



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor

David M. Apatang
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 26, 2024

LT2024-027

The Honorable Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota 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. 23-31**, entitled, "To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03," which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Rota Local Law No. 23-09**. 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 Rota
Special Assistant for Administration
Programs and Legislative Review Office



ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
First Senatorial District
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Senator Donald M. Manglona, Chairman
Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo, Vice Chair

Senator Dennis James C. Mendiola, Floor Leader
Senator Paul A. Manglona, Legislative Secretary

February 8, 2024

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

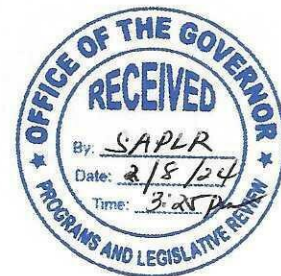
Dear Governor Palacios:

I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 23-31**, entitled, "To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03.", which was passed unanimously by the Rota Legislative Delegation, Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on its Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its First Day, Third Regular Session held on February 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure





**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-31

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

To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03.

OFFERED BY

Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo

Introduced on November 6, 2023


HOUSE ACTION

Referred to House Ways and Means Committee on November 6, 2023
Transmitted to Rota Legislative Delegation for action on

December 18, 2023

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	11/15/23: Mayor of Rota [Del. Matters 23-30] & 19 th Rota Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-31]
Comments Received:	2/5/24: Public Comments (Honorable Mayor Aubry M. Hocog) (Honorable Chairman Jim M. Atalig)
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First Reading:	February 5, 2024



Frances Jean P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024

H. L. B. NO. 23-31

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

To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03.

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

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The Legislature acknowledges a funding balance pursuant to Rota Local Law 21-03 in the
3 amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) originally to be expended for a tractor
4 purchase under the Rota Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

5 The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00)
6 allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03, Section 2(c) for the following: Twenty Thousand Dollars
7 (\$20,000.00) for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance; Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00)
8 to the Rota Department of Lands and Natural Resources; and Twelve Thousand Dollars
9 (\$12,000.00) for the Rota Legislative Delegation.

1 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary, the
3 Rota Legislative Delegation hereby re-appropriates the combined total in the amount of Thirty-
4 Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00). from Rota Local Laws 23-03§2(c) for the following:

5 (a) Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance;

6 (b) Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to the Rota Department of Lands and Natural
7 Resources; and

8 (c) Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to the Rota Legislative Delegation.

9 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

10 The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(a) shall be the Secretary of Finance;
11 the expenditure authority for Section 2(b) shall be the Rota DLNR Resident Director; and the
12 expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(c) shall be the Chairman of the Rota Legislative
13 Delegation.

14 **SECTION 4. FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION.**

15 The funds appropriated under Section 2 shall not be subject to fiscal year limitation(s).

16 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

21 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

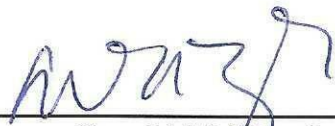
HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-31

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

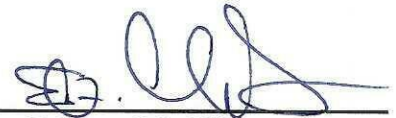
7 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:



Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota 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 - 12/14/2023 
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 29-59
DATE: November 20, 2023
RE: House Local Bill No. 23-31

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. 23-31: "To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03."

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After conducting financial due diligence, your Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-31 be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action.

II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03, §2(c) for the following:

- (1) Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance.
- (2) Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to the Rota Department of Lands and Natural Resources.
- (3) Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to the Rota Legislative Delegation.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-31: "To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03" was referred to verify and confirm that the amount specified in the local appropriation Act is accurate and available for appropriation. The Committee received the Fund Certification as of September 26, 2023 that was verified and approved by the Secretary of Finance, Mrs. Tracy B. Norita, certifying that Rota Local Law 21-03, §2(c), specifically under BU 7193O, has a remaining balance of **\$35,000.00**, that is available for appropriation.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-31 be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action. Department of Finance Fund Certification as of September 26, 2023 has been attached as part of this committee report.


C. Legislative History:

House Local Bill 23-31 was introduced by Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo on November 6, 2023 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 Fund Certification provided by the Secretary of Finance with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-31, and therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action.

Respectfully submitted,




Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Chairman



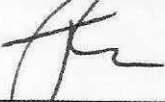
Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Vice Chair



Rep. Roman C. Benavente, Member




Rep. Angelo A. Camacho, Member



Rep. Joel C. Camacho, Member

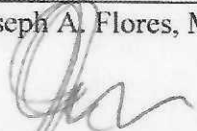
Rep. Vicente C. Camacho, Member




Rep. Manny Gregory T. Castro, Member

Rep. Joseph A. Flores, Member

Rep. Thomas John DLC. Manglona, Member

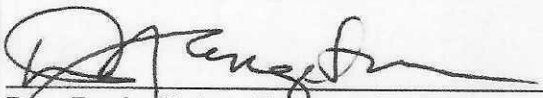


Rep. Julie Marie A. Ogo, Member




Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member

Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member



Rep. Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, Member

Reviewed by:
 11-20-23

House Legal Counsel

Attachment: DOF Fund Certification as of September 26, 2023

Project Name:
 JDE Business Unit:
 Project Ledger Project Number:
 General Ledger Project Number:
 Prepared on:

RLL 21-03 DLNR TRACTOR PURC.
 71930
 RL19070001
 71930

9/26/2023

RLL 21-03 71930 APPROPRIATION

SDF	Financial Services	Total
	-	35,000.00

FY2021

Revenue

JDE (Transfers In)
 PL

35,000.00		35,000.00
-		-

Expenses

JDE as of 12/31/2021

Actual
 Encumbrance
 Project Ledger

-		-
-	23,758.00	(23,758.00)

Actual
 Encumbrance

-		-
-		-

Ending Balance FY2021

\$ 35,000.00	\$ 23,758.00	\$ 11,242.00
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FY2023

Expenses

General Ledger
 Actual
 Encumbrance
 Requisition

		-
		-
		-

Ending Balance FY2023

\$ 11,242.00	\$ -	\$ 11,242.00
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Account Inquiry Total Revised Budget

\$ 23,758.00

Difference (subject for adjustment)

\$ 23,758.00 Increase FY23 Budget

FY23 Beginning Balance as of 09/26/2023

\$ 35,000.00

Prepared By:

 10/03/23
 Karolinynn Henriquez, Financial Analyst

Notes: During the transaction from JDE to Munis, the encumbrances from 71930 for FY22 were not transferred into Munis and will need to obligate the remaining of the encumbrances in FY23.


Prepared By:

 10/05/23
 Jovi Takai, Account Clerk I

Reviewed By:

 10/16/2023
 Ryan C. Tamacha, Senior Financial Analyst

Concurred By:

 10/17/23
 Bernadita Palacios, Director of Financial Services

Certified By:

 11/1/23
 Tracy B. Norita, Secretary of Finance