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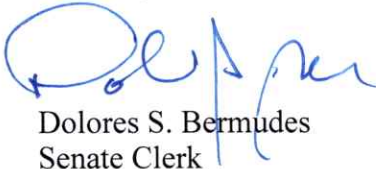
May 06, 2026

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. 24-89, HS1, entitled, "To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund projects in the Second Senatorial District." The Senate passed on Final Reading H.B. No. 24-89, HS1, SD1, entitled, "To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel projects in the Second Senatorial District, by the unanimous vote, in its 1<sup>st</sup> Day, Third Special Session on May 01, 2026.

Sincerely,



Dolores S. Bermudes  
Senate Clerk

Attachment

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**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

**Third Regular Session, 2026**

**H. B. 24-89, HS1, SD1**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel projects in the Second Senatorial District.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 24TH NORTHERN MARIANAS  
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1           **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the Second  
2 Senatorial District requires additional funding to ~~improve and maintain projects for~~  
3 Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel in the Second  
4 Senatorial District.

5           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate dividends collected by the  
6 Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the  
7 Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund ~~projects for~~ Super Typhoon  
8 Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel within the Second Senatorial  
9 District.

10           **Section 2. Appropriation.** “Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law,  
11 statutes, rules, or regulations to the contrary and pursuant to 4 CMC § 10508 to

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1 appropriate dividends collected by CEDA from CUC, the Legislature hereby  
2 appropriates \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by CEDA from CUC for the  
3 Second Senatorial District to fund Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations  
4 and personnel. ~~The Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation shall adopt a~~  
5 ~~resolution to distribute funds for projects in the municipality.”~~

6       **Section 3. Fund Transfer.** The Funds appropriated under this Act shall be  
7 transferred within a reasonable time by the Commonwealth Economic  
8 Development Authority to the Tinian and Aguiguan Municipal Treasury upon this  
9 Act becoming law.

10       **Section 3 4. Reprogramming.** Funds appropriated under this Act ~~may~~ shall  
11 not be reprogrammed for any other purpose unless the reprogramming is approved  
12 by resolution by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation, and  
13 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall  
14 be without fiscal year limitation.

15       **Section 4 5. Expenditure Authority.** The expenditure authority of the funds  
16 allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be the Mayor of Tinian. Furthermore,  
17 the Mayor of Tinian shall be responsible for reporting all expenses to the  
18 Commonwealth Economic Development Authority upon the exhaustion of the  
19 funds appropriated under this Act.

20       **Section 5 6. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of  
21 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court

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1 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its  
2 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid  
3 shall not be affected thereby.

4       **Section 6-7. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall  
5 not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired  
6 under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the  
7 statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted  
8 under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect  
9 of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall  
10 already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

11       **Section 7 8. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by  
12 the Governor or it becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 1/22/2026

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

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

Date: 1/16/2026

H.B. 24-89, HS1, reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

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/s/ Joseph L.G. Tajjeron, Jr.

House Legal Counsel

Date: 3/10/2026