



# Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

## Vice President of the Senate

### Chairman

Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary, Government, and Law

*Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

## AMENDED AGENDA

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, July 02, 2025	2:00 p.m.	Senate Chamber

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
- V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **H.B. No. 24-02:** “To establish a process for the delivery of a State of the Commonwealth Address to the Legislature by the Governor”.

a. **Authored by:** *Representative Ralph N. Yumul*

b. **Referred to Committee:** June 02, 2025

c. **Committee Action:**

● **Committee Report to:**

- Pass in Original Form
- Pass with Amendments
- File/Reject

● **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

● **Hold for further discussion** ☐

**Solicited comments from the following:**

☐ Attorney General



**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- 2. S.B. NO. 24-05:** “To establish a Fire Reserve Corps to assist the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS) and the Commonwealth Ports Authority-Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (CPA-ARFF) in fire prevention and suppression, rescue operations, basic and advanced life support; and for other purposes.”

**a. Authored by:** *Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro*

**b. Referred to Committee:** March 7, 2025

**c. Committee Action:**

● **Committee Report to:**

- Pass in Original Form
- Pass with Amendments
- File/Reject

● **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

● **Hold for further discussion** ☐

**Solicited comments from the following:**

- ☐ Attorney General
- ☐ Mayor of Saipan
- ☐ Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan
- ☒ Mayor of Rota – Rec'd 03/28/25
- ☐ Mayor of Northern Islands
- ☐ Saipan Municipal Council
- ☐ Tinian Municipal Council
- ☐ Rota Municipal Council
- ☐ Dept. of Public Safety, Commissioner
- ☐ Dept. of Corrections, Commissioner
- ☒ Dept. of Fire & Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS),  
Commissioner – Rec'd 03/25/25
- ☐ Commonwealth Ports Authority, Acting Executive Director
- ☐ Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF), Chief

- 3. S.B. No. 24-06:** “To authorize CNMI Department of Corrections to pay inmates and establish work programs.”

**a. Authored by:** Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro

**b. Referred to Committee:** March 7, 2025

**c. Committee Action:**

● **Committee Report to:**

- Pass in Original Form
- Pass with Amendments
- File/Reject

● **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

● **Hold for further discussion** ☐

**Solicited comments from the following:**

- ☐ Attorney General
- ☐ Mayor of Saipan



- ☐ Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan
- ☒ Mayor of Rota – Rec'd 03/28/25
- ☐ Mayor of Northern Islands
- ☐ Saipan Municipal Council
- ☐ Tinian Municipal Council
- ☐ Rota Municipal Council
- ☐ Dept. of Corrections, Commissioner
- ☐ Dept. of Public Safety, Commissioner

**4. S.B. NO. 24-07:** “To establish a Police Reserve Unit within the Department of Public Safety.”

- a. Authored by:** *Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro*
- b. Referred to Committee:** March 7, 2025
- c. Committee Action:**
  - **Committee Report to:**
    - Pass in Original Form
    - Pass with Amendments
    - File/Reject
  - **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
  - **Hold for further discussion** ☐

**Solicited comments from the following:**

- ☐ Attorney General
- ☐ Mayor of Saipan
- ☐ Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan
- ☒ Mayor of Rota – Rec'd 03/28/25
- ☐ Mayor of Northern Islands
- ☐ Saipan Municipal Council
- ☐ Tinian Municipal Council
- ☐ Rota Municipal Council
- ☐ Dept. of Corrections, Commissioner
- ☒ Dept. of Public Safety, Commissioner – Rec'd 03/14/25
- ☒ NMI Settlement Fund – Rec'd 03/14/25
- ☒ Mr. Garren Manglon Quitugua – Rec'd 05/07/25

**5. S.B. NO. 24-11:** “To regulate off-road vehicles including ATVs, SxS, and UTVs; and for other purposes.”

- a. Authored by:** *Senator Donald M. Manglona*
- b. Referred to Committee:** March 7, 2025
- c. Committee Action:**
  - **Committee Report to:**
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    - Pass with Amendments
    - File/Reject
  - **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
  - **Hold for further discussion** ☐



**Solicited comments from the following:**

- ☐ Attorney General
- ☐ Mayor of Saipan
- ☐ Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan
- ☒ Mayor of Rota – Rec'd 03/28/25
- ☐ Mayor of Northern Islands
- ☐ Saipan Municipal Council
- ☐ Tinian Municipal Council
- ☐ Rota Municipal Council
- ☒ Dept. of Public Safety, Commissioner – Rec'd 03/14/25

**6. 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.”

**a. Authored by:** *Senator Donald M. Manglona*

**b. Referred to Committee:** March 7, 2025

**c. Committee Action:**

• **Committee Report to:**

- Pass in Original Form
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- File/Reject

