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David M. Apatang
Governor

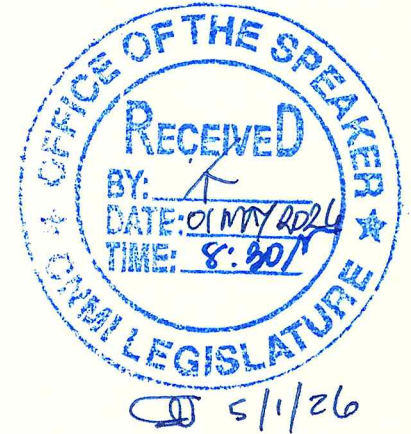
Dennis James C. Mendiola
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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April 29, 2026

The Honorable Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth 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. 24-57, D1**, entitled "To reappropriate Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-07 and Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) allotted under Rota Local law 24-08 collected from poker fees in the First Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Rota Local Law No. 24-12**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

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cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; Special Assistant for Administration;
Programs and Legislative Review



**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2026
HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-57, D1**

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OFFERED BY

Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo

Introduced on April 23, 2026


HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action on

April 23, 2026

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	None
Comments Received:	None
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed Final Reading:	April 24, 2026, w/Draft 1


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



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**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 purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) allotted
3 under Section 2 (a) of Rota Local Law 24-07 and Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) allotted
4 under Rota Local Law 24-08 collected from poker fees in the First Senatorial District to respond
5 to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon
6 Sinlaku.

7 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

8 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
9 pursuant to funds allocated to the First Senatorial District from poker fees, the Rota Legislative

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1 Delegation hereby re-appropriates Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) allotted under Section 2 (a)
2 of Rota Local Law 24-07 and Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) allotted under Rota Local
3 Law 24-08 as follows:

- 4 (a) \$70,000.00 shall be allocated to the Office of the Mayor of Rota. Funds will be allocated for
5 operations, personnel, and public programs to respond to critical emergency situations and
6 urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku.
- 7 (b) \$5,000.00 for the Luta Cares for the purpose of urgent recovery and relief efforts for Rota.
- 8 (c) \$5,000.00 for Micronesia Climate Change Alliance for the purpose of urgent recovery and
9 relief efforts for Rota.

10 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

- 11 (a) The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 (a) shall be the Mayor of Rota.
- 12 (b) The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 (b) shall be the President of the Luta Cares.
- 13 (c) The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2 (c) shall be the Executive Director of the
14 Micronesia Climate Change Alliance

15 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING AND NO FISCAL LIMITATION.**

16 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
17 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal
18 year limitation(s).

19 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

20 The Secretary of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of Eighty
21 Thousand dollars (\$80,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Rota Municipal
22 Treasurer for the local public purposes specified in this Act. This transfer shall not be construed

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1 to limit, diminish, or otherwise impair the constitutional or statutory authority of the Secretary of
2 Finance to control, regulate, supervise, audit, and account for the expenditure of public funds. All
3 funds transferred shall remain subject to Commonwealth accounting and audit requirements. The
4 Rota Municipal Treasurer shall submit monthly expenditure reports, with supporting
5 documentation, to the Secretary of Finance in a form prescribed by the Department of Finance.

6 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

7 The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
8 report all expenses responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance
9 by the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities
10 that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated
11 by the Rota Legislative Delegation.

12 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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

17 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

18 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
19 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or
20 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
21 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of

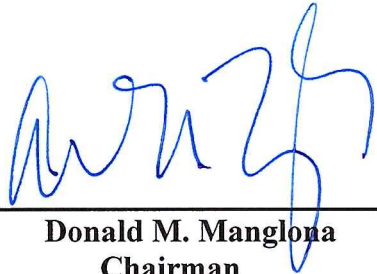
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1 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
2 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

3 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:

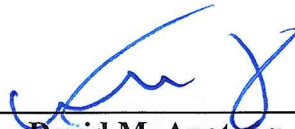


Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 29th day of April, 2026.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENC/REQ	AVAILABE BUDGET	PCT USED
12 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS							
RL029 RLL 24-08 FLAME TREE ARTS FESTIVAL							
52120400 69000 RL029 OTHER EXP	10,000	10,000	.00	.00	.00	10,000.00	.0%
TOTAL RLL 24-08 FLAME TREE ARTS F	10,000	10,000	.00	.00	.00	10,000.00	.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,000	10,000	.00	.00	.00	10,000.00	
17 DEPT OF FINANCE							
3302 LOCAL REVENUE - ROTA POKER							
51170100 69000 3302 OTHER EXP	10,000	11,613	.00	.00	.00	11,612.50	.0%
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE - ROTA POKER	10,000	11,613	.00	.00	.00	11,612.50	.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,000	11,613	.00	.00	.00	11,612.50	
27 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR							
RL023 RLL 24-07 MARIANAS GAMES & FACILITY							
52270100 69000 RL023 OTHER EXP	60,000	60,000	.00	.00	.00	60,000.00	.0%
TOTAL RLL 24-07 MARIANAS GAMES &	60,000	60,000	.00	.00	.00	60,000.00	.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	60,000	60,000	.00	.00	.00	60,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL	80,000	81,613	.00	.00	.00	81,612.50	.0%

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