

# Gov. Msg. No.20-143

### COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

September 26, 2017

The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan Speaker, House of Representatives 20th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios Senate President 20th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, MP 96950 DATE 9/24/12 TIME: 2:48 PARM

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law, House Bill 20-105, HD2, SD3, CCS1 entitled, "to make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for the government corporations for Fiscal Year 2018," which was passed by the 20th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

N.M.I Const. Art. III §IX (a) provides a timeline when the Governor and the Legislature must submit and pass a balanced budget. I am mandated as Governor to submit a balanced budget to the legislature on or before April 1st; the Legislature is mandated to pass a balanced budget by October 1st. If no budget is passed by the first day of the fiscal year, the Government must shutdown and no funds may be expended, except for essential services.

This Budget anticipates modest revenue growth that will enable the Commonwealth to continue to provide valuable services to the community while allocating in total \$56 million to retirees, of which \$45 million is exclusively to the Settlement Fund for the minimum annual payment of benefits of Settlement Class Members.

I wish to make specific mention of the importance of Legislative action for the establishment of a special fund specifically called the "Settlement Fund" that reserves specific tax revenues from the total collected revenue to be deposited to pay directly to and exclusively for the benefit of Settlement Class Members. I cannot emphasize the

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need for this Legislative action strongly enough, and I respectfully request the Legislature's prompt action to address this issue.

Comparing the bill with the Governor's proposed budget, we identified several movements of funding that were not explained in the Administrative Provisions. For example, the increase or decrease of funding between the three branches of government was not explained. The bill also did not elaborate on the number of new positions allocated and did not identify which positions will be funded and whether the incumbent will be an Excepted Service or Classified employee. Without any explanation or justification, the respective expenditure authorities and/or the Office of Management and Budget will have to make a determination on how the implementation should take place.

The passage of this budget by the Legislature gave me less than 20 days to review and make any comments. However, in order to avoid a shutdown, I have signed the budget bill with reservations specific to sections I have identified that are problematic. As discussed below some of those provisions are either unenforceable, unclear or inconsistent with other provisions of law; some impose different standards for implementation and unfairly treats other activities of the government. My overview, comments and actions on H.B. 20-105, HD2, SD3, CCS1 are as follows:

#### Section 301.

The Administration supports the setting aside of funds in Section 301(a), for the acquisition of a pumper truck for the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The funding will allow DFEMS to replace the decade old engine. This action provides assurance that lives will be saved and property will be protected.

I am, however, disapproving Section 301(c) and Section 301(d) for the procurement of two tractors with a batwing mower each for the municipalities of Tinian and Rota. After weighing priorities critical to sustaining the economies of the two municipalities, I take the position that the disapproved funding would be best used for tourism advertising and promotion designed to increase the number of visitors to the two municipalities. My disapproval of these two Sections unencumbers the funds for this particular purpose. I encourage the Marianas Visitors Authority to redirect the funding included in the expenditure ceiling amounting \$250,000 each towards specific promotional programs tailored to the municipalities of Tinian and Rota.

### Section 401. Management of Funds

I support this provision which mandates the submission of the quarterly report to be accompanied by a narrative explaining the expenditure activities, including the report of the earmarked fund accounts. This provision promotes transparency and timely reporting essential to monitoring the fiscal health of the Government.

### Section 601. Utilities

The language in this section is vague and not subject to any reasonable interpretation. **Therefore, I am disapproving this Section**.

### Section 603.NOPs Vacant Holding Account

While I welcome the increase in the number of positions for the Executive Branch, these are unfunded positions that can only be filled based on availability of appropriated funds Caller Box 10007 Saipan, MP 96950 Telephone: (670) 237-2200 Facsimile: (670) 664-2211/2311

for example, the allocation of the new 50 NOPs for the Department of Public Safety which are critical and essential public safety positions, the Department will have to fill those additional positions within its appropriated funding because the section does not identify how the additional NOPs would be funded.

#### Section 604. Public Auditor's Fee

Notwithstanding other provisions of law, for FY 2018 and except for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, this Bill mandates that all public corporations and autonomous government agencies pay the 1% Public Auditor's Fee including the Public School System. This Administration will hold the Secretary of Finance to the responsibility of implementing and enforcing this provision.

