

Arnold I. Palacios
Governor



David M. Apatang
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 10, 2023

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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands 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, with the exception of the disapproval of the appropriation to the Board of Parole, **House Local Bill 23-1, S1** entitled "To appropriate \$800,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59; and for other purposes." The bill was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Based on the Attorney General's review, the expenditure authority for the Board of Parole is the Chief Parole Officer with the approval of the chairperson of the Board of Parole pursuant to 6 CMC § 4207. The language in Section 2(E) proposes to make the Chief Parole Officer the expenditure authority in consultation with the members of the Board of Parole. The provision contravenes 6 CMC § 4207, a Commonwealth statute that takes precedence over local law. As such, I am exercising my authority under the Constitution to line item veto, this appropriation in HLB 23-1, S1.

This local bill, with the exception of the aforementioned vetoed portion, becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 23-01**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Attorney General; Public Auditor; Commonwealth Law Revision;
Acting Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Saipan; Saipan & Northern Island Municipal Council;
CEO, CHCC; Board of Parole; Special Assistant for Administration; Programs and
Legislative Review Office



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Third Senatorial District
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Chairman • Rep. Roman C. Benavente, Vice Chair • Sen. Celina R. Babauta, Floor Leader

February 24, 2023

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. 23-01, S1**, entitled:

“To appropriate \$800,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59; and for other purposes.”

The local bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its Second Day, First Regular Session held on February 24, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frances Joan P. Kaipat".

Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2023**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-01, S1

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

To appropriate \$800,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Vincent R. S. Aldan, Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Manny G. T. Castro, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa A. Flores, Malcom J. Omar, Edwin K. Propst, Joh Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita K. Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul.

Prefiled on January 31, 2023 and Introduced on February 03, 2023

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

February 15, 2023

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	2/15/23: Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 23-20] Mayor of Northern Island [Del. Matters 23-21]
Comments Received:	2/16/23: Mayors Comm. 23-01 (MOS) 2/17/23: Mayors Comm. 23-02 (MONI)
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	February 24, 2023 w/Substitute 1

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**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2023

H. L. B. NO. 23-01, S1

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

To appropriate \$800,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59; 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:**

3 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

4 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the revenues collected for the
5 Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

6 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

7 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
8 pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands
9 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$800,000.00 of the revenues collected for the
10 Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59 as follows:

11 (A) \$150,000.00 to Saipan Mayors Office for personnel/operations, the expenditure
12 authority under 2(A) shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;

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1 (B) \$50,000.00 for the Northern Islands Mayors Office for personnel/operations,
2 expenditure authority under 2(B) shall be the Mayor of the Northern Islands or his/her designee

3 (C) \$240,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (operations),
4 expenditure authority under 2(C) shall be the Chairperson of the Delegation or his/her designee;

5 (D) \$60,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council for the matching
6 cost associated to the new Municipal Building, expenditure authority under 2(D) shall be the
7 Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council or his/her designee in
8 consultation with the other Members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council;

9 ~~(E) \$30,000.00 for the Board of Parole Saipan Office for personnel/operations, expenditure~~
10 ~~authority under 2(E) shall be the Chief of Parole or his/her designee in consultation with the~~
11 ~~members of the Board of Parole;~~

12 (F) \$20,000.00 for the Chamolinian Cultural Village Inc. (CCVI) (for the Mariana Islands
13 International Dance & Arts Festival (MIIDAF)), expenditure authority under 2(F) shall be the
14 Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee.

15 (G) \$250,000.00 for stipends for medical referral patients from the Third Senatorial
16 District, expenditure authority under 2(G) shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the
17 Commonwealth Health Care Corporations (CHCC) or his/her designee.

18 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

19 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
20 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal
21 year limitation.

22 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

1 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
2 report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance by the end of the 2023 calendar
3 year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities (Government, non-profits
4 entities, etc... excluding specific projects) that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able
5 to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
6 Delegation.

7 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

12 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

19 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:



John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman

Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker

23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 10th day of March, 2023.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands