

David M. Apatang
Governor



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Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 28, 2026

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The Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider
Chairman
Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

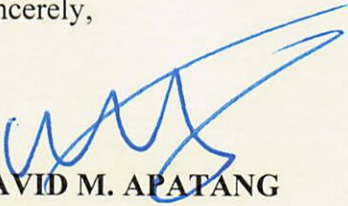
The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-56, D1**, entitled “To appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Tinian Local Law No. 24-11**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
Special Assistant for Administration; Public Auditor; Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan;
Tinian Municipal Treasurer; Programs and Legislative Review



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

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider, Chairman
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz, Vice Chair

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas, Floor Leader
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors, Legislative Secretary


April 24, 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. 24-56, D1**, entitled, "To appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes.", which was passed unanimously by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation, Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on its First and Final Reading, with two-thirds of members present, a quorum duly present during its 1st Day, Emergency Session held today, April 23, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure





**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2026**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-56, D1

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

To appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas

Introduced on April 23, 2026

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on

April 23, 2026

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	None
Comments Received:	4/23/26 - Mayors Comm. No. 24-13
Special Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	April 23, 2026, w/Draft 1

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**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



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

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2026

H. L. B. 24-56, D1

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**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 appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars
3 (\$156,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District to
4 respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super
5 Typhoon Sinlaku. The certification of funds was prepared on March 13, 2026 and April 10, 2026
6 by the Acting Resident Department Head of the Department of Finance, Tinian and is attached for
7 reference. This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY 2026 Budget Act. Therefore, this
8 local appropriation of local funds does not contravene 1 CMC §7401 and 1 CMC §7404(d) or any

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1 other provision of the CNMI Budget Act.

2 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

3 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and
4 pursuant to funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District from poker fees, the Tinian and
5 Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars
6 (\$156,000.00) of the revenues collected for the Second Senatorial District from the poker fees as
7 follows:

8 (A) \$132,500.00 shall be allocated to the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan.
9 Funds will be allocated for operations, personnel, and public programs to respond to critical
10 emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

11 (B) \$16,000.00 to the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission of which \$10,000 shall
12 be used for personnel and operations and \$6,000 shall be used to pay the commissioners'
13 compensation.

14 (C) \$7,500.00 to the Tinian High School top students of which \$5,000 shall be paid to the
15 Valedictorian and \$2,500.00 shall be paid to the Salutatorian.

16 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

17 (a) The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(A), (B), and (C) shall be the Mayor
18 of Tinian and Aguiguan.

1 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMMING.**

2 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
3 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal
4 year limitation(s).

5 **SECTION 5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS.**

6 The Secretary of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of One
7 Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to
8 the Tinian Municipal Treasurer for the local public purposes specified in this Act. This transfer
9 shall not be construed to limit, diminish, or otherwise impair the constitutional or statutory
10 authority of the Secretary of Finance to control, regulate, supervise, audit, and account for the
11 expenditure of public funds. All funds transferred shall remain subject to Commonwealth
12 accounting and audit requirements. The Tinian Municipal Treasurer shall submit monthly
13 expenditure reports, with supporting documentation, to the Secretary of Finance in a form
14 prescribed by the Department of Finance.

15 **SECTION 6. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

16 The recipient of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to
17 report all expenses responsible to report all expenses to the Secretary of the Department of Finance
18 by the end of the 2026 calendar year. Provided further that failure to provide all expenses, entities
19 that were afforded funds under this Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated
20 by the Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

1 **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

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

6 **SECTION 8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

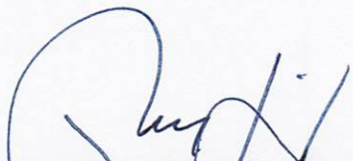
7 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
8 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or
9 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
10 instituted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

13 **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

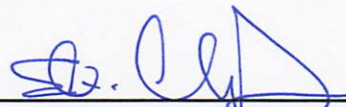
14 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon it becoming law
15 without such approval.

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CERTIFIED BY:

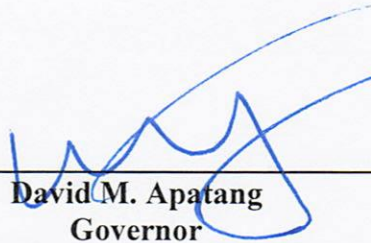


Jude U. Hofschneider
Chairman
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 28th day of April, 2026.



David M. Apatang
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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March 13, 2026

Hon. Edwin P. Aldan
Mayor
Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan
Tinian MP 96952

RE: Collection of Poker Fees on Tinian

Dear Mayor Aldan,

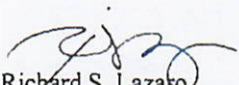
This is to inform you that Huang Shun Corporation made a \$36,000.00 payment for the renewal of three (3) poker machine licenses, and Long Sheng Corporation made a payment in the amount of 132,000.00 for eleven (11) poker machine licenses. Deposit dates into the CNMI Treasury account are as follows:

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|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. February 25, 2026 | \$ 36,000.00 |
| 2. March 10, 2026 | \$132,000.00 |

In accordance with Tinian Local Law 23-10, the local license fee for Tinian is \$84,000.

Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at r.lazaro@dof.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 433-1600/04/10.

Sincerely,


Richard S. Lazako
Acting Resident Department Head
Department of Finance



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April 10, 2026

Hon. Edwin P. Aldan
Mayor
Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan
Tinian MP 96952

RE: Collection of Poker Fees on Tinian

Dear Mayor Aldan,

This is to inform you that K - Amusement made a \$144,000.00 payment for the renewal of twelve (12) poker machine licenses. Deposit dates into the CNMI Treasury account are as follows:

1. April 02, 2026	\$144,000.00
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In accordance with Tinian Local Law 23-10, the local license fee for Tinian is \$72,000.

Should you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at r.lazaro@dof.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 433-1600/04/10.

Sincerely,

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Richard S. Lazaro
Acting Resident Department Head
Department of Finance

cc: Jude U. Hofschneider, Senator, 2th CNMI Legislature

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENC/REQ	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
17 DEPT OF FINANCE							
3301 LOCAL REVENUE - TINIAN POKER							
51170100 69000 3301 OTHER EXP	180,000	174,000	.00	.00	.00	174,000.00	.0%
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE - TINIAN POKE	180,000	174,000	.00	.00	.00	174,000.00	.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	180,000	174,000	.00	.00	.00	174,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL	180,000	174,000	.00	.00	.00	174,000.00	.0%

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