



David M. Apatang
Governor

Dennis James C. Mendiola
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 04, 2026

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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

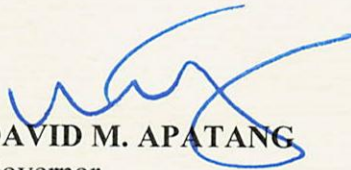
The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-55**, entitled "To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.", which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 24-26**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; President of the Senate; Attorney General;
Commonwealth Law Revision Commission; Public Auditor;
Secretary of Finance; Special Assistant for Administration;
Programs and Legislative Review



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

Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Chairman • Senator Celina R. Babauta, Vice Chair • Rep. Joel C. Camacho, Floor Leader

April 18, 2026

The Honorable David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950


Dear Governor Apatang:

I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 24-55**, entitled:

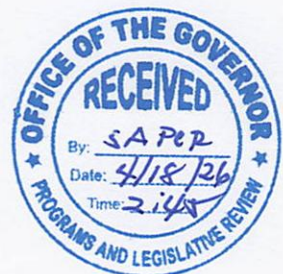
“To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.”

The local bill was passed unanimously by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on First and Final Reading, with two-thirds of all members present, a quorum duly present during its emergency session, 1st Day, First Special Session held today, April 18, 2026.

Sincerely,


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure





SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2026

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-55

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

To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

OFFERED BY

Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roy C. A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino, Jr., Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DLC. Manglona, Malcom J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J. M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul

Introduced on April 18, 2026

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

April 18, 2026

DELEGATION ACTION

| | |
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| Referred to: | None |
| Comments Solicited: | None |
| Comments Received: | 4/18/26 - Under Public Comments (Mayor of Saipan & Mayor of the Northern Islands) |
| Standing Committee Report: | None |
| Passed First & Final Reading: | April 18, 2026 |

Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



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

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2026

H. L. B. NO. 24-55

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

To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

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

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 The Delegation finds that Typhoon Sinlaku caused widespread damage across the
3 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), resulting in significant disruption to
4 infrastructure, public services, housing and economic activity. The Delegation finds that Typhoon
5 Sinlaku placed significant strain on residents, including but not limited to displacement of families
6 and overcrowding in temporary shelters, increased health risks due to sanitation challenges and
7 limited access to medical care, loss of income for workers and small business owners and
8 psychological stress and trauma associated with the disaster. Given the magnitude of destruction
9 and the limited fiscal capacity of the CNMI external funding assistance is necessary to ensure and
10 equitable and timely recovery. The Delegation finds that without such support, recovery efforts

1 will be significantly delayed, prolonging hardship for residents and increasing long-term economic
2 losses.

3 The Delegation further finds that Typhoon Sinlaku represents a major disaster with far-
4 reaching consequences. The Delegation finds that immediate and sustained funding assistance is
5 critical to restore essential services and rebuild communities. Furthermore, the Delegation finds
6 that strategic investment at this stage will not accelerate recovery but the funding assistance will
7 reduce vulnerability, protect lives and livelihoods in the immediate future.

8 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the revenues collected
9 for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

10 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

11 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
12 pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands
13 Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$500,000.00 of the revenues collected for the
14 Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59 as follows:

15 (A) \$100,000.00 for the Saipan Mayors Office for disaster recovery due to the extra
16 ordinary circumstances caused by Typhoon Sinlaku (funds maybe utilized for limited
17 term hiring) expenditure authority shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;

18 (B) \$50,000.00 for the Northern Islands Mayors Office (NIMO) for disaster recovery due
19 to the extra ordinary circumstances caused by Typhoon Sinlaku (funds may be utilized
20 for limited term hiring) expenditure authority shall be Mayor of Northern Islands or
21 his/her designee;

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1 (C) \$350,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation for disaster recovery due
2 to the extra ordinary circumstances caused by Typhoon Sinlaku (funds under Section
3 2 (C) shall not be utilized for any new hiring, provided however that these funds shall
4 be utilized for but not limited to food distribution for the CNMI with prioritizing the
5 Third Senatorial District);

6 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

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

10 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

11 Expenditure authorities of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
12 responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance and the
13 Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation when funds are fully
14 exhausted.

