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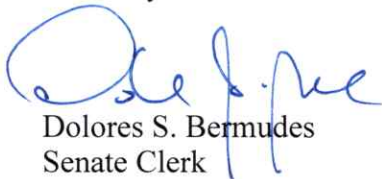
February 05, 2026

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

Dear Speaker Villagomez:


I have the honor of transmitting for your House action **Senate Bill No. 24-38**, entitled, "To rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the "Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station" in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands." The Senate passed on Final Reading S.B. No. 24-38 by the unanimous vote, a quorum being present, in its 2nd Day, Third Regular Session on February 04, 2026.

Sincerely,


Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

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NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-52
Date: December 2, 2025
RE: Senate Bill No. 24-38

S-Adopted 2/4/26 [Signature]

Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President:

Your Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law, to which Senate Bill No. 24-38 was referred, entitled:

“To rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the 'Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station' in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After considerable discussion and deliberation, your Committee recommends the passage of Senate Bill No. 24-38 in its current form.

II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 24-38 is to recognize the contributions of Jose Camacho Sablan and his dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by renaming the DPS Boating Safety Building to the “Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station”.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee finds that Mr. Jose Camacho Sablan is a retired law enforcement officer who proudly served alongside his fellow officers in blue under the CNMI Department of Public Safety (DPS). With nearly 20 years of dedicated service, Mr. Sablan made a lasting impact with the department during his tenure with the DPS Boating Safety Division. He was recognized for his resourcefulness, skillful training, and unwavering passion for serving and protecting those who ventured into the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth.

Your Committee further finds that Senate Bill No. 24-38 intends to honor Mr. Sablan's selfless contributions to the safety and well-being of mariners by renaming the DPS Boating Safety Building to the "Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station".

Your Committee met on December 2, 2025, to formally discuss the proposed legislation. In consideration of the testimonies presented in support of the proposed legislation, during the Senate Session on July 14, 2025, where Senate Bill No. 24-38 appeared on the Agenda, the renaming of the Boating Safety Building serves as a meaningful tribute to Mr. Sablan, who has positively impacted the community. Accordingly, your Committee supports the intent of the proposed legislation and recommends the passage of Senate Bill No. 24-38 in its current form.

C. Legislative History:

Senate Bill No. 24-38 was formally introduced by Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro on June 24, 2025, and was subsequently referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law for disposition.

D. Public Hearing and Comment:

1. Public Hearing. No public hearing was scheduled for Senate Bill No. 24-38. However, a committee meeting, which is open to the public, was held on December 2, 2025. See below for further details.
2. Committee Meeting. The proposed legislation made its first appearance during the scheduled committee meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025. The committee meeting notices and agenda were officially posted on November 26, 2025, on various legislative forums and social media sites to invite members of the general public to provide comments as indicated under *Item No. IV. Public Comment* on the Committee Agenda. However, no oral testimonies in support or in opposition of the proposed legislation were presented to your Committee.
3. Written Comment. Your Committee sent out several requests for comments on the proposed legislation. To date, the status of comments received from the following government and private entities is as follows:

- a. Honorable Ramon “RB” Jose Blas Camacho, Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan, *letter dated August 5, 2025*
- b. Department of Public Safety, *no comment received*

E. Estimated Fiscal Cost:

No fiscal analysis was prepared for the proposed legislation.

However, the enactment of Senate Bill No. 24-38 will result in minimal costs to the Commonwealth that are limited primarily to updating signage and official documents that can be absorbed within the existing operational budget. However, the opportunity to honor Mr. Jose Camacho Sablan for his selfless and longstanding contributions to the Commonwealth outweighs the minimal costs.

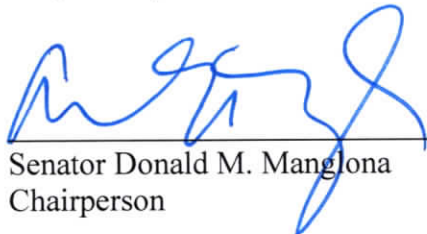
F. Summary of Committee Amendments:

Your Committee agreed that no further amendments were needed.


III. CONCLUSION:

Your Committee agrees with the intent and purpose of the proposed legislation and recommends the passage of Senate Bill No. 24-38 in its current form.

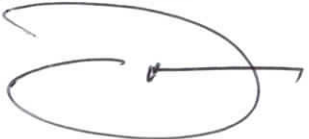
Respectfully submitted,



Senator Donald M. Mangiona
Chairperson



Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro
Vice Chairperson

Senator Celina R. Babauta
Member


Senator Ronnie M. Calvo
Member

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz
Member

Senator Corina L. Magofna
Member

Reviewed by:



Senate Legal Counsel

Attachment(s):

1. Written Testimonies:

- a. Honorable Ramon “RB” Jose Blas Camacho, Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan,
letter dated August 5, 2025



Ramon "RB" Jose Blas Camacho
Mayor of Saipan

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August 5, 2025

The Honorable Karl King- Nabors
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Subject: Senate Bill No. 24- 38: "To Rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the 'Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station' in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

Hafa Adai yan Tirow Chairman King- Nabors,

Thank you for providing the Office of the Mayor, Municipality of Saipan the opportunity to provide comments on the above subject.

