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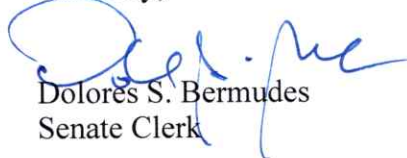
February 05, 2026

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 returning with amendments House Bill No. 24-24, HD1, SD2, entitled, "To enact 4 CMC §1208 and 4 CMC §1313 to establish a Legal Services and Access to Justice Tax Credit. The Senate passed on Final Reading H.B. No. 24-24, HD1, SD2, by the unanimous vote, in its 2<sup>nd</sup> Day, Third Regular Session on February 04, 2026.

Sincerely,

  
Dolores S. Bermudes  
Senate Clerk

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**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**APRIL 24, 2025**

**First Special Session, 2025**

**H. B. 24-24, HD1, SD2**

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6           (1) A properly documented receipt issued by the recipient institution  
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3 (f) The qualifying recipient organization shall provide a report of the  
4 expenditure of the funds received to the presiding officers of the legislature  
5 within thirty (30) days after the end of each tax year.”

6 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of  
7 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court  
8 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its  
9 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid  
10 shall not be affected thereby.

11 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall  
12 not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired  
13 under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the  
14 statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted  
15 under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect  
16 of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall  
17 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

18 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
19 Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 4/16/2025

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Marissa R. Flores

HOUSE BILL 24-24, HD1, SD2

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/s/ Rep. Daniel I. Aquino Jr.  
/s/ Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao  
/s/ Rep. Diego V. F. Camacho  
/s/ Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by:

/s/ Joseph M. Hallahan  
House Legal Counsel

Date: 4/16/2025

House Bill 24-24, HD1, reviewed for  
legal sufficiency by:

/s/ Joseph L.G. Tajeron, Jr.  
House Legal Counsel

Date: 7/24/2025




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NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **2457**

Date: December 17, 2025

RE: House Bill No. 24-24, HD1

*S Adopted 2/4/26* 

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

Dear Mr. President:

Your Committee on Fiscal Affairs, to which House Bill No. 24-24, HD1 was referred, entitled:

“To enact 4 CMC § 1208 and 4 CMC § 1313 to establish a Legal Services and Access to Justice Tax Credit,”

begs leave to report as follows:

**I. RECOMMENDATION:**

After considerable discussion and deliberation, your Committee recommends the passage of the proposed legislation in the form of House Bill No. 24-24, HD1, Senate Draft 1.

**II. ANALYSIS:**

A. Purpose:

The purpose of House Bill No. 24-24, HD1 is to establish a Legal Services and Access to Justice Tax Credit by enacting new statutory provisions to carry out the intent of this Act.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee finds that tax credits provide a mechanism for directing contributions to specific activities that support an organization's operations. In the Commonwealth, the Education Tax Credit serves as an incentive for private and corporate donations to eligible educational institutions, offering significant benefits to the recipient and a reinvestment into the community.

Your Committee further finds that House Bill No. 24-24, HD1 was modeled after the Education Tax Credit with the intent to provide critical funding to qualifying nonprofit legal services organizations operating in the Commonwealth. These nonprofit legal services organizations have been instrumental in offering free civil legal services to low-income and underserved residents, addressing issues such as housing, family relationships, immigration, public benefits, consumer rights, and personal safety.

Your Committee met on December 17, 2025, to discuss the proposed legislation. During deliberation, your Committee had the opportunity to meet with Directing Attorney Jane Mack, Staff Attorney Christopher Heeb, Paralegal PollyAnne Sablan Taitano, Paralegal Nikki Adao and Secretary Carmina E. Kileleman from the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation – Marianas Office (MLSC) to clarify MLSC's operational structure and funding model.

Following the discussion, your Committee agreed to amend the proposed legislation to include a cap on the annual tax credit amount, a provision which MLSC did not oppose, recognizing the need for continued government revenue. An additional amendment was also made to include a reporting requirement for qualifying recipients to the presiding officers of the legislature.

Your Committee supports the intent of the proposed legislation, as amended, and recommends its passage in the form of House Bill No. 24-24, HD1, Senate Draft 1.

