

THE SENATE

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE FOURTH SPECIAL SENATE SESSION - 2025

SESSION DAY CALENDAR DAY TIME

1ST Day Monday, July **14**, 2025

1:30 p.m.

Senate Chamber - Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill - SAIPAN

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

- A. ROLL CALL:
- **B. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL: (NONE)
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:
 - 1. Gov. Msg. No. 24-49: June 25, 202 Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 24-9, D2 To amend RLL 23-15, to appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) for the continued operation of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission; and for other purposes, becomes *ROTA LOCAL LAW NO 24-02*.
 - 2. Gov. Msg. No. 24-50: June 25, 202 Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 24-16 To reappropriate Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 and re-appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 23-10; and for other purposes, becomes SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO 24-03.
 - 3. Gov. Msg. No. 24-51: June 25, 202 Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 24-12 To appropriate \$2,500,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes, becomes *SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO 24-04*.
 - 4. Gov. Msg. No. 24-52: June 25, 202 Certification for annual salary in excess of \$65,175 to Mr. Timothy S. Deleon Guerrero, Junior Solid Waste Engineer for Office of Planning && Development to receive \$80,000.00.

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- 5. Gov. Msg. No. 24-53: June 30, 2025 Fiscal Year 2026 CNMI Budget.
- 6. Gov. Msg. No. 24-54: July 09, 2025 Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-8 To appropriate the remaining fund balance of \$85,500.00 under SLL 23-04 for the repair, maintenance and improvements of recreational facilities in Precinct IV; and for other purposes, becomes SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-05.
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)
- F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.: (NONE)
- G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:
 - 1. <u>Hse. Comm. No. 24-33</u>: June 23, 2025 Adopted Conference Committee Report No. 24-1 on H.B. 24-17, SD1, CCS1 To amend 2 CMC §2174 to provide the CPA greater autonomy in managing its finances. *[FOR INFO.]*
 - 2. Hse. Comm. No. 24-34: June 24, 2025 Returning without amendments S.B. No. 24-16, SD1 To promote trade and investment economic development and diversification in the CNMI; to encourage foreign and domestic investments through incentives and streamlined processes, as well as to promote the CNMI as a trade and investment hub; and for other purposes. [FOR INFO. GOING TO GOVERNOR]
 - 3. <u>Hse. Comm. No. 24-35</u>: June 24, 2025 Returning without amendments S.B. No. 24-15, SD1- To amend 4 CMC § 4266 to add a filing number to incorporation filings; to amend 4 CMC § 4269 to create an internet portal for public search of corporate existence by filing number; and for other purposes. *[FOR INFO. GOING TO GOVERNOR]*
 - 4. <u>Hse. Comm. No. 24-36</u>: June 24, 2025 Returning without amendments S.B. No. 24-17, SD1 To globally amend Divisions 1 and 5 of Title 4 to rename "Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority" to "Commonwealth Economic Incentive Zone <u>District</u> Authority"; and for other purposes. *[FOR INFO. GOING TO GOVERNOR]*
 - 5. <u>Hse. Comm. No. 24-37</u>: June 24, 2025 Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 24-4, HD1 To amend the Investment Incentive Act of 2000 by refining eligibility criteria for Qualifying Certificates, strengthening procedural safeguards, mandating detailed reporting on investment and performance, and enhancing oversight mechanism.
 - 6. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-38**: July 03, 2025 Certified copy of Hse. Commemorative Res. No. 24-38 Alleena Villaluz. *[FOR INFO.]*

- 7. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-39**: July 03, 2025 Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-8 Saipan Southern High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Manta Ray Battalion. *[FOR INFO.]*
- 8. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-40**: July 03, 2025 Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-9 10th Anniversary of latte Built 24hr Fitness and Derek Cutting. *[FOR INFO.]*
- 9. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-41**: July 03, 2025 Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-10 Gloria Cavanagh. *[FOR INFO.]*