### Section 607. CHCC Appropriated Funds

The provision set forth in this section is disapproved in its entirety to allow the Commonwealth HealthCare Corporation the flexibility to address their staffing needs critical to all hospitals.

Section 702(b) and 703(a). Legislative Approval for Reduction in Appropriation Section 702(b) and Section 703(a), are disapproved in its entirety as they violate the separation of powers doctrine by requiring legislative approval for proportionate reductions in 1 CMC § 7204 to take effect.

### Section 703(c). Salaries of Legislative Members

The Administration awaits a response to the Certified Legal Question, Case No. 2017-SCC-0024-CQU, before taking any action affecting the appropriation for Member's Salaries.

I thank the Members for inserting an alternative expenditure provision in the event the decision of the Certified Legal Question finds that the salary increases for members of the legislature provided for in P.L. 19-83 are unenforceable.

#### Section 705(b). First Senatorial District

This section appropriates \$75,000 for infrastructure for a leaching field, septic tank and water reservoir for the Rota Medical Referral facility on Saipan. Although, the projects are for basic life services, the owner of the facility must obtain free and clear title on the property before any improvements can be funded by the Government. I am disapproving Section 705(b) for this reason.

Section 710(h). Independent Programs. Group Health and Life Insurance I am disapproving Section 710(h), as it redirects the funds appropriated into a non-lapsing account and fails to address the expenses incurred from active employees in the Group Health Insurance program in the General Fund. As noted, for purposes of controlling expenditures, expenses incurred within the respective departments and agencies as a result of the Group Health Insurance, will be reimbursed from BU 1533.

### Section 712. Reporting Requirements

I am disapproving this entire section because it is a duplication of the Secretary of Finance's responsibility in Section 401. *Management of Funds*. This Administration

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fully recognizes the need for transparency and accountability and that Section 401 adequately directs the Department of Finance to perform reporting requirements.

#### Section 713. Outside Sources

This Administration notes the omission of the Tobacco Control Fund and does not allocate this funding accordingly.

Section 713. (a) Tobacco Settlement, it should be noted that expenditure plans submitted for Tobacco Settlement funds should be in accordance with the goals specified in Public Law 13-37.

Section 713. (b) Compact Impact. It is important to note that funds awarded to the Commonwealth are based on data collected from recipients and are therefore allocated to each department and Commonwealth entity based on the data provided in the grant application. Compact Impact funds identified relates to the FY 2016 data submitted. The Administration anticipates the changes to the allocation due to the data driven nature of this grant.

### Schedule A. Lady Diann Torres Foundation

To enhance transparency, **I am disapproving this funding allocation**. However, I support the programs and activities directly promoting our indigenous languages through literacy and arts. I encourage the foundation to provide this Administration, the Legislature and the public with the outcome of these programs for future consideration.

I urge the Legislature to take note of the comments in this transmittal and act promptly to address the issues raised.

This bill except for the vetoed portions becomes **Public Law 20-11**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

RALPH OLG. TORRES

cc:

Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of Finance
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review
All Mayors
Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs
Members of the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislature



# Twentieth Legislature of the

# Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTH DAY, SECOND REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

## H. B. NO. 20-105, HD2, SD3, CCS1

### AN ACT

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, ITS AGENCIES, INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

# Be it enacted by the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature:

#### CHAPTER 1. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS.

Section 101. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the "Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2018".

Section 102. Purpose. This Act appropriates local funds for the operations and activities of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, independent agencies and political subdivisions, and provides authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2018 commencing October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018.

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I	Section 103. Definitions. As used in this Act:
2	(a) "B.U." means business unit.
3	(b) Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands includes:
4	(1) Legislative Branch, which includes the following business units:
5	1722 House of Representative Salaries
6	1722a House Members Allocation
7	1754 House Leadership Account
8	1762 Senator Salaries
9	1764a Senate Members Allocation
10	1764 Senate Leadership Account
11	1770 Legislative Bureau
12	1593 CNMI Youth Congress
13	(2) Judicial Branch, which includes the following:
14	1691 Supreme Court
15	1690 Superior Court
16	1694 Judiciary Administrative Office
17	1692 Law Revision Commission
18	1695 Drug Court
19	(3) Executive Branch, which includes the following departments and offices:
20	(A) Offices of the Governor, which includes business units:
21	1011 Governor's Office
22	1021 Governor's Discretionary Account