C. Legislative History:

House Bill No. 24-24 was introduced by Representative Marissa R. Flores on April 24, 2025, to the full body of the House of Representatives and was referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means (WM) for disposition. On July 21, 2025, the House WM Committee adopted the proposed legislation in the form of House Bill No. 24-24, House Draft 1, which was reported to the full body of the House of Representatives under House Standing Committee Report (SCR) No. 24-15. On July 31, 2025, during the First Day, Fifth Special Session of the House of Representatives, House SCR 24-15 was adopted, and the House of Representatives passed the proposed legislation in the form of House Bill No. 24-24, House Draft 1. House Bill No. 24-24, House Draft 1 was transmitted to the Senate on August 4, 2025 and was subsequently referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs for disposition.

D. Public Hearing and Comment:

1. Public Hearing. No public hearing was scheduled for House Bill No. 24-24, House Draft 1. However, a committee meeting, which is open to the public, was held on December 17, 2025. See below for further details.
2. Committee Meeting. The proposed legislation made its first appearance during the scheduled committee meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. The committee meeting notices and agenda were officially posted on December 13, 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. Oral testimonies in support of the proposed legislation were provided by the following:
  - a. Jane Mack, Directing Attorney, Micronesian Legal Services Corporation – Marianas Office

No oral testimonies in opposition of the proposed legislation were received.

3. Written Comment. Your Committee solicited for comments on the proposed legislation. To date, the status of comment(s) received from the following government and private entities are as follows:
  - a. Honorable Alexandro C. Castro, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, *letter dated September 11, 2025*
  - b. Department of Finance, no comment received

E. Estimated Fiscal Cost:

No fiscal analysis was prepared for the proposed legislation.

The enactment of House Bill No. 24-24, HD1, would result in a reduction in government tax revenues, as businesses and individuals would be able to divert funds that would otherwise be allocated to the government toward donations for qualifying nonprofit legal services organizations operating in the Commonwealth.

However, as amended, your Committee has agreed that imposing a cap on the tax credit would help limit the potential loss of tax revenue, while ensuring that qualifying nonprofit legal services organizations can maintain their critical services that play an essential role in enhancing efficiency in court proceedings and reducing the number of unrepresented parties.

F. Summary of Committee Amendments:

Your Committee agreed to the following amendments:

1. Section 2. Enactment. 4 CMC § 1208(b). Language inserted to impose a cap on the annual tax credit, beginning on page 4, lines 12-16, to read:

(b) The maximum credit available in any one year under this Section and 4 CMC § 1313 combined shall be the lesser of the sum of the taxes imposed under 4 CMC §§ 1201-02 and 4 CMC §§ 1301-04, or \$5,000. Provided that a qualifying entity shall not receive more than \$200,000 tax credit within a tax year.

2. Section 3. Enactment. 4 CMC § 1313(b). Language inserted to impose a cap on the annual tax credit, beginning on page 6, lines 9-13, to read:

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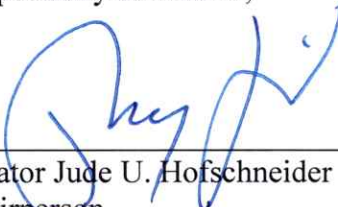
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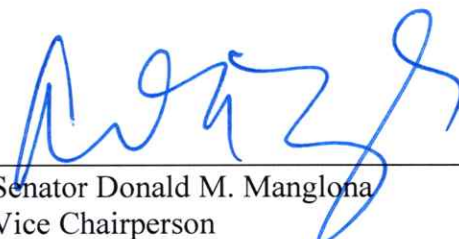
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### **III. CONCLUSION:**

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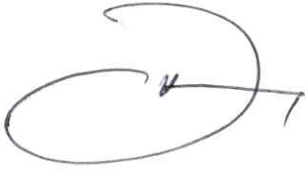
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Senator Jude U. Hofschneider  
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Senate Legal Counsel

Attachment(s):

1. Written Testimony:
  - a. Honorable Alexandro C. Castro, Chief Justice, Supreme Court, *letter dated September 11, 2025*



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September 11, 2025

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Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs  
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9/12/25 

THE OFFICE OF  
SENATOR JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER  
TEL. NO. (670)664-8868/FAK.NO. (670)664-8908

Re: **Judiciary Comments on House Bill No. 24-24**

Dear Chairman Hofschneider:

We write in response to your letter requesting for comments on House Bill No. 24-24. Keeping with past practice, the Judiciary will submit comments or recommendations on proposed legislation that affects the functions and operations of the third branch of government. We support the passage of House Bill No. 24-24, which seeks to establish a Legal Services and Access to Justice Tax Credit.

