



TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS
P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN
CHAIRMAN

Adopted - 8/29/2025
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-26
DATE: August 19, 2025
RE: House Bill No. 24-45

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

House Bill No. 24-45: “To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Public Law No. 21-10, Section 2(G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota.”

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After considerable discussion, your Committee recommends that House Bill No. 24-45 be passed by the House in its current form.

TO: L. V. K'S O
RECEIVED BY: *[Signature]*
DATE: 8/26/2025
TIME: 8:15 AM

II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of this Act to re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Public Law No. 21-10, Section 2(G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee finds that pursuant to Public Law No. 21-10, the annual casino license fee paid for the sixth year shall be distributed in accordance to 4 CMC § 2307. According to 4 CMC § 2307(a), an allocation of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) was allocated for the First Senatorial District. Furthermore, Section 2(G) of Public Law No. 21-10 allocates Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from this funding for partial payment to Sun Palace for lodging expenses incurred by Rota patients, under the expenditure authority of the Secretary of Finance.

Your Committee determines that, based on a funding certification from the Department of Finance dated October 29, 2024, the Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) designated under Section 2(G) of Public Law No. 21-10 has remained unencumbered and is available in Business Unit No. 7193B.

Your Committee concludes that the intent of this Act is to re-appropriate the Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) which has been certified as available for appropriation, to the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota for operational expenses. Therefore, the Committee supports the intent and purpose of this Act, recommending its passage in its original form.

C. Public Comments/Public Hearing:

Office of the Secretary, Fund Certification for PL 21-10, Section 2(G) dated September 30, 2024.

The fund certification has been attached as part of this committee report.

D. Legislative History:

House Bill No. 24-45, introduced by Representative Julie M. A. Ogo on August 15, 2025, was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

E. Cost Benefit:

The enactment of House Bill 24-45 will not result in additional costs to the CNMI Government. Existing funds remained unencumbered and available for appropriation.

III. CONCLUSION:

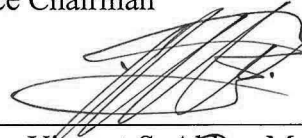
The Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of House Bill No. 24-45, and recommends its passage in its original form on First and Final Reading.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman

Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
Vice Chairman



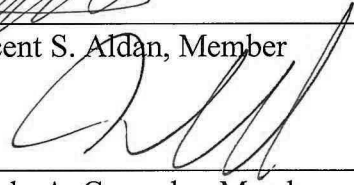
Rep. Vincent S. Aidan, Member

Rep. Roy A. Ada, Member

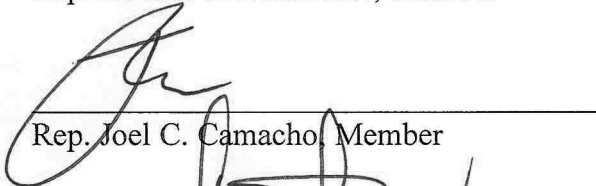


Rep. Roman C. Benavente, Member

Rep. Angelo A. Camacho, Member



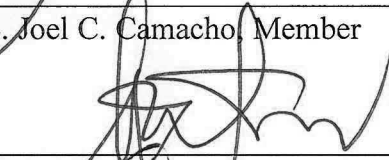
Rep. Joel C. Camacho, Member



Rep. Joseph A. Flores, Member

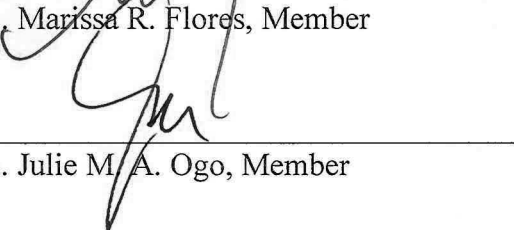


Rep. Marissa R. Flores, Member



Rep. Thomas John "TJ" DLC. Manglona, Member

Rep. Julie M. A. Ogo, Member



Rep. Malcolm J. Omar, Member

Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member



Rep. Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, Member



Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Member



Reviewed by:

Joseph S. Day
House Legal Counsel

Date: 8-21-25

ATTACHMENT: Fund Certification dated September 30, 2024



Office of the Secretary

Department of Finance



Level Certification: 1
 Funding Source: 4 CMC § 2306 (b) (4)
 Project Name: PL 21-10 ROP Medical Referral Sun Palace
 Requestor: Donald Manglona (Legislature)

JDE BU: 7193B
 Project Ledger: No PL Assigned
 General Ledger: 7193B
 Prepared on: 10/29/24

PL 21-10 Section 2(5) \$ 50,000.00

	JDE	PROJECT LEDGER	GENERAL LEDGER	TOTAL
FY 2021				FY 2021
Transfers In	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 50,000.00
Transfers Out				\$ -
Actuals				\$ -
Encumbrance				\$ -
Requisitions				\$ -
			Ending Balance FY2021	\$ 50,000.00
FY 2022	NO ACTIVITY			FY 2022
			Ending Balance FY2022	\$ 50,000.00
FY 2023	NO ACTIVITY			FY 2023
			Ending Balance FY2023	\$ 50,000.00
FY 2024	NO ACTIVITY			FY 2024
			Ending Balance FY2024	\$ 50,000.00
Certified Balance as of		09/30/24		\$50,000.00


NOTES:

Level Certification:	1	JDE BU:	7193B
Funding Source:	4 CMC § 2306 (b) (4)	Project Ledger:	
Project Name:	PL 21-10 ROP Medical Referral Sun Palace	General Ledger:	7193B
Requestor:	Donald Manglona (Legislature)	Prepared on:	10/29/24

