

David M. Apatang
Governor



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Dennis James C. Mendiola
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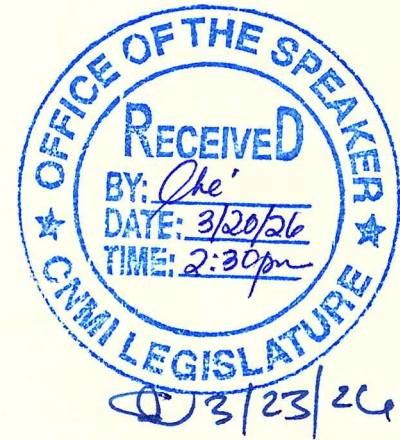
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 20, 2026

GOV 2026-191

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. 24-48, S1, D1**, entitled "To re-appropriate funds under Section 2(t)(d) of Saipan Local law 23-04 (Project Code SL005) and Saipan Local Law 22-16 (Project Code 2001E); 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. 24-24**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

RECEIVED BY [Signature]
DATE 3/25/26 TIME 10:48AM

cc: Lieutenant Governor; President of the Senate; Attorney General;
Commonwealth Law Revision Commission; Public Auditor;
Secretary of Finance; 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. 24-48, S1, D1

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

To re-appropriate funds under Section 2(t)(d) of Saipan Local Law 23-04 (Project Code SL005) and Saipan Local Law 22-16 (Project Code 2001E); and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representatives Joel C. Camacho and Malcom J. Omar

Introduced on February 25, 2026


HOUSE ACTION

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

February 26, 2026

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	2/26/26 Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 24-76] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 24-77] 18 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 24-78]
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, Draft 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 \$60,000.00 from funds under Section 2(t)(d)
3 of Saipan Local Law 23-04 (Project Code SL005) and Saipan Local Law 22-16 (Project Code
4 2001E).

5 **SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.**

6 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
7 pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands
8 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby re-appropriates \$60,000.00 from funds under Section
9 2(t)(d) of Saipan Local Law 23-04 (Project Code SL005) and \$13,000.00 from Saipan Local Law
10 22-16 (Project Code 2001E) as follows:

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- 1 a) Thirty-five Thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to the Natibu Sports Association (NSA) for
2 the repair and improvement of the Capitol Hill Softball Field Dugouts and for
3 operations to conduct and facilitate youth sports programs and activities in Precinct IV;
4 b) Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to the Talabwogh Stars Association's operations to
5 conduct and facilitate youth programs and activities in Precinct IV;
6 c) Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to the Marianas Surf Skate League to conduct
7 skate and surfing events and to make improvements in skate parks;
8 d) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for office equipment and/or supplies, but not
9 limited to a purchase of a printer (provided, however, that the printer must be purchased
10 first) for the One Stop Permitting Office; and
11 e) Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for operational supplies for the Office of
12 Personnel Management (OPM).

13 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

- 14 1) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(a) shall be the President of
15 the NSA.
16 2) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(b) shall be the
17 President/Chairperson of the Talabwogh Stars Association.
18 3) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(c) shall be the Chairperson
19 of the Marianas Surf Skate League.

1 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMING.**

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

4 **SECTION 5. FISCAL YEAR.**

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

6 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

7 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
8 report all expenses to the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
9 a detail report showing the expenditure of the funds. Provided further that failure to provide all
10 expenses, entities that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future
11 funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

12 **SECTION 7. FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

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

15 **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

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

20 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

21 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 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:

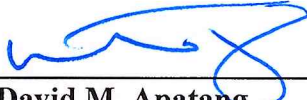


John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



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 SLO05 3319 as of 03/12/26.

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

HLB 24-48

Please see attached YTD FUND STATUS 2001E SLO05 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 11-001. The cover letter should state **"To re-appropriate funds under Section 2(t)(d) of Saipan Local Law 23-04 (Project Code 11-001); and for other purposes."**

Kindly please also make the necessary corrections on transcript HLB 24-48 for any sections that referencing 11-001 to SLO05.

The available balance for SLO05 is \$75,000.

HLB 24-50

Please see attached latest fund certification FC480 SLL 11-2 Saipan Poker and YTD FUND STATUS 2001E SLO05 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.
Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr.
Senior Financial Analyst, Office of the Secretary
Communicated on 06 November 2025 at 10:37 AM
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Rec'd. 3/13/26 JK