I respectfully submit my comments regarding Senate Bill 24-38, "To Rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the 'Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station' in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

While I acknowledge the intent of the bill and recognize Mr. Sablan's contributions to public safety, I do not support this measure at this time. Naming public facilities is a meaningful and lasting action that should be approached with careful consideration and broad community input.

I encourage the Legislature to review the contributions of other individuals who have played significant and long-standing roles in the development of the facility in the Marina and success of the DPS Boating Safety program, to ensure that any such recognition reflects the collective history and service of all those who have contributed extensively to the safety of our waters.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (670)234-6208 or via email at saipanmayor@mos.gov.mp.

Sincerely,

RAMON "RB" JOSE BLAS CAMACHO
Mayor, Office of the Municipality of Saipan

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the “Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station” in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that Jose Camacho Sablan
2 dedicated nearly 20 years of service as a sworn officer in blue, protecting the community
3 of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

4 The Legislature recognizes that Jose Camacho Sablan began his journey in January
5 1977 as a Police Officer I of the Department of Public Safety. Through his unwavering
6 dedication and commitment, he advanced to Police Officer II in October 1978 and then
7 Police Officer III in January 1980. In August 1980, Jose Camacho Sablan transitioned to a
8 detective in the department, where he remained until his promotion to Police Sergeant in
9 April 1982, a position he held for nearly seven years. In November 1988, Jose Camacho
10 Sablan was elevated to Police Lieutenant, and due to his extensive knowledge and skills,
11 he was quickly promoted to Police Captain in September 1989. In March 1991, Jose
12 Camacho Sablan took on the role of Assistant Chief of Police for the Boating Safety
13 Division, where he proudly served the Commonwealth until his retirement in July 1996.

14 The Legislature further finds that Jose Camacho Sablan has earned multiple training
15 certificates and accolades throughout his time with the Department of Public Safety. This
16 not only highlighted his dedication to sharpening his skills to best serve his community but
17 also demonstrated his commitment to enhancing his leadership in order to effectively
18 support his fellow officers. Such certificates and awards kept on file include, but are not
19 limited to, the following: Federal Bureau of Investigation Certificate of Attendance
20 Bombing Crime Scene School (September 21-26, 1986); Law Enforcement Officers

1 Training School Certificate of Attendance Basic Criminal Investigation (July 25-29, 1988);
2 Coast Guard Certificate of Training for the U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area Training Team
3 One Maritime Law Enforcement (September 16, 1988); Certificate of Accomplishment
4 Basic Supervisory Management Workshop (November 10, 1988); Certificate of
5 Accomplishment Timekeepers Workshop 12-Hours (October 5-7, 1988); Certificate of
6 Accomplishment Basic Supervisory Management Workshop 32-Hours (November 7-10,
7 1988); DPS Certificate of Completion Basic Supervisory Motivation Training Class 16-
8 Hours In-Service (October 13, 1988); Law Enforcement Officers Training School Critical
9 Incident Management (September 24-28, 1990); Federal Emergency Management Agency
10 Certificate of Achievement Exercise Design Course (June 15, 1990); Northwestern
11 University Traffic Institute Civil Liability for Police Administrators (1991); CNMI Valor
12 Award for his courage involving a high degree of personal risk in the face of danger from
13 Rota (May 15, 1992); United States Coast Guard Reserve Training Center Maritime Law
14 Enforcement School National Boating Safety Course (January 16, 1992); CNMI Office of
15 the Governor Certificate of Appreciation (September 23, 1992); Federal Emergency
16 Management Agency Certificate of Achievement Hazardous Materials Workshop (August
17 16-20, 1993); and National Fire Academy Certificate of Training Initial Response to
18 Hazardous Materials Emergencies Basic Concepts (August 20, 1993).

19 Jose Camacho Sablan's achievements underscore the importance of continuous
20 professional development in law enforcement, where evolving challenges demand a
21 proactive approach to learning and leadership. His accomplishments serve as an inspiring
22 example of how dedication to personal and professional growth can contribute to the
23 overall safety and well-being of the community. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to
24 honor Jose Camacho Sablan's contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the
25 public in the surrounding waters of the CNMI by renaming the DPS Boating Safety
26 Building to the "Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station".

27 **Section 2. Amendment.** Subject to the codification by the Commonwealth Law
28 Revision, Title 1, General Provisions, Chapter 4, Article 2, of the Commonwealth Code is
29 amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

1 “§ 101. (a) DPS Boating Safety Building Renamed. The Department of
 2 Public Safety (DPS) Boating Safety Building located at the Smiling Cove Marina
 3 on Saipan is renamed to the ‘Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station’ in
 4 recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public
 5 in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
 6 This Act shall have a perpetual effect, as this building or any building in which the
 7 Boating Safety Division establishes office due to construction, relocation,
 8 renovation improvements, or any reason thereafter shall then be duly renamed the
 9 ‘Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station’.

10 (b) Dedication. The Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern
 11 Mariana Islands, in coordination with the DPS Commissioner and Jose Camacho
 12 Sablan and his family, shall prepare a plan of dedication within sixty days from the
 13 effective date of this Act.”

14 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
 15 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
 16 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
 17 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

18 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not
 19 be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under
 20 statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes.
 21 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant
 22 to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any
 23 way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the
 24 date this Act becomes effective.

25 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
 26 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

Date: 6/24/25

Introduced By: 

 Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:



Senate Legal Counsel