February 26, 2024

The Honorable Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third 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. 23-31, entitled, “To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03,” which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes Rota Local Law No. 23-09. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. APATANG
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision
    Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Rota
    Special Assistant for Administration
    Programs and Legislative Review Office
February 8, 2024

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Palacios:

I am honored to transmit for your action House Local Bill No. 23-31, entitled, “To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03.”, which was passed unanimously by the Rota Legislative Delegation, Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on its Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its First Day, Third Regular Session held on February 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure
A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03.

OFFERED BY
Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo
 Introduced on November 6, 2023

HOUSE ACTION
Referred to House Ways and Means Committee on November 6, 2023
Transmitted to Rota Legislative Delegation for action on
December 18, 2023

DELEGATION ACTION
Referred to:  None
Comments Received:  2/5/24: Public Comments (Honorable Mayor Aubry M. Hocog)
(Honorable Chairman Jim M. Atalig)
Standing Committee Report:  None
Passed First Reading:  February 5, 2024

Frances Jean P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk
A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00) allotted under Rota
Local Law 21-03.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The Legislature acknowledges a funding balance pursuant to Rota Local Law 21-03 in the
amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00) originally to be expended for a tractor
purchase under the Rota Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00)
allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03, Section 2(c) for the following: Twenty Thousand Dollars
($20,000.00) for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance; Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00)
to the Rota Department of Lands and Natural Resources; and Twelve Thousand Dollars
($12,000.00) for the Rota Legislative Delegation.
SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATIONS.

Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary, the Rota Legislative Delegation hereby re-appropriates the combined total in the amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00) from Rota Local Laws 23-03§2(c) for the following:

(a) Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance;

(b) Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) to the Rota Department of Lands and Natural Resources; and

(c) Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000.00) to the Rota Legislative Delegation.

SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(a) shall be the Secretary of Finance; the expenditure authority for Section 2(b) shall be the Rota DLNR Resident Director; and the expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(c) shall be the Chairman of the Rota Legislative Delegation.

SECTION 4. FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION.

The funds appropriated under Section 2 shall not be subject to fiscal year limitation(s).

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.
This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

CERTIFIED BY:

Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation

Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 26th day of February, 2024.

DAVID M. APATANG
Acting Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

House Local Bill No. 23-31: "To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03."

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After conducting financial due diligence, your Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-31 be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action.
II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of this Act is to re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03, §2(c) for the following:

(1) Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance.

(2) Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) to the Rota Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

(3) Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000.00) to the Rota Legislative Delegation.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which House Local Bill No. 23-31: “To re-appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 21-03” was referred to verify and confirm that the amount specified in the local appropriation Act is accurate and available for appropriation. The Committee received the Fund Certification as of September 26, 2023 that was verified and approved by the Secretary of Finance, Mrs. Tracy B. Norita, certifying that Rota Local Law 21-03, §2(c), specifically under BU 7193G, has a remaining balance of $35,000.00, that is available for appropriation.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-31 be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action. Department of Finance Fund Certification as of September 26, 2023 has been attached as part of this committee report.

C. Legislative History:

House Local Bill 23-31 was introduced by Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo on November 6, 2023 and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

III. CONCLUSION:

The Committee is content and confident with the Fund Certification provided by the Secretary of Finance with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-31, and therefore recommends that it be transmitted to the Rota Legislative Delegation for action.
Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Chairman

Rep. Roman C. Benavente, Member

Rep. Joel C. Camacho, Member

Rep. Manny Gregory T. Castro, Member

Rep. Thomas John DLC. Manglona, Member

Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member

Rep. Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, Member

Reviewed by:

11-26-23

House Legal Counsel

Attachment: DOF Fund Certification as of September 26, 2023
# Rota Local Law No. 23-09

## RLL 21-03 DLNR TRACTOR PURC.

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**Revenue**
- JDE (Transfers In)
- PI

**Expenses**
- JDE as of 12/31/2021
  - Actual
  - Encumbrance
- Project Ledger
  - Actual
  - Encumbrance

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### Account Inquiry Total Revised Budget

**Difference (subject for adjustment)**

**FY23 Beginning Balance as of 09/26/2023**

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**Notes:** During the transaction from JDE to Munil, the encumbrances from 71930 for FY22 were not transferred into Munil and will need to obligate the remaining of the encumbrances in FY23.