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(HOUSE)

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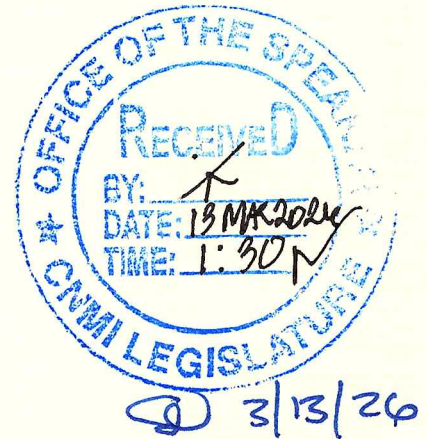
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GOV 2026-156

March 12, 2026

The Honorable Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota 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





Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-49, S1**, entitled “To appropriate One Hundred Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$103,625.00) for Medical Subsistence, Municipal Scholarship, and operations of the Mayor of Rota.”, which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Rota Local Law No. 24-07**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

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- cc: Lieutenant Governor; Senate President; Attorney General;
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Mayor of Rota; Special Assistant for Administration; Programs and Legislative Review



**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2026**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-49, S1

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

To appropriate One Hundred Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$103,625.00) for Medical Subsistence, Municipal Scholarship, and operations of the Mayor of Rota.

OFFERED BY

Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo

Introduced on February 25, 2026

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action on

February 26, 2026

DELEGATION ACTION

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| Referred to: | None |
| Comments Solicited: | 2/26/26: Mayor of Rota [Del. Matters 24-55] & 20 th Rota Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-56] |
| Comments Received: | 3/3/26 Mayors Comm. 24-12 |
| Standing Committee Report: | None |
| Passed Final Reading: | March 4, 2026, w/Substitute 1 |

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

**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



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

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this bill is to appropriate the local poker fees for the medical subsistence,
3 the municipal scholarship, and the operations of the Mayor of Rota.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws, or regulations to the contrary, the Rota
6 Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates \$103,625.00 of the local poker fees to be used as
7 follows:

- 8 (a) \$60,000.00 for the Marianas Games and the upgrade of sports facilities;
9 (b) \$24,000.00 for the Rota patients' subsistence allowance;
10 (c) \$9,625.00 for the Rota Municipal Scholarship.

1 (d) \$5,000.00 for the Rota Dog Control Program; and

2 (e) \$5,000.00 for the Luta From Luta organization.

3 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

4 (a) The Mayor of Rota shall be the expenditure authority of the funds under Section 2(a).

5 (b) The Secretary of Finance shall be the expenditure authority of the funds under Section 2(b).

6 (c) The Chairperson of the Rota Municipal Scholarship shall be the expenditure authority of the
7 funds under Section 2(c).

8 (d) The Rota DLNR Resident Director shall be the expenditure authority of the funds under Section
9 2(d).

10 (e) The Luta From Luta President shall be the expenditure authority of the funds under Section
11 2(e).

12 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING AND NO FISCAL LIMITATION.**

13 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions, or regulations to the contrary, funds appropriated
14 under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose. The funds appropriated under
15 this Act are not subject to a fiscal year limitation.

16 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

21 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

22 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing

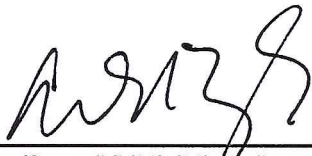
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1 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or
2 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
3 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
4 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
5 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

6 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without such
8 approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

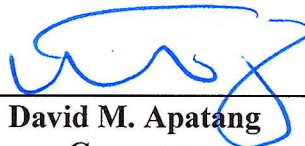


Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 12th day of March, 2026.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands