



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor

David M. Apatang
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 26, 2024

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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-39**, entitled, "To re-appropriate \$40,000.00 under Saipan Local Law 22-10 (Project Code 2007W); \$302,800.00 under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (Project Code 7190L); and \$920.00 under Saipan Local Law 19-18 (Project Code 3753E) for road repairs and construction of roads within Precinct IV and for the payment of street lights in Egigi Drive; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 23-14**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision;
Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Saipan;
Mayor of the Northern Islands; Special Assistant for Administration;
Programs and Legislative Review Office



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Third Senatorial District
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Chairman • Rep. Roman C. Benavente, Vice Chair • Sen. Celina R. Babauta, Floor Leader

February 9, 2024

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Palacios:

I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 23-39**, entitled:

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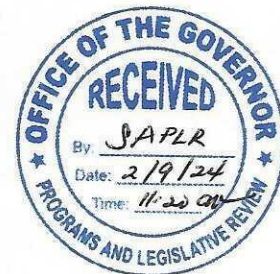
The local bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its 1st Day, Third Regular Session held on February 7, 2024.

Sincerely,

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Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure





**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-39

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

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OFFERED BY

Representatives Joel C. Camacho and Malcom J. Omar

Prefiled and Introduced on January 12, 2024

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to House Ways and Means Committee on **January 12, 2024**
Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on **February 1, 2024**

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	2/1/24: Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 23-64] Mayor of Northern Island [Del. Matters 23-65] 17 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 23-66]]
Comments Received:	2/1/24: Mayor of Saipan [Mayors Comm. 23-16] 2/7/24: Public Comments (Honorable Valentino N. Taisacan, Jr.)
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	February 7, 2024

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Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
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THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024

H. L. B. NO. 23-39

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate \$40,000.00 under Saipan Local Law 22-10
3 (Project Code 2007W); \$302,800.00 under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (Project Code 7190L); and
4 \$920.00 under Saipan Local Law 19-18 (Project Code 3753E) for road repairs and construction of
5 roads within Precinct IV and for the payment of street lights in Egigi Drive and for other purposes.

6 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

7 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
8 pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands
9 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby re-appropriate \$40,000.00 under Saipan Local Law 22-10

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-39

1 (Project Code 2007W); \$302,800.00 under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (Project Code 7190L); and
2 \$920.00 under Saipan Local Law 19-18 (Project Code 3753E) as follows:

3 (a) For the road repairs and construction of San Ignacio Drive, Egigi Drive and other roads
4 within Precinct IV; and

5 (b) Payment of street lights in Egigi Drive.

6 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

7 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(a) shall be the Secretary of the
8 Department of Public Works and the expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(b) shall
9 be the Secretary of Finance, in consultation with the Executive Director of the Commonwealth
10 Utilities Corporation.

11 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

12 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions, or regulations to the contrary, funds appropriated
13 under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose.

14 **SECTION 5. FISCAL YEAR.**

15 The funds allocated under this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation(s).

16 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

17 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
18 report all expenses to the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
19 a detail report showing the expenditure of the funds. Provided further that failure to provide all
20 expenses, entities that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future
21 funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

1 **SECTION 7. FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

2 Funds appropriated under Section 2 of this Act shall be distributed accordingly to the
3 intended purpose and or entity upon this Act becoming law.

4 **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

5 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
6 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act
7 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held
8 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

9 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

10 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
11 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or
12 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
13 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
14 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
15 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

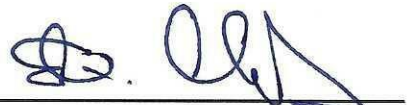
16 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without
18 such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
23rd House of Representatives

Approved _____ this 26th day of February, 2024.



DAVID M. APATANG
Acting Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

RALPH N. YUMUL
CHAIRMAN

Adopted - 2/1/2024

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-68

DATE: January 17, 2024

RE: House Local Bill No. 23-39

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

House Local Bill No. 23-39: "To re-appropriate \$40,000.00 under Saipan Local Law 22-10 (Project Code 2007W); \$302,800.00 under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (Project Code 7190L); and \$920.00 under Saipan Local Law 19-18 (Project Code 3753E) for road repairs and construction of roads within Precinct IV and for the payment of street lights in Egigi Drive; and for other purposes."

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After conducting financial due diligence, your Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-39 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

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II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate \$40,000.00 under Saipan Local Law 22-10 (Project Code 2007W); \$302,800.00 under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (Project Code 7190L); and \$920.00 under Saipan Local Law 19-18 (Project Code 3753E) for road repairs and construction of roads within Precinct IV and for the payment of street lights in Egigi Drive.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-39: "To re-appropriate \$40,000.00 under Saipan Local Law 22-10 (Project Code 2007W); \$302,800.00 under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (Project Code 7190L); and \$920.00 under Saipan Local Law 19-18 (Project Code 3753E) for road repairs and construction of roads within Precinct IV and for the payment of street lights in Egigi Drive; and for other purposes." was referred, shall examine and confirm that the amount specified in the local appropriation Act is accurate and available for appropriation. Prior to the enactment of Saipan Local Law 22-10, members were advised of the availability of funding. An updated Fund Certification will be issued by the Department of Finance in the immediate future. Therefore, the Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-39 be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.


C. Legislative History:

House Local Bill No. 23-39 was introduced by Representative Joel C. Camacho and Representative Malcolm Omar on January 12, 2024 and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

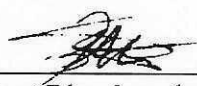
III. CONCLUSION:

The Committee is content and confident with the prior certification of funds with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-39, therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action.

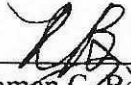
Respectfully submitted,




Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Chairman



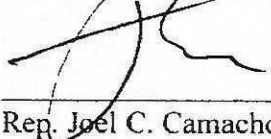
Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Vice Chair



Rep. Roman C. Benavente, Member

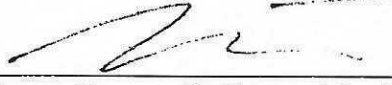


Rep. Angelo A. Camacho, Member

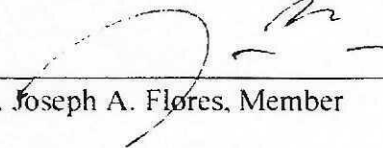


Rep. Joel C. Camacho, Member

Rep. Vicente C. Camacho, Member



Rep. Manny Gregory T. Castro, Member




Rep. Joseph A. Flores, Member



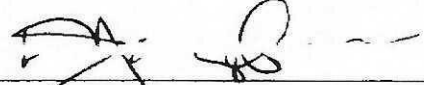
Rep. Thomas John DLC. Manglona, Member

Rep. Julie Marie A. Ogo, Member



Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member

Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member



Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai, Member

Reviewed by:



House Legal Counsel