

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH

LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

August 20, 2026

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H. L. B. 24-62

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

To appropriate \$500,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD 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 appropriate local funds from the revenues
3 collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

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 \$500,000.00 of the revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to
9 Public Law 20-59 as follows:

1 (A) \$400,000.00 to Commonwealth Election Commission to address the
2 funding shortfall for the upcoming 2026 General Election, the expenditure
3 authority under 2(A) shall be the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Election
4 Commission or his/her designee;

5 (B) \$37,000.00 for the CNMI Arts & Culture to meet the Matching & PJAF
6 (Pacific Jurisdiction Artist Funds) grant Distribution requirements, expenditure
7 authority under 2(B) shall be the Secretary of Finance or his/her designee;

8 (C) \$63,000.00 to the CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office
9 for its operations, expenditure authority under 2(C) shall be the Chairperson of the
10 Board or his/her designee.

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. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

16 (A) The Secretary of Finance or each of their respective designee(s) shall
17 regulate and control the expenditure of the funds appropriated by this Act to ensure
18 that appropriated funds are not expended contrary to the law, fiscal management
19 policies, and practices of the Commonwealth.

20 **SECTION 5. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

21 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be

1 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by
2 the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all
3 expenses, entities (Government, non-profits entities, etc... excluding specific
4 projects) that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any
5 future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
6 Delegation.

7 **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

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

13 **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

21 **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- 1 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming
2 law without such approval.

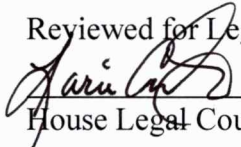
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