

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Eloy S. Inos Governor Jude U. Hofschneider Lieutenant Governor

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Honorable Ramon A. Tebuteb Chairman, Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, MP 96950

Honorable Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero Speaker, House of Representatives Eighteenth 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. 18-39 entitled, "To amend and to re-appropriate the fund balance from Business Unit 33950 (Saipan Local Law 17-9); and for other purposes."

I certainly support the intention of this Act, but sign this legislation with reservation, given the fact that the bill does not reference a specific amount of money to be used for the purposes for which this law was enacted. House Local Bill No. 18-39 instead only references the balance of funds remaining in a Business Unit account. Upon further research, I have learned that within the Business Account referenced there remains \$8,791.00 available to be used to repair bus shelter Precinct I.

Therefore, funding for this project cannot exceed that amount and this limitation should have been included in the Legislation because no alternative sources of funding have been identified.

I take this opportunity to encourage the members of the CNMI Legislature and their staff to ensure that details with respect to sources of funding, and/or the exact amounts of public funding that will be used to achieve their legislative purposes and goals, are included in future Bills or there is a risk that such pieces of legislation will be vetoed.

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This bill becomes Saipan Local Law No. 18-9. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

ELOY S. INOS

Governor

Cc: Lt. Governor

Press Secretary Secretary of Finance Mayor of Saipan

Chairman, SNI Municipal Council

Special Assistant, Programs and Legislative Review

Secretary of the Department of Public Works



Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation

Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Third Senatorial District P.O. Box 500586 Saipan, MP 96950

Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb, Chairman

Representative John Paul P. Sablan, Vice Chairman

Senator Pete P. Reyes, Floor Leader

January 7, 2014

Honorable Eloy S. Inos Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Inos:

I am honored to transmit for your action House Local Bill No. 18-39, entitled,

"A Local Appropriation Bill For An Act For The Third Senatorial District
"To amend and to re-appropriate the fund balance from Business Unit 33950
(Saipan Local Law 17-9); and for other purposes."

This bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, a quorum duly present, on First and Final Reading during its First Day, Third Regular Session 2014 on January 7, 2014.

Sincerely,

ALICIA DLG. LEON GUERRERO

Delegation Clerk

Enclosures



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2014

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 18-39

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

To amend and to re-appropriate the fund balance from Business Unit 33950 (Saipan Local Law 17-9); and for other purposes.

Offered by

Representative Antonio P. Sablan

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November 19, 2013

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Nortbern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on December 3, 2013

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To

SNILD Committee on Ways & Means (12/23/13) Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands; :

Chairman, SNI Municipal Council (12/12/13) Chairman, SNI Municipal Council (12/27/13);

Comments Received *

Mayor of Saipan (1/2/14)

Public Hearing

Comments Solicited

None

Standing Committee Report

None

January 7, 2014

Passed First & Final Reading

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SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

Third Senatorial District Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2013

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 18-39

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

To amend and to re-appropriate the fund balance from Business Unit 33950 (Saipan Local Law 17-9); and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Delegation finds that many of the bus shelters in Precinct I are dilapidated and need to be repaired. The Delegation further finds that the safety and health of our children is compromised when inadequate and insufficient bus shelters exist. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to amend and to re-appropriate the fund balance from Business Unit 3395O (Saipan Local Law 17-9) for the construction of a bus shelter in San Vicente Village (Precinct I).

- Section 2. <u>Amendment/Re-appropriation</u>. There's hereby amended to reappropriate the fund balance from Business Unit 3395O (Saipan Local Law 17-9) to construct a bus shelter in San Vicente Village (Precinct I).
- **Section 3.** <u>No Re-appropriation</u>. Notwithstanding any provisions or law to the contrary, funds re-appropriated under this Act shall not be re-appropriated for any other purpose.
- Section 4. Expenditure Authority. The expenditure authority of the funds under section 2 of this Act shall be the Secretary of the Department of Public Works.

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Section 5. Severability. If any prevision 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 its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

RAMON A. TEBUTEB

Chairman

Saipan & Northern Islands

Legislative Delegation

I P. DELEON GUERRERO

Speaker

House of Representatives

ELOY S. INOS

Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands