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Governor



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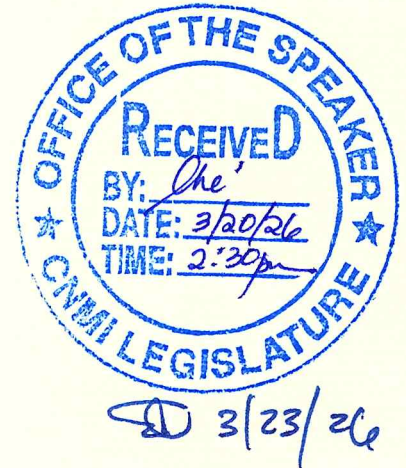
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 20, 2026

GOV 2026-190

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



Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-46, S1**, entitled "To re-appropriate the fund balance of \$50,000.00 under Saipan Local Law 24-12 (Project Code SL145; and for other purposes.", 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. 24-23**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David M. Apatang".

DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

RECEIVED BY [signature]
DATE 3/25/2026 TIME 10:48AM

- cc: Lieutenant Governor; President of the Senate; Attorney General;
Commonwealth Law Revision Commission; Public Auditor;
Secretary of Finance; Secretary, DPW; Marianas Visitors Authority;
Special Assistant for Administration; Programs and Legislative Review



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2026**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-46, S1

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

To re-appropriate the fund balance of \$50,000.00 under Saipan Local Law 24-12 (Project Code SL145); and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representatives Angelo A. Camacho and Thomas John DLC. Manglona

Introduced on February 9, 2026


HOUSE ACTION

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

February 10, 2026

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	2/10/26 Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 24-73] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 24-74] 18 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 24-75]
Comments Received:	3/13/26 Mayor of Saipan commented under Public Comments
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	March 13, 2026, w/Substitute 1


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



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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 re-appropriate the fund balance of \$50,000.00 under Saipan
3 Local Law 24-12 (Project Code SL145) for construction, renovation, repairs/improvements, with
4 specific focus on infrastructure, sustainability, and site rehabilitation for tourism enhancement
5 development projects within Saipan, and for other purposes.

6 SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.

7 Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws, or regulations to the contrary, the Saipan
8 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby re-appropriates the remaining fund balance of
9 \$50,000.00, which shall be allocated as follows:

10 (a) \$50,000.00 allotted under Saipan Local Law 24-12, specifically under Project Code

1 SL145, for construction, renovation, repairs/improvements, with specific focus on
2 infrastructure, sustainability, and site rehabilitation for tourism enhancement
3 development projects within Saipan.

4 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

5 The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 (a) of this Act shall be the Secretary
6 of the Department of Public Works, in consultation with the Marianas Visitors Authority.

7 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMING.**

8 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, funds appropriated
9 under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose.

10 **SECTION 5. REPORTING.**

11 The expenditure authority shall submit to the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands
12 Legislative Delegation a detailed report showing the expenditure of the funds at the completion of
13 appropriations in Section 2 of this Act.

14 **SECTION 6. FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

15 Funds appropriated under Section 2 of this Act shall be distributed accordingly to the
16 intended purpose and or entity upon this Act becoming law.

17 **SECTION 7. FISCAL YEAR.**

18 The funds allocated under this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation(s).

19 **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

20 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
21 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act

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1 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held
2 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

3 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

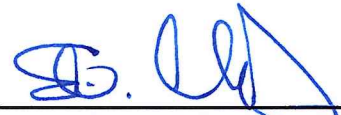
10 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:

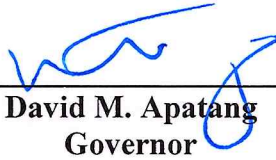


John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this *20th* day of *March*, 2026.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

From: Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 10:37 AM
To: Jp Sablan <[redacted]>; Office of Rep. John Paul P. Sablan <[redacted]>
Cc: Natalia M. Sablan <[redacted]>; Kartrinalynn Henriquez <[redacted]>; Tracy B. Norita <[redacted]>
Subject: Fw: House Local Bills for SNILD Session

Good morning Chairman Sablan and Apo,

Acknowledging receipt of this request. Please see the following attached fund status and our comments.

We do have few comments and corrections that will need to be made below:

HLB 24-46

Please see attached YTD FUND STATUS 2001E SL005 3319 as of 03/12/26.

The available balance for 2001E is \$13,000.

HLB 24-48

Please see attached YTD FUND STATUS 2001E SL005 3319 as of 03/12/26.

We would like to make a correction on trans. HLB 24-48 as the "Project Code" was referenced incorrectly under 71304. The cover letter should state **"To re-appropriate funds under Section 2(t)(d) of Saipan Local Law 23-04 (Project Code 71304); and for other purposes."**

Kindly please also make the necessary corrections on transcript HLB 24-48 for any sections that referencing 71304 to SL005.

The available balance for SL005 is \$75,000.

HLB 24-50

Please see attached latest fund certification FC480 SLL 11-2 Saipan Poker and YTD FUND STATUS 2001E SL005 3319 as of 03/12/26.

There was an over appropriation on the passage of SLL 24-04 in FY 2025, which made the account **deficit \$229,905.78** to end the FY2025.

However, per FC480 the deficit was offset by current FY2026 collections for poker, which left an available balance of \$496,933.97 as of 02/28/26, but as per YTD FUND STATUS 2001E 3319 the poker collections grew to an available balance for 3319 is \$676,858.97 as of today 03/12/26.

We hope this helps, but should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our office.

Thank you and respectfully,



Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr.
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Senior Financial Analyst, Office of the Secretary
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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Rec'd. 3/13/26 JK