on occasion of his retirement. [**SEN. FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ – 01/24/22**]
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L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-60:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law & Federal Relations reporting on S.B. No. 22-65 - To repeal and reenact 1 CMC § 7407 to provide for a uniform, reasonable, and fair travel policy within and outside the Commonwealth; repeal 2 CMC § 4433(u); and for other purposes. [*Recommends passage in its original form*]
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-61 :** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law & Federal Relations reporting on S.B. No. 22-68 - To amend 9 CMC § 2103 to require execution of a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability by the

appropriate parties upon the ownership transfer of a vehicle. [**Recommends passage in its original form**]

3. **Standing Committee Report No. 22-62** : From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law & Federal Relations reporting on H.B. No. 22-26, HD1 - To amend 3 CMC §2204(e) to remove the limitation of terms for members to serve on the Health Care Professions Licensing Board; and for other purposes. [**Recommends passage in its original form**]

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
H.B. No. 22-70 (See HC 22-46)	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.
S.B. No. 22-65	To repeal and reenact 1 CMC § 7407 to provide for a uniform, reasonable, and fair travel policy within and outside the Commonwealth; repeal 2 CMC § 4433(u); and for other purposes.
S.B. No. 22-68	To amend 9 CMC § 2103 to require execution of a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability by the appropriate parties upon the ownership transfer of a vehicle.
H.B. No. 22-26, HD1	To amend 3 CMC §2204(e) to remove the limitation of terms for members to serve on the Health Care Professions Licensing Board; and for other purposes.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 22-70:** Nov. 23, 2021 - NM Humanities Council's 30th Anniversary Celebration.

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
S.L.B. No. 22-11	To waive the repayment requirements of the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Memorandum of Agreement. <i>2nd Appearance</i>
S.L.B. No. 22-12	To rename the Kualidat Meat Processing Center on Tinian as the "Ramon M. Dela Cruz Food Processing Center"; and for other purposes. <i>2nd Appearance</i>

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



The Senate

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January 24, 2022

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 meeting:

MEETING: 1st Day, Third Regular Session - 2022
DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 27, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill
Senate Chamber, Saipan

Copies of this notice and session agenda have been filed in the Office of the Senate Clerk, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

Office of the Governor, Entrance Hall
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Pursuant to 1 CMC §9904, written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of the Senate President, Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, prior to the convening of the public hearing. Oral testimony may be presented during the public session. If you wish to present oral testimony, please inform the Senate Clerk not later than 24 hours prior to the session.