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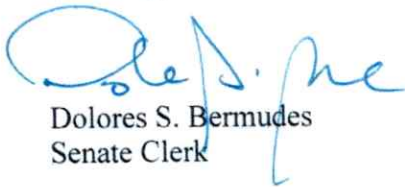
April 25, 2025

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
24<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Speaker Villagomez:

I have the honor of transmitting for your House action **Senate Bill No. 24-32, SD1**, entitled, "To amend 2 CMC § 3551 to change the expenditure authority, management, and control of the solid waste sub-accounts for the First and Second Senatorial Districts; and for other purposes." The Senate passed S.B. No. 24-32, SD1 by unanimous voice vote, in its 1st Day, First Special Session on April 25, 2025.

Sincerely,



Dolores S. Bermudes  
Senate Clerk

Attachment

**Transmitted to HOUSE:**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

To amend 2 CMC § 3551 to change the expenditure authority, management, and control of the solid waste sub-accounts for the First and Second Senatorial Districts; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS  
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1           **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the expenditure  
2 authority of the solid waste sub-accounts for the First and Second Senatorial Districts  
3 should be vested in the mayor of each respective municipality in order to expedite the  
4 disbursement of funds, and procurement of services and equipment for each municipality.  
5 The Legislature further finds that the mayors of each municipality have firsthand  
6 knowledge of the solid waste needs and requirements of their municipalities and should  
7 prioritize the sub-account funding for those purposes. Accordingly, the purpose of this  
8 legislation is to change the expenditure authority and management of the solid waste sub-  
9 accounts for the First and Second Senatorial Districts.

10           **Section 2. Amendment.** 2 CMC § 3551 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11           **“§ 3551. The Establishment of the Solid Waste Management Revolving Fund.**

12           (a) There is hereby established within the Commonwealth Treasury a Solid Waste  
13 Management Revolving Fund (SWMRF) which shall be accounted for separately from the  
14 General Fund. All funds collected pursuant to this chapter and the interest earned shall be  
15 used exclusively for solid waste-related purposes.

16           (b) All monies received from direct appropriation, or as payment of fees pursuant  
17 to this Act, ~~any~~ except tipping fees as provided in NMIAC 155-30.1-201, collected from  
18 any Commonwealth solid waste management facility, solid waste user fees assessed  
19 directly on residents and businesses, advance disposal fees and any other sources of solid  
20 waste management funding, such as federal grants or loans, shall be deposited into the

1 ~~revolving fund~~ SWMRF. Expenditure authority over the revolving fund is vested in the  
2 Secretary of the Department of Public Works; provided that the expenditure authority for  
3 the sub-accounts of the First and Second senatorial districts shall be the mayor of the  
4 respective municipality. Revolving fund monies shall be available for expenditure on solid  
5 waste-related purposes without further appropriation and without fiscal year limitations.

6 (c) ~~The Secretary of the Department of Finance~~ Special Assistant of the Office of  
7 Management and Budget shall allocate the Solid Waste Management Revolving Fund into  
8 four sub-accounts on the first business day of each month. Subject to the promulgation of  
9 appropriate rules and regulations prescribing CNMI-wide fees as described in subsection  
10 (b), three sub-accounts shall be established with one for each of the respective Senatorial  
11 Districts. The fourth sub-account shall be for financial assurance requirements for  
12 permitting facilities within the Commonwealth. The sub-accounts of the First and Second  
13 senatorial districts shall be transferred to each respective local account and said funds shall  
14 not be reprogrammed for any other purpose. The mayor of each Resident Department Head  
15 of the Department of Public Works (DPW) of the respective municipality shall manage the  
16 funds in the their respective sub-accounts of the First and Second senatorial districts.

17 (d) Unless specifically exempted or otherwise required by law, any funds  
18 earmarked for deposit into the Solid Waste Management Revolving Fund shall be subject  
19 to the allocation provided under subsection (c) herein. Provided, however, that 10 percent  
20 of the total of any earmarked funds shall be allocated to the sub-account of the First  
21 Senatorial District and 10 percent of the total of any earmarked funds shall be allocated to  
22 the sub-account of the Second Senatorial District. The sub-accounts of the First and Second  
23 senatorial districts shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose. The ~~mayor~~ DPW  
24 Resident Department Head of each respective municipality shall manage the funds in the  
25 their respective sub-accounts of First and Second senatorial districts.

26 (e) The Solid Waste Revolving Fund and any sub-accounts thereof shall be audited  
27 on an annual basis.

