



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
PROGRAMS & LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OFFICE

November 17, 2023

The Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors  
Chairman  
Tinian and Aguiguan 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 **House Local Bill No. 23-22**, entitled "To amend Tinian Local Law 22-02, by adding the Kastiyu agriculture homestead expansion project; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, has become law without the Governor's signature.

The Attorney General stated that the local bill raised two legal concerns: (1) the availability of funding appropriated by TLL 22-02, which was signed into law more than two years ago on June 3, 2021; and (2) the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan being the expenditure authority for homestead development that is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Lands.

The Office of the Governor did not timely receive a certification of funds or update regarding the status of funds appropriated by TLL 22-02 prior to the expiration of the twenty-day deadline for the Governor to sign or veto this appropriation bill.

This bill became **Tinian Local Law No. 23-06** on November 08, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amelia C. Shai".

Amelia C. Shai  
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

cc: Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision;  
Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Mayor of Tinian;  
Tinian Municipal Treasury; Programs & Legislative Review Office



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**  
**Second Senatorial District**  
*Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*

**Senator Karl R. King-Nabors, Chairman**  
**Senator Jude U. Hofschneider, Vice Chair**

**Senator Francisco Q. Cruz, Floor Leader**  
**Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Legislative Secretary**

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October 19, 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. 23-22**, entitled, "To amend Tinian Local Law 22-02, by adding the Kastiyu agriculture homestead expansion project; and for other purposes.", which was passed unanimously by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation, Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on its First and Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its 1<sup>st</sup> Day, Second Regular Session held on October 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Frances Joan P. Kaipat  
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2023**

**HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-22**

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

To amend Tinian Local Law 22-02, by adding the Kastiyu agriculture homestead expansion project; and for other purposes.

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**OFFERED BY**

**Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas**  
Prefiled on August 8, 2023 and Introduced on August 10, 2023

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**HOUSE ACTION**

Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on  
August 11, 2023


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**DELEGATION ACTION**

<b>Referred to:</b>	None
<b>Comments Solicited:</b>	8/11/23: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 23-26] & Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-27]
<b>Comments Received:</b>	8/24/23: Mayors Comm. 23-07
<b>Standing Committee Report:</b>	None
<b>Passed First &amp; Final Reading:</b>	October 17, 2023

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**Frances Joan P. Kaipat**  
Delegation Clerk



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2023**

**H. L. B. 23-22**

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

To amend Tinian Local Law 22-02, by adding the Kastiyu agriculture homestead expansion project; and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2       The purpose of this Act is to amend Tinian Local Law 22-02 by adding the Kastiyu  
3 agriculture homestead expansion project to be funded under TLL 22-02.

4 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.**

5       Section 2 (a) of Tinian Local Law 22-02, is hereby amended to read as follows:

6       “(a) \$140,000 for the Tinian Marpo Heights, ~~and~~ Carolinas Heights village homestead  
7 expansion, and the Kastiyu agriculture homestead expansion; and”

8 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

9       If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or  
10 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act

1 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held  
2 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

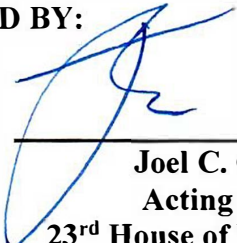
3 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

10 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

  
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**Karl R. King-Nabors**  
**Chairman**  
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation

**CERTIFIED BY:**  
  
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**Joel C. Camacho**  
**Acting Speaker**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> House of Representatives**

\_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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**Arnold I. Palacios**  
**Governor**  
**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**