1	(B) Office of the Lt. Governor
2	1050 Lt. Governor's Office
3	1051 Lt. Governor's Discretionary Account
4	(C) Other Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor
5	1014 Management and Budget
6	1016 Administrative Services
7	1019 Homeland Security and
8	Emergency Management Office
9	1020 Office of Youth Affairs
10	1023 Board of Parole
11	1043 Office of Grants Management
12	1190 Public Defender
13	1201 Carolinian Affairs Office
14	1202 Indigenous Affairs Office
15	1251 Veteran's Affairs Office
16	1260 Women's Affairs Office
17	1492 Environmental Protection Act
18	1493 Environmental Quality Saipan
19	1494 Environmental Quality Tinian
20	1555 Saipan Zoning Board
21	1584 Criminal Justice Planning Agency
22	1915 Vocational Rehabilitation Service

1	1044 Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA)
2	N/A Vacant Holding Account
3	(D) Department of Commerce, which includes business units:
4	1300 Secretary of Commerce
5	1310 Economic Development - Saipan
6	1331 Statistical Research
7	1332 Alcohol Beverage & Tobacco Control
8	1333 Enforcement & Compliance
9	1334 Workers Compensation Commission
10	(E) Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, which includes business
11	units:
12	1200 Secretary of CCA
13	1220 Youth Services - Saipan
14	1223 Child Care Licensing Program
15	1230 Historic Preservation - Saipan
16	1240 Office on Aging - Saipan
17	1250 Council for Arts & Culture
18	1252 Low Income Home Energy Asst. Program
19	1557 Chamorro/Carolinian Language Commission
20	(F) Department of Corrections, which includes business units:
21	1335 Corrections Commissioner
22	1335A Juvenile Detention Unit

1	(G) Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, which includes
2	business units:
3	1339 Administration
4	1339A Emergency Services
5	1339B Fire Prevention & Arson Investigation
6	1339C Emergency Medical Services
7	1339D Logistics and Support
8	(H) Department of Finance, which includes business units:
9	1100 Secretary of Finance
10	1110 Finance and Accounting - Saipan
11	1120 Treasury
12	1130 Revenue and Taxation - Saipan
13	1140 Procurement & Supply - Saipan
14	1150 Customs Services - Saipan
15	1160 Electronic Data Processing
16	1024 Passport Office
17	(I) Department of Labor, which includes business units:
18	1275 Secretary of Labor
19	1283 Administrative Hearing Office
20	1330 Employment Services
21	1583 Workforce Investment Agency
22	3430 Labor Enforcement Fund

1	(J) Department of Lands and Natural Resources, which includes business
2	units:
3	1400 Secretary of DLNR
4	1410 Agriculture
5	1420 Fish & Wildlife - Saipan
6	1440 Parks & Grounds - Saipan
7	1461 Soil & Water (SPN & NI) District
8	1467 Land Registration & Survey - Saipan
9	(K) Department of Public Safety, which includes business units:
10	1340 DPS Commissioner
11	N/A Executive Protection Services
12	1340A War on Ice Program
13	1350 Police - Saipan
14	1362 Administrative Division
15	1365 Motor Vehicles Division
16	1370 Investigation Division - Saipan
17	(L) Department of Public Works, which includes business units:
18	1471 Secretary of DPW
19	1471A Street Lights
20	1470 Building Safety Code
21	1484 Roads and Grounds Division
22	1490 Technical Services Division

1		(4)	First Senatorial District (Rota) which includes the following business
2	units:		
3		1065	5 Mayor Rota
4		1066	Municipal Council - Rota
5		1112	2 Finance & Accounting - Rota
6		1132	Revenue & Taxation - Rota
7		1142	Procurement & Supply - Rota
8		1152	2 Customs Service - Rota
9		1232	Historic Preservation - Rota
10		1272	2 Sports & Recreation - Rota
11		1282	Labor - Rota
12		1312	Commerce - Rota (Economic Development Rota)
13		1352	Police - Rota (DPS)
14		1353	Fire & EMS - Rota
15		1412	Agriculture - Rota
16		1422	Fish & Wildlife - Rota
7		1442	Parks & Recreation - Rota
8		1463	Soil and Water Conservation - Rota
9		1468	Land Registration & Survey - Rota
20		1482	Public Works - Rota (Operations and Maintenance Rota)
21		1523	Public Library - Rota

