



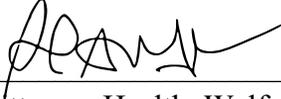
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TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
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NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: February 26, 2026

TO: General Public

FROM: Senator Paul A. Manglona, 
Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Health, Welfare, and Programs

SUBJECT: Committee Meeting

The Senate Standing Committee on Health, Welfare, and Programs will convene on **Tuesday, March 03, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Senate Chamber** of the **Honorable Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan.** *(Please see attached agenda)*

Members of the general public are encouraged to submit written testimony before the committee meeting. All materials provided in written form will be part of the Committee's official record.

Written comments sent via email, may be sent to staff.sen.manglonap@cnmileg.net. Oral testimonies may be presented during the committee meeting.

Your attendance is greatly appreciated.

cc: Senate President
HWP Committee Members
Legal Counsel
Legislative Assistant
LB Director



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Pursuant to the Interim Rules of the Senate and the Open Government Act, Senator Paul A. Manglona, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Health, Welfare, and Programs, of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature (NMCL) will convene the following open and public meeting:

MEETING: Committee Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, March 03, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Senate Chamber
Honorable Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building,
Capitol Hill, Saipan

Copies of this notice, the official scheduled committee meeting notice, and the agenda have been filed in the Office of Senator Paul A. Manglona, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

Administration Building Entrance Hall
House of Representatives Entrance Hall
Senate Entrance Hall
NMCL Website (www.cnmileg.net) and Facebook Page

Written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the **Office of Senator Paul A. Manglona**, Honorable Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or sent via email to staff.sen.manglonap@cnmileg.net prior to the convening of the meeting. Oral testimony may be presented during the committee meeting.

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AGENDA

Date	Time	Location
March 03, 2026	10:00 a.m.	Senate Chamber

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Public Comment

V. New Business

- 1. H.B. 24-16: “To prioritize kinship placement for children in protective custody by requiring the Division of Youth Services identify and assess suitable kinship caregivers within 24 hours of removing a child from their home, mandating expedited judicial review of kinship placement recommendations, and prohibiting the placement of such children in confinement facilities”*
- 2. H.B. 24-36: “To establish a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purpose.”*
- 3. S.B. 24-03: “To transfer management and supervision of the soil and water conservations districts to the Northern Marianas College CREES; and for other purposes.”*
- 4. S.B. 24-20: “To establish the Hunting Act of 2025 for the Commonwealth: and for other purposes.”*
- 5. S.B. 24-30: “To amend ICMC § 28002, 28004, and 28032, to certify non-emergency medical transport ambulances; and for other purposes.”*
- 6. S.B. 24-35: “To amend Title 4, Division 8 of the Commonwealth Code to exempt certain childcare providers from being charged commercial utility rates; and for other purposes.”*
- 7. S.B. 24-43: “To deregulate the hunting, taking, or possession of deer or Sambar deer in the CNMI; and for other purposes.”*

VI. Miscellaneous

1. Invited Guests:

- A. Dr. Chelsea Cabrera to discuss Nursing Home & long-term care, etc.*
- B. Medicaid Director, George Cruz to discuss Medicaid concerns.*
- C. CEO, Dr. Esther Muña, Health Network Program*

VII. Adjournment