15 Provided further, that recipients under Sections 2(A) and (B) shall follow the FEMA
16 Incident Command System (ICS) reporting procedures through the CNMI Homeland Security
17 Emergency Management/Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Furthermore, if any funds
18 appropriated under Sections 2(A) and (B) shall be deemed reimbursable by FEMA and/or EOC or
19 both. Reimbursed funds shall be remitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
20 Delegation for appropriation purpose(s).

21 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

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

5 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

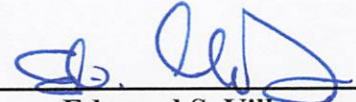
12 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

CERTIFIED BY:

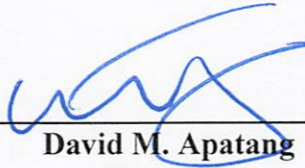


John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 4th day of May, 2026.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



Office of the Secretary

Department of Finance



Funding Source:
Project Name:
Expenditure Authority
Requestor:

4 CMC § 1503 (a)(2) & (a)(5)
PL 20-59 Saipan
Secretary of Finance
Chairman of SNILD

JDE BU: 1969G
Project Ledger: N/A
General Ledger: 1969G
Prepared on: 4/27/2026

4 CMC § 1503 (a)(2) & (a)(5) \$ 11,300,000.00

| | JDE | PROJECT LEDGER | GENERAL LEDGER | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | FY 2021 |
| FY 2021 (Inception) | | | | |
| Transfers In | \$ 3,458,434.60 | | | \$ 3,458,434.60 |
| Transfers Out | | | | - |
| Actuals | \$ 1,568,629.60 | | | \$ (1,568,629.60) |
| Encumbrance | | | | - |
| Requisitions | | | | - |
| | | | Ending Balance FY2021 | \$ 1,889,805.00 |
| | | | | FY 2022 |
| FY 2022 | NO ACTIVITY | | | |
| | | | Ending Balance FY2022 | \$ 1,889,805.00 |
| | | | | FY 2023 |
| FY 2023 | | | | |
| Transfers In | | | | - |
| Transfers Out | | | | - |
| SLL 23-01 | | | \$ 770,000.00 | \$ (770,000.00) |
| SLL 23-15 | | | \$ 500,000.00 | \$ (500,000.00) |
| | | | Ending Balance FY2023 | \$ 619,805.00 |
| | | | | FY 2024 |
| FY 2024 | NO ACTIVITY | | | |
| | | | Ending Balance FY2024 | \$ 619,805.00 |
| | | | | FY 2025 |
| FY 2025 | | | | |
| Transfers In | | | | - |
| Transfers Out | | | | - |
| SLL 24-02 | | | \$ 270,000.00 | \$ (270,000.00) |
| SLL 24-09 | | | \$ 230,000.00 | \$ (230,000.00) |
| | | | Ending Balance FY2025 | \$ 119,805.00 |
| | | | | FY 2026 |
| FY 2026 | | | | |
| Pending Revenue Transfers-In** | \$ 366,976.87 | | | \$ 366,976.87 |
| (Collections as of 10/01/25-02/28/26) | \$ 718,902.53 | | | \$ 718,902.53 |
| Transfers Out | | | | - |
| Actuals | | | | - |
| Actuals | | | | - |
| | | | Ending Balance FY2025 | \$ 1,205,684.40 |

Certified Balance as of 04/28/26 \$ 1,205,684.40

NOTES: Earmark Suspended FY 2021 thru FY 2025 Budget Act

Pending: \$366,976.87 revenues from poker collections (March 2026) to be deposited to Project 1969G. PL 20-59 originally appropriated \$11,300,000 to Saipan. This \$366,976.87 is a partial allotment; additional revenue should continue to be deposited to Project 1969G until total revenues reach the \$11.3 million threshold. As of 04/28/2026, total revenues received for Project 1969G are \$4,544,314.00.




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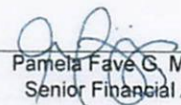


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| YTD Budget Report as of | 04/28/26 | \$ | 838,707.53 |
| JDE De-Obligation of Encumbrances | | Debit | Credit |
| <i>No Adjustments Needed</i> | | | |
| General Journal | | Debit | Credit |
| <i>No Adjustments Needed</i> | | | |
| Budget Transfers and Amendments | | Decrease | Increase |
| 51620900 69000 1969G | <i>Increase GL balance</i> | \$ | 366,976.87 |

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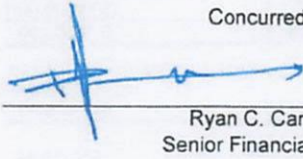
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