1	(5) Second Senatorial District (Tinian and Aguiguan) which includes the
2	following business units:
3	1063 Mayor Tinian
4	1064 Municipal Council - Tinian
5	1111 Finance & Accounting - Tinian
6	1131 Revenue & Taxation - Tinian
7	1141 Procurement & Supply - Tinian
8	1151 Customs Service - Tinian
9	1231 Historic Preservation - Tinian
10	1241 Aging - Tinian
11	1271 Sports & Recreation - Tinian
12	1281 Labor - Tinian
13	1311 Commerce-Tinian (Economic Development Tinian)
14	1351 Police - Tinian (DPS)
15	1351A Fire and EMS - Tinian
16	1411 Agriculture - Tinian
17	1421 Fish & Wildlife - Tinian
18	1441 Parks & Recreation - Tinian
19	1462 Soil & Water Conservation - Tinian
20	1481 Public Works-Tinian (Operations & Maintenance Tinian)
21	1524 Public Library - Tinian
22	N/A Vacant Holding Account - Tinian

I	(6) Third Senatorial District – Salpan & N. Is. Mayors & Municipal Council
2	which includes the following governmental offices:
3	1061 Mayor Saipan
4	1060 Mayor Northern Islands
5	1062 Municipal Council Saipan
6	(7) Boards and Commissions which includes the following business units:
7	1540 Board of Civil Service Commission
8	1026 Office of Personnel Management - Saipan
9	1027 Office of Personnel Management - Tinian
10	1028 Office of Personnel Management - Rota
11	1551 Board of Election Commission
12	1556 Board of Professional Licensing
13	(8) "Independent programs" means government programs under separate
14	boards established by law (unless receiving appropriations or budget authority under
15	another heading), specialized general items of appropriations, and those non-profit
16	corporations and associations or organizations established outside of the Government
17	of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to which the Commonwealth
18	Government provides financial assistance including business units:
19	1033 CNMI Scholarship Office
20	1508 Substance Abuse Prevention
21	1541 Breadfruit Program
22	1515 Public Assistant Matching

1	1527	NMI DC Employer Contributions
2	1531	Northern Marianas Sports Association
3	1533	Gov't Health Insurance Employer Contribution
4		(Active Employees)
5	1534	DDC CNMI Respite Svc Prog., P.L. 14-36
6	1549	Humanities Council
7	1562	Ayuda Network
8	1568	Domestic Violence
9	1577	Karidat
10	1580	Micronesian Legal Service
11	1592	Joeten/Kiyu Public Library
12	1601	Gov/Lt.Gov Pension
13	1623	Judgments Against Government
14	1951	Medicaid Reimbursement
15	1979	Medical Referral Service
16	1979A	Medical Referral - Administration
17	1980	Medicaid Administration
18	3661	Commonwealth Museum
19	1528	GHLI Retirees
20	1545	Commonwealth Casino Commission
21	1519	Elected Attorney General
22	1524A	Civil Service Wage Increase

1	N/A Civil Service Conversion (P.L. 19-83)		
2	N/A Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts		
3	1595 General Fund Deficit Reduction		
4	N/A Lady Diann Foundation		
5	N/A Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems; Inc.		
6	(9) Other Programs:		
7	1507 Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. (CHC Subsidy)		
8	1605 Northern Marianas College		
9	N/A NMC Board of Regents		
10	1606 Marianas Visitors Authority		
11	1607 Public School System		
12	1624 PSS Board of Education		
13	(10) Public Corporations which includes the following business units:		
14	Commonwealth Development Authority		
15	Commonwealth Ports Authority		
16	Commonwealth Utilities Corporation		
17	Northern Marianas Housing Corporation		
18	Office of the Public Auditor		
19	Commonwealth Casino Commission		
20	Commonwealth Health Care Corporation		
21	(d) "Local funds" means locally generated revenues and revenues received pursuant		
22	to Section 702 (a) of the Covenant.		