The Judiciary's mission is to ensure the fair and impartial administration of justice for all who come before our courts. Access to competent legal representation is essential to that mission. Unfortunately, many individuals and families in the Commonwealth, particularly those with limited financial means, are unable to secure legal assistance in civil matters. Without counsel, these litigants often struggle to navigate complex legal processes. The Judiciary has sought to expand the public's access to justice through its Pro Se Centers and promulgation of the *Rules for In Forma Pauperis*, which allows indigent individuals to initiate a legal action without having to pay for court fees or costs due to their lack of financial resources. However, there are instances when legal representation is needed.

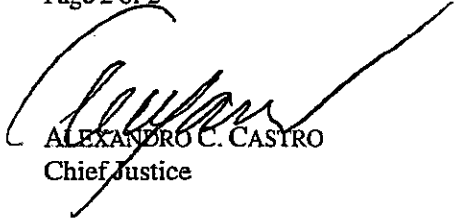
House Bill 24-24 provides a thoughtful and sustainable solution. This legislation will encourage individuals and businesses to contribute directly to nonprofit legal service providers, such as the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, thereby expanding the availability of legal aid without requiring additional appropriations from the General Fund. By leveraging private contributions through targeted tax incentives, the bill strengthens the capacity of nonprofit legal organizations to assist our people.

From the Judiciary's perspective, ensuring that more litigants have access to legal representation enhances efficiency in court proceedings and reduces the number of unrepresented parties. In short, this legislation will help bridge the justice gap while simultaneously supporting the Judiciary's ability to fulfill its constitutional role. For these reasons, the Judiciary supports the passage of House Bill 24-24.

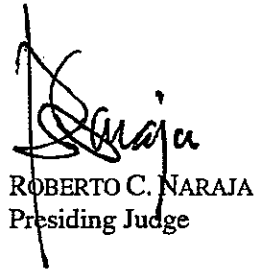
Thank you for your time and attention to these matters. We look forward to continuing to work with your office on matters affecting the Judiciary in this 24th Commonwealth Legislature.

*Si Yu'us Ma'ãse and Olomwaay,*

Letter to House Chairman Jude U. Hofschneider  
September 11, 2025  
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ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO  
Chief Justice



ROBERTO C. NARAÑA  
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cc: Associate Justice John A. Mangiona  
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17          manner prescribed by the Division of Revenue and Taxation.”

18          **Section 3. Enactment.** Section 1313 of Chapter 3, Division 1, Title 4 of the  
19          Commonwealth Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

20                 **“§ 1313. Legal Services and Access to Justice Tax Credit.**

1           (a) A person may take cash contributions made during the tax year to  
2           qualifying nonprofit legal services organizations as a nonrefundable credit  
3           against the tax imposed by 4 CMC §§ 1301, 1302, 1303, and 1304 to the  
4           extent provided by this Section. No such credit shall be allowed for any  
5           amount deducted in determining taxable income under the NMTIT as shown  
6           on the taxpayer's return. The "tax imposed" for purposes of computing the  
7           credit under 4 CMC § 1308 is the tax net of any credit taken pursuant to this  
8           Section.

9           (b) The maximum credit available in any one year under this Section  
10          and 4 CMC § 1208 combined shall be the lesser of the sum of the taxes  
11          imposed under 4 CMC §§ 1201-02 and 4 CMC §§ 1301-04, or \$ 5,000.  
12          Provided that a qualifying entity shall not receive more than \$200,000 tax  
13          credit within a tax year.

14          (c) The term "qualifying nonprofit legal services organizations" under  
15          this Section has the same meaning as in 4 CMC § 1208(c).

16          (d) To obtain the credit, the taxpayer must furnish to the Division of  
17          Revenue and Taxation the information prescribed in 4 CMC § 1208(d).

18          (e) Funds received by qualifying nonprofit legal services organizations  
19          pursuant to this Section shall be expended solely for the purpose of providing  
20          free or low-cost legal assistance to low-income or underserved individuals  
21          within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The recipient

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1 organization shall certify compliance with this requirement in a form and  
2 manner prescribed by the Division of Revenue and Taxation.

3 (f) The qualifying recipient organization shall provide a report of the  
4 expenditure of the funds received to the presiding officers of the legislature.”

5 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of  
6 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court  
7 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its  
8 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid  
9 shall not be affected thereby.

10 **Section 5. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall  
11 not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired  
12 under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the  
13 statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted  
14 under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect  
15 of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall  
16 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

17 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
18 Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

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