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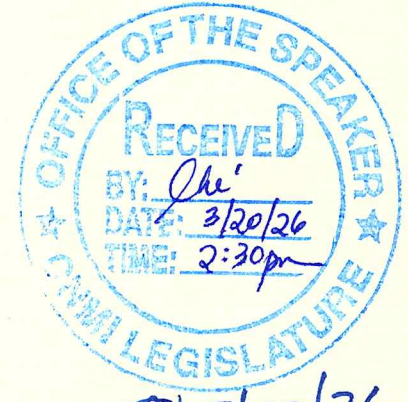
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 20, 2026

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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
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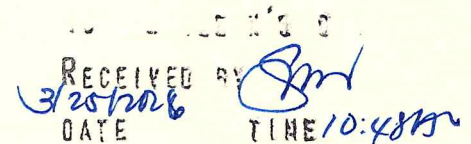
Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-50, S1**, entitled “To appropriate local funds from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2; 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. 24-25**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor



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. 24-50, S1

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

To appropriate local funds from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2;
and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Ralph N. Yumul

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

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

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 appropriate local funds from revenues collected pursuant to
3 Saipan Local Law 11-2.

4 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

5 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules, or regulations to the contrary and
6 pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District, the Saipan and Northern Islands
7 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$676,858.00 from revenues collected
8 pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as follows:

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1 (A) \$250,000.00 to Saipan Higher Education and Financial Assistance (SHEFA), shall be
2 reserved for SHEFA personnel and operations; the expenditure authority under 2(A)
3 shall be the Board Chairperson in concurrence with the SHEFA board.

4 (B) \$426,858.00 shall be allocated as follows:

5 (1) \$60,000.00 for the 45th Annual Flame Tree Festival, expenditure authority
6 shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;

7 (2) \$20,000.00 for the CNMI America 250 Commission, expenditure authority
8 shall be the Chairperson of the Commission or his/her designee;

9 (3) \$15,000.00 for the Saipan Little League, expenditure authority shall be the
10 Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;

11 (4) \$25,000.00 for Mariana Island Nature Alliance (MINA), expenditure
12 authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her
13 designee;

14 (5) \$25,000.00 for the Micronesian Island Forum (MIF) Inaugural Leaders
15 Summit, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of
16 Finance or his/her designee;

17 (6) \$100,000.00 for the Saipan Mayor's Office for the purchase of base course for
18 road repairs within the Third Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall be
19 the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;

20 (7) \$38,000.00 for Micronesian Legal Services Corporation for personnel and/or
21 operations, expenditure authority shall be the Executive Director;

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- 1 (8) \$15,000.00 for San Vicente Children Park Playground Repair and or
2 Maintenance, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Public Works;
- 3 (9) \$5,858.00 for Youth Congress Summit, expenditure authority shall be the
4 Director of the Legislative Bureau or his/her designee;
- 5 (10) \$5,000.00 for Office of Aging acquisition ID Card Printer, expenditure
6 authority shall be the Director of the Office on Aging;
- 7 (11) \$10,000.00 Belau Amateur Softball Association, Repair of DanDan
8 Softball field Press Box and Dugouts, expenditure authority shall be the
9 Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee; and
- 10 (12) \$108,000.00 for the NMCL Legislative Bureau for personnel and or
11 operational expense, expenditure authority shall be the Director of the
12 Legislative Bureau or his/her designee.

13 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

17 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

18 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 (B) of this Act shall be responsible to
19 report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance and the Chairperson of the Saipan
20 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation by the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further
21 that failure to provide all expenses, entities (Government, non-profit entities, etc... excluding

1 specific projects) that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future
2 funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

3 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

8 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

15 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without
17 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 71001. The cover letter should state **"To re-appropriate funds under Section 2(t)(d) of Saipan Local Law 23-04 (Project Code 71001 SLO05); and for other purposes."**

Kindly please also make the necessary corrections on transcript HLB 24-48 for any sections that referencing 71001 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.
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Senior Financial Analyst, Office of the Secretary
Government of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

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Rec'd. 3/13/26 JK