1	(e) "Operations" means appropriations for all lawful activities other than personnel.			
2	(f) "Personnel" means appropriations for salaries, employer's contribution to the			
3	Northern Marianas Retirement Fund, the Defined Contribution Plan, overtime, nigh			
4	differential, hazardous pay and other employee wages and benefits.			
5	(g) "Number of Positions" (NOP) means the maximum number of persons that may be			
6	employed, pursuant to Article X, Section 7 of the Commonwealth Constitution but does not			
7	include Workforce Investment Agency, substitute teachers, summer trainees, teacher aides,			
8	physicians, licensed professional nurses and licensed allied health providers working part-			
9	time and paid only for instructional time, student teacher trainees, or short term specialized			
10	instructors, such as visiting artists, performers, writers, and the like. For purposes of this			
11	exception, "part-time" means employment not exceeding 40 hours in any biweekly pay			
12	period, and "short-term" means not more than 90 instructional days employment within the			
13	Public School System during the fiscal year.			
14	CHAPTER II. ESTIMATED REVENUES			
15 16 17	Section 201. <u>Estimated Revenues</u> . Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 20-1, HS1, the total estimated revenues and resources approved and identified for FY 2018 are as follows:			
18	I. The total identified budgetary resources for FY 2018 is \$236,770,472.00			
19	II. This amount is subject to the following adjustments:			
20	(a) Less Revenue transfer to other funds;			
21 22	(1) Cigarette Excise Tax to Tobacco Control (3 CMC § 2177) (\$3,375,000.00)			
23	(2) 7% Excise Tax transfer to Solid Waste R/F			
24	(4 CMC § 1402(g)(1)) (\$3,762,500.00)			

1	(3) 3% Excise Tax transfer to Cancer Fund	
2	(4 CMC § 1402(g)(2))	(\$1,612,500.00)
3	(4) 4 CMC § 1402 (a)(16) GHLI	(\$5,625,000.00)
4	(5) CIQ reimbursement for airport overtime	(\$750,000.00)
5	(6) 4 CMC § 1803 NMIRF Hotel Tax (20%)	(\$3,980,504.00)
6	(7) 4 CMC § 1803 NMIRF Alcohol Container Tax (30%)	(\$300,000.00)
7	(8) 4 CMC § 1803 MVA Hotel Tax (80%) earmarking	(\$15,922,018.00)
8 9	(9) 4 CMC § 1803 MVA Alcohol Container Tax (20%) earmarking	(\$200,000.00)
10	(10) 4 CMC §1511(a), P.L. 18-30	
11	Retirement DB Plan Members	(\$225,000.00)
12	(11) 4 CMC §1511(b), P.L. 18-30 NMIRF	(\$900,000.00)
13 14	(12) 4 CMC §1511(c), P.L. 18-30 Special Account for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District	(\$225,000.00)
15 16	(13) 4 CMC §1511(d) Special Account for 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Senatorial District	(\$150,000.00)
17 18	(14) MPLT interest appropriated for the Stipulated Order 2 loan	(\$1,000,000.00)
19	(b) Less Debt Services previously appropriated:	
20	(1) 2007A Refunding Bond Payment	(\$5,151,500.00)
21	(2) 2007B Refunding Bond Payment	(\$3,331,375.00)
22	(c) Less Debt Service Settlement Agreement:	(\$45,000,000.00)
23	Subtotal	(\$91,510,397.00)
<ul><li>24</li><li>25</li><li>26</li></ul>	III. Total local revenue and resources  (a) Total local revenue and resources available for appropria  Commonwealth Government	
27	activities in Fiscal Year 2018	\$145,260,075.00

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### (b) Department of Public Lands

### \$4,854,044.00

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### **Grand Total**

### \$150,114,119.00

Notwithstanding 1 CMC §7204, funds appropriated for FY 2018 shall be allotted monthly; except programs that require one time payments may receive advance allotments. The CNMI Scholarship Office may receive advance allotments for its scholarship award program.