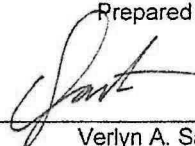
FOR DOF USE ONLY

YTD Budget Repor	09/30/24	\$	-
JDE De-Obligation of Encumbrances		Debit	Credit
<i>No Adjustments Needed</i>			
General Journal		Debit	Credit
<i>No Adjustments Needed</i>			
Budget Transfers and Amendments		Decrease	Increase
52170100.69000.7193B	JDE BUDGET CARRIED FORWARD	\$	50,000.00

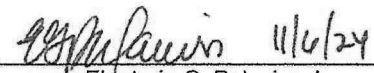
Prepared By:


10/29/24
Karrialyan K. Henriquez
Financial Analyst

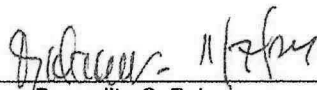
Prepared By:


Verlyn A. Santos
Accountant II

Reviewed By:


11/6/24
Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr.
Senior Financial Analyst

Concurred By:


11/2/24
Bernadita C. Palacios
Director of Financial Services

Certified By:


11/12/24
Tracy B. Norita
Secretary of Finance



Legislative Bureau
NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
P.O. BOX 500586
SAIPAN, MP 96950

FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Date: August 22, 2025

House Standing Committee: Ways and Means

Legislation: HB 24-45

Short Title: To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Public Law No. 21-10, Section 2(G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota.

Analysis: The Commonwealth will benefit from re appropriation of Fifty Thousand Dollars for the operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota.

*** E N D ***

WMM-8/15/2025

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

August 15, 2025

2nd Regular Session, 2025

H. B. 24- 45

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Public Law No. 21-10, Section 2(G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota.

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

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that, pursuant to
2 Public Law No. 21-10, the annual casino license fee paid for the sixth year is to be
3 distributed in accordance with 4 CMC § 2307. Specifically, 4 CMC § 2307(a)
4 provides that Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be allocated to the First
5 Senatorial District. Further, Section 2(G) of Public Law No. 21-10 designates Fifty
6 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from this allocation for partial payment to Sun
7 Palace for lodging expenses incurred by Rota patients, under the expenditure
8 authority of the Secretary of Finance.

9 The Legislature further finds that, according to a funding certification
10 issued by the Department of Finance on October 29, 2024, the Fifty Thousand
11 Dollars (\$50,000.00) allocated under Section 2(G) of Public Law No. 21-10
12 remained unencumbered and available in Business Unit No. 7193B.

1 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate the Fifty Thousand
2 Dollars (\$50,000.00) to the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota for
3 operational expenses.

4 **Section 2. Re-appropriation.**

5 “Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Section 2(G) of Public Law
6 No. 21-10, deposited in BU 7193B, is hereby reappropriated to the Office of the
7 Mayor of the Municipality of Rota for Operational Expenses.”

8 **Section 3. Expenditure Authority.** The expenditure authority for the funds
9 under Section 2 of this Act shall be the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota.

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

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

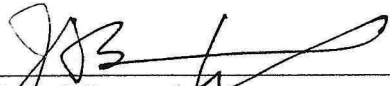
1 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
2 Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 8/6/2025

Date: 08/06/25

Introduced by: 
Rep. Julie M. A. Ogo

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by:


Legal Counsel

Date: 8.6.25





Office of the Secretary

Department of Finance



Level Certification: 1
 Funding Source: 4 CMC § 2306 (b) (4)
 Project Name: PL 21-10 ROP Medical Referral Sun Palace
 Requestor: Donald Manglona (Legislature)

JDE BU: 7193B
 Project Ledger: No PL Assigned
 General Ledger: 7193B
 Prepared on: 10/29/24

PL 21-10 Section 2(E) \$ 50,000.00

	JDE	PROJECT LEDGER	GENERAL LEDGER	TOTAL
FY 2021				FY 2021
Transfers In	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 50,000.00
Transfers Out				\$ -
Actuals				\$ -
Encumbrance				\$ -
Requisitions				\$ -
			Ending Balance FY2021	\$ 50,000.00
FY 2022	NO ACTIVITY			FY 2022
			Ending Balance FY2022	\$ 50,000.00
FY 2023	NO ACTIVITY			FY 2023
			Ending Balance FY2023	\$ 50,000.00
FY 2024	NO ACTIVITY			FY 2024
			Ending Balance FY2024	\$ 50,000.00
Certified Balance as of 09/30/24				\$50,000.00

NOTES:

Level Certification:	1	JDE BU:	7193B
Funding Source:	4 CMC § 2306 (b) (4)	Project Ledger:	
Project Name:	PL 21-10 ROP Medical Referral Sun Palace	General Ledger:	7193B
Requestor:	Donald Manglona (Legislature)	Prepared on:	10/29/24

FOR DOF USE ONLY


YTD Budget Repor 09/30/24 \$ -

JDE De-Obligation of Encumbrances Debit Credit
No Adjustments Needed


General Journal Debit Credit
No Adjustments Needed

Budget Transfers and Amendments	Decrease	Increase
52170100.69000.7193B JDE BUDGET CARRIED FORWARD	\$	50,000.00

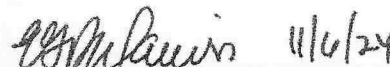
Prepared By:


10/29/24
Kartrinalyn K. Henriquez
Financial Analyst

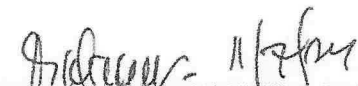
Prepared By:


Verlyn A. Santos
Accountant II


Reviewed By:


11/6/24
Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr.
Senior Financial Analyst

Concurred By:


11/2/24
Bernadita C. Palacios
Director of Financial Services

Certified By:


11/12/24
Tracy B. Norita
Secretary of Finance