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

- 1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-79**: June 24, 2025 Referral to FA Committee *S.B. No. 24-25*.
- 2. Sen. Comm. No. 24-80: July 02, 2025 Referral to FA Committee GM 24-53 regarding FY 2026 Budget.
- 3. <u>Sen. Comm. No. 24-81</u>: July 02, 2025 Referral to FA Committee SC 24-81 regarding MPLT letter regarding loan/investment \$29 million dollars on pension obligation.
- 4. Sen. Comm. No. 24-82: July 02, 2025 Senate President on CNMI YCB No. 20-01 Official pledge to the CNMI Flag.
- 5. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-83**: July 11, 2025 Senator Ronnie Calvo off-island notice and delegation of authority from July 14-20, 2025.
- I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)
- J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. <u>Senate Bill No. 24-38</u>: To rename the DPS Boating Safety Building to the "Jose Camacho Sablan Boating Safety Station" in recognition of his contributions and dedication to ensuring the safety of the public in the surrounding waters of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. *[SEN. MANNY GREGORY T. CASTRO 06/24/25]*
- Senate Bill No. 24-39: To amend 2 CMC §4144(e) so that it is consistent with the 150-foot limit provided under 1 CMC §2806(e). [SEN. DENNIS C. MENDIOLA 06/30/25]
- 3. <u>Senate Bill No. 24-40</u>: To amend 9 CMC §3114 by requiring the Department of Public Safety's Rules & Regulations regarding Commercial vehicles be consistent with those of

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the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and for other purposes. [SEN. DENNIS C. MENDIOLA – 07/03/25]

L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- 1. Standing Committee Report No. 24-16: From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law reporting on S.B. No. 24-19 To amend 9 CMC §2208(d) to authorize motor vehicle licensure to all residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [Recommends passage in its current form]
- 2. Standing Committee Report No. 24-17: From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law reporting on S.B. No. 24-21 To amend 9 CMC § 2103 to require execution of a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability by the appropriate parties upon the ownership transfer of a vehicle. [Recommends passage in its current form]
- 3. Standing Committee Report No. 24-18: From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law reporting on *H.B. No. 24-1*, *HS1* To amend provisions in Title 6, Chapter 3, Sexual Offenses, Article 1, General Provisions, relating to sexual abuse/assault of minors. [Recommends passage in its current form]
- 4. <u>Standing Committee Report No. 24-19</u>: From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law reporting on *H.B. No. 24-2* To establish a process for the delivery of a State of the Commonwealth Address to the Legislature by the Governor. [Recommends passage in its current form]
- 5. Standing Committee Report No. 24-20: From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on *H.B. No. 24-19* To rename the "CNMI Scholarship Office' to the 'CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office. [Recommends passage in its current form]
- 6. Standing Committee Report No. 24-21: From the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications reporting on H.B. No. 24-29 To reconcile public utility accounts between CHCC and CUC by waiving intra-governmental penalties and preserving enforceable debt obligations; and for other purposes. [Recommends passage in the form of SD1]
- 7. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-22**: From the Committee on Gaming reporting on the *Executive Order No. 2025-002* -To transfer the authority for supervision of casino gaming from the Commonwealth Casino Commission (CCC) to the Commonwealth Lottery Commission (CLC).

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- N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: (NONE)
- O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:
- P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>	
S.B. No. 24-08	To amend certain provisions of the CNMI Recycling Act of 1999 to establish the Department of Public Works as its proper authority; and for other purposes.	
S.B. No. 24-19 (See SCRep. 24-16)	To amend 9 CMC §2208(d) to authorize motor vehicle licensure to all residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.	
S.B. No. 24-21 (See SCRep. 24-17)	To amend 9 CMC § 2103 to require execution of a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability by the appropriate parties upon the ownership transfer of a vehicle.	
H.B. No. 24-1, HS1 (See SCRep. 24-18)	To amend provisions in Title 6, Chapter 3, Sexual Offenses, Article 1, General Provisions, relating to sexual abuse/assault of minors.	
H.B. No. 24-2 (See SCRep. 24-19)	To establish a process for the delivery of a State of the Commonwealth Address to the Legislature by the Governor.	
H.B. No. 24-19 (See SCRep. 24-20)	To rename the "CNMI Scholarship Office' to the 'CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office.	
H.B. No. 24-29, SD1 (See SCRep. 24-21)	To reconcile public utility accounts between CHCC and CUC by waiving intra-governmental penalties and preserving enforceable debt obligations; and for other purposes.	

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Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

- 1. <u>Misc. Comm. No. 24-43</u>: June 25, 2025 NM Professional Firefighters Union to CPA Board of Directors Chairman Tebuteb on the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).
- 2. <u>Misc. Comm. No. 24-44</u>: July 01, 2025 MPLT's request loan/investment \$29 million dollars on pension obligation bond anticipation note.
- 3. Misc. Comm. No. 24-45: June 26, 2025 CNMI Youth Congress YCB No 20-01 To establish "Prinimeti" and "Akkapal" as the official pledge to the CNMI flag, honoring both the official languages and cultures of our Commonwealth; and for other purposes.
- R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and
- S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
	NONE

The Senate may consider, debate, and/or act upon any item contained in this Order of Business at the time and place described herein.

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