**Section 202.** Suspension of Earmarked Funds. Except for debt service obligations and other earmarking of funds as permitted in Section 201 of this Chapter, the earmarking, reservation, commitment, allotment, or allocation of funds pursuant to the following public laws are hereby suspended for Fiscal Year 2018:

- (a) Public Laws 15-5 and 14-54 (Non-resident Worker Fund Fees to NMC and PSS and 10% of Gaming Jackpot Tax to PSS); and
- (b) 4 CMC § 1508(a) and (b) (10% of General Fund poker fees to the Human Resources Development Fund [WIA] and 50% to the Retirement Fund).

#### CHAPTER III.

### GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND DESIGNATED AGENCIES/ACTIVITIES

Section 301. Appropriation and Budget Authority. Pursuant to 1 CMC § 7206 and as provided herein, budget and expenditure authority for the following activities is hereby approved. Expenditures in excess of the budget authority approved herein for agencies to which public funds are appropriated shall not be incurred or committed, and hiring in excess of the number of positions authorized by this Act is prohibited, unless authorized by a legislative joint resolution in accordance with Section 7, Article X of the N.M.I. Constitution.

ACTIVITIES	NOP	PERSONNEL	<b>OPERATIONS</b>	TOTAL
(a) Commonwealth Development Authority	14	\$936,111	\$582,940	\$1,519,051
(b) Commonwealth Ports Authority	223	\$7,129,694	\$8,759,853	\$15,889,547
(c) Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	449	\$15,476,852	\$55,442,421	\$70,919,273
(d) Northern Marianas Housing Corporation	36	\$1,908,452	\$1,177,819	\$3,086,217
(e) Office of the Public Auditor	22	\$1,275,206	\$926,300	\$2,201,506
(f) Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation	781	\$53,604,151	\$37,149,288	\$90,753,439
(g) Commonwealth Casino Commission	44	\$2,176,146	\$1,373,854	\$3,550,000
(h) Marianas Visitors Authority	<u>40</u>	\$1,620,049	\$14,432,534	\$16,052,583
Grand Total:	1609	\$84,126,661	\$119,845,009	\$203,971,670

Notwithstanding the above dollar amounts, the entities above shall expend only the lesser of funds actually generated, collected or received, or the amounts indicated above. Provided however, pursuant to 1 CMC § 7206 and as provided herein, the budget and expenditure authority for the Marianas Visitors Authority is approved and further provided that, notwithstanding the intent of Public Law 18-1, the Marianas Visitors Authority FY 2018 budget is modified and shall allocate for the following:

- (a) \$450,000.00 to purchase a fire pumper truck for the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. The DFEMS Commissioner shall coordinate with the MVA Managing Director for the procurement and payment of the fire truck.
- (b) Notwithstanding the intent of Public Law 18-1 and 4 CMC § 1803, the amount of \$69,435.00 shall be allocated to the Public School System's Cooperative Education Program to promote its tourism-related programs. The \$69,435.00 is derived from the difference of MVA's allocated funds of \$16,122,018.00 under Section 201(a)(8) and (9) and the indicated total budget of \$16,052,583.00 under Section 301(h). As such, MVA is over allocated by

\$69,435.00. The Commissioner of the Public School System shall submit all requests for payments for expenses of the Cooperative Education Program to the Marianas Visitors Authority for payment.

(e) \$250,000.00 to fund a tractor with batwing mower attachment for the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan. The purchase of the tractor should be coordinated withthe Mayor's Office.

(d) \$250,000.00 to fund a tractor with batwing mower attachment for the Office of the Mayor of Rota. The purchase of the tractor should be coordinated with the Mayor's Office.

Section 302. Prior Certification of Funds. No contract shall be entered into with the Commonwealth or any government entity therein without first receiving from the Secretary of the Department of Finance certification that lawful and sufficient funds have been appropriated. This section shall not apply to the Public School System and the Northern Marianas College.

**Section 303. Reporting Requirement.** The expenditure authorities of the foregoing activities listed in Section 301 shall submit to the presiding officers of the Legislature, within 30 days after the end of each quarter, a fund status report on the expenditures for personnel and operations of each government entity, and the payments of the public auditor's fee, for the quarter ended and, if applicable, year-to-date totals as of the close of the reporting period.

Furthermore, notwithstanding any provisions or laws to the contrary, all additional resources realized within the fiscal year outside of those specified and identified under this Act shall be reported to the Legislature for informational and appropriation purposes.

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### