THE SENATE
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
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SEN. COMM: 24-101
(HOUSE)

May 06, 2026

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Speaker Villagomez:

I have the honor of returning with amendments House Bill No. 24-91, 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 First Senatorial District." The Senate passed on Final Reading H.B. No. 24-91, 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 First Senatorial District; and for other purposes, by the unanimous vote, in its 1st 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. 24-91, HS1, SD1**

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 First Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that the First Senatorial District requires additional funding to ~~improve and maintain projects~~ to respond to Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel in the First Senatorial District.

Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund ~~projects~~ for the typhoon disaster relief operations and personnel within the First Senatorial District.

Section 2. Appropriation and Project Approval. "Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules, or regulations to the contrary and pursuant to 4 CMC § 10508, the $300,000.00 of the dividends collected by CEDA from CUC ~~for~~

~~projects in the First Senatorial District. The Rota Legislative Delegation shall adopt a resolution to distribute funds for projects in the municipality~~ is appropriated as follows:

~~(a)~~ Out of the $300,000.00, $200,000.00 shall be used to fund Super Typhoon disaster relief operations and personnel in the First Senatorial District, and $100,000.00 is reserved for personnel and operations for the Office of the Mayor of Rota, in accordance with an adopted resolution by the Rota Legislative Delegation."

Section 3. No Fiscal Year Limitation. The funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation.

Section 4. Expenditure Authority. The expenditure authority of the funds in a portion under this Act, Section 2, shall be the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota.

Section 5. Fund Transfer.

The $300,000.00 appropriated under Section 2 shall be transferred within a reasonable time by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority to the Rota Municipal Treasury upon this Act becoming law.

Section 6. Reporting Requirement. The Mayor of Rota shall provide a monthly expenditure report of the funds appropriated in a portion of Section 2 to the Chairperson of the Rota Legislative Delegation.

Section 7. Reprogramming. The funds appropriated in a portion under Section 2 shall not be reprogrammed unless approved by resolution by the Rota Legislative Delegation.

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

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

Section ~~7~~ 10. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 1/30/2026

Date: 1/28/2026 Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Julie M. A. Ogo
/s/ Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by:

/s/ Jose A. Bermudes
Legal Counsel

H.B. 24-91, HS1, reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

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

Date: 3/10/2026