• **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

• **Hold for further discussion** ☐

**Solicited comments from the following:**

- ☐ Attorney General
- ☐ Mayor of Saipan
- ☐ Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan
- ☐ Mayor of Rota
- ☐ Mayor of Northern Islands
- ☐ Saipan Municipal Council
- ☐ Tinian Municipal Council
- ☐ Rota Municipal Council
- ☒ Dept. of Public Safety, Commissioner – 03/18/25

**7. 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.”

**a. Authored by:** *Senator Francisco Q. Cruz*

**b. Referred to Committee:** March 7, 2025

**c. Committee Action:**

• **Committee Report to:**

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• **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

• **Hold for further discussion** ☐



**Solicited comments from the following:**

- ☐ Attorney General
- ☒ Mayor of Saipan – 03/26/25
- ☐ Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan
- ☐ Mayor of Rota
- ☐ Mayor of Northern Islands
- ☐ Saipan Municipal Council
- ☐ Tinian Municipal Council
- ☐ Rota Municipal Council
- ☒ Dept. of Public Safety, Commissioner – Rec'd 03/18/25

**8. S.B. NO. 24-24:**

“To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes.”

**a. Authored by:** *Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro*

**b. Referred to Committee:** March 10, 2025

**c. Committee Action:**

• **Committee Report to:**

- ☐ Pass in Original Form
- ☐ Pass with Amendments
- ☐ File/Reject

• **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

• **Hold for further discussion** ☐

**Solicited comments from the following:**

- ☐ Attorney General
- ☐ Office of the Public Defender
- ☐ Mayor of Saipan
- ☐ Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan
- ☐ Mayor of Rota – Rec'd 03/26/25
- ☐ Mayor of Northern Islands
- ☐ Saipan Municipal Council
- ☐ Tinian Municipal Council
- ☐ Rota Municipal Council
- ☐ Dept. of Public Safety, Commissioner
- ☒ Dept. of Corrections, Commissioner – Rec'd 03/25/25
- ☒ Dept. of Public Safety – Rota, Acting Resident Department Head – Rec'd 05/28/25

**9 S.B. NO. 24-29:**

“To establish the doctrine of waste in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI); and for other purposes.”

**a. Authored by:** *Senator Corina L. Magofna*

**b. Referred to Committee:** March 10, 2025

**c. Committee Action:**

• **Committee Report to:**

- ☐ Pass in Original Form
- ☐ Pass with Amendments
- ☐ File/Reject



- **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- **Hold for further discussion** ☐

**Solicited comments from the following:**

- ☐ Attorney General
- ☐ CNMI Bar Association
- ☒ **Office of the Public Defender – Rec'd 03/13/25**
- ☐ Mayor of Saipan
- ☐ Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan
- ☐ Mayor of Rota
- ☐ Mayor of Northern Islands
- ☐ Saipan Municipal Council
- ☐ Tinian Municipal Council
- ☐ Rota Municipal Council

- 10. S.B. No. 24-33:** “To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 18, Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, of the Commonwealth Code, to rename the Commissioner to Fire Chief, Deputy Commissioner to Deputy Fire Chief, Division Deputy Commissioner to Assistant Fire Chief; and for other purposes.”

**a. Authored by:** *Senator Dennis C. Mendiola*

**b. Referred to Committee:** April 23, 2025

**c. Committee Action:**

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● **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

● **Hold for further discussion** ☐

**Solicited comments from the following:**

- ☐ Attorney General
- ☐ Mayor of Saipan
- ☐ Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan
- ☒ **Mayor of Rota – Rec'd 05/06/25**
- ☐ Mayor of Northern Islands
- ☐ Dept. of Fire & Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS),  
Commissioner
- ☐ Commonwealth Ports Authority, Executive Director
- ☒ **Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF), Chief – Rec'd 05/07/25**
- ☒ **DFEMS, Commissioner – Rec'd 05/05/25**

- 11. S.B. No. 24-37:** “To amend the authority for compliance officers to staff treatment programs in the Judiciary.”

**a. Authored by:** *Senator Karl R. King-Nabors*

**b. Referred to Committee:** June 03, 2025

**c. Committee Action:**



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- **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- **Hold for further discussion** ☐

**Solicited comments from the following:**

- ☐ Attorney General
- ☐ CNMI Bar Association
- ☐ Dept. of Public Safety, Commissioner
- ☒ Office of the Public Defender – Rec'd 06/17/25

- 12. H.B. No. 24-01:** “To amend Title 6, Division 3, Sexual Offenses, Article 1. General Provisions, relating to sexual abuse/assault of minors.”

**a. Authored by:** *Representative Marissa R. Flores*

**b. Referred to Committee:** June 02, 2025

**c. Committee Action:**

- **Committee Report to:**
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  - File/Reject
- **Public Hearing:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- **Hold for further discussion** ☐

**Solicited comments from the following:**

- ☐ Attorney General

**13. MISCELLANEOUS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT/RECESS**