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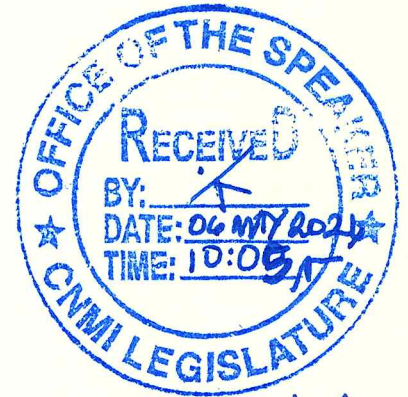
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 04, 2026

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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan Northern Islands 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



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Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-55**, entitled “To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.”, which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 24-26**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

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cc: Lieutenant Governor; President of the Senate; Attorney General;
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**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2026**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-55

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN AT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

OFFERED BY

Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roy C. A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino, Jr., Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DLC. Manglona, Malcom J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J. M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul

Introduced on April 18, 2026

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

April 18, 2026

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	None
Comments Received:	4/18/26 - Under Public Comments (Mayor of Saipan & Mayor of the Northern Islands)
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	April 18, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frances Joan P. Kaipat".

**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



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H. L. B. NO. 24-55

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

2 The Delegation finds that Typhoon Sinlaku caused widespread damage across the
3 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), resulting in significant disruption to
4 infrastructure, public services, housing and economic activity. The Delegation finds that Typhoon
5 Sinlaku placed significant strain on residents, including but not limited to displacement of families
6 and overcrowding in temporary shelters, increased health risks due to sanitation challenges and
7 limited access to medical care, loss of income for workers and small business owners and
8 psychological stress and trauma associated with the disaster. Given the magnitude of destruction
9 and the limited fiscal capacity of the CNMI external funding assistance is necessary to ensure and
10 equitable and timely recovery. The Delegation finds that without such support, recovery efforts

1 will be significantly delayed, prolonging hardship for residents and increasing long-term economic
2 losses.

3 The Delegation further finds that Typhoon Sinlaku represents a major disaster with far-
4 reaching consequences. The Delegation finds that immediate and sustained funding assistance is
5 critical to restore essential services and rebuild communities. Furthermore, the Delegation finds
6 that strategic investment at this stage will not accelerate recovery but the funding assistance will
7 reduce vulnerability, protect lives and livelihoods in the immediate future.

8 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the revenues collected
9 for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

10 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

11 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
12 pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands
13 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$500,000.00 of the revenues collected for the
14 Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59 as follows:

15 (A) \$100,000.00 for the Saipan Mayors Office for disaster recovery due to the extra
16 ordinary circumstances caused by Typhoon Sinlaku (funds maybe utilized for limited
17 term hiring) expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;

18 (B) \$50,000.00 for the Northern Islands Mayors Office (NIMO) for disaster recovery due
19 to the extra ordinary circumstances caused by Typhoon Sinlaku (funds may be utilized
20 for limited term hiring) expenditure authority shall be Mayor of Northern Islands or
21 his/her designee;

1 (C) \$350,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation for disaster recovery due
2 to the extra ordinary circumstances caused by Typhoon Sinlaku (funds under Section
3 2 (C) shall not be utilized for any new hiring, provided however that these funds shall
4 be utilized for but not limited to food distribution for the CNMI with prioritizing the
5 Third Senatorial District);

6 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

7 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
8 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal
9 year limitation.

10 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

11 Expenditure authorities of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
12 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance and the
13 Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation when funds are fully
14 exhausted.

15 Provided further, that recipients under Sections 2(A) and (B) shall follow the FEMA
16 Incident Command System (ICS) reporting procedures through the CNMI Homeland Security
17 Emergency Management/Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Furthermore, if any funds
18 appropriated under Sections 2(A) and (B) shall be deemed reimbursable by FEMA and/or EOC or
19 both. Reimbursed funds shall be remitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
20 Delegation for appropriation purpose(s).

21 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

5 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

12 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law without
14 such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 4th day of May, 2026.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands