

**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

SESSION, 2026

H. L. B. 24-53

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

To appropriate \$220,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06; and for other purposes.

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the revenues
3 collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the
6 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan
7 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates
8 \$220,000 of the revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to
9 Saipan Local Law 22-06 as follows:

10 (A) \$50,000.00 for the CNMI Scholarship Office, for the scholarship of
11 students from the Third Senatorial District; expenditure authority
12 under 2(A) shall be the Chairperson of the Board or his/her designee;

1 (B) \$10,000 for Mariana Islands Nature Alliance (MINA), expenditure
2 authority shall be the Secretary of Department of Finance or his/her
3 designee;

4 (C) \$12,803.00 for Family Court Division for office equipment,
5 operational supplies and professional training, expenditure authority
6 shall be Chief Justice or his/her desinee; and

7 (D) \$147,197 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
8 for but not limited to various projects, expenditure authority under 2(B) shall be the
9 Chairperson of the Delegation or his/her designee.

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11 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

15 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

16 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
17 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by
18 the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all
19 expenses, entities (Government, non-profits entities, etc... excluding specific
20 projects) that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any
21 future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative

1 Delegation.

2 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

8 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

16 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Prefiled: 3/13/2026

Date: 3/13/2026

Introduced by: _____
Representative Ralph N. Yumul

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by:
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Legal Counsel

Date: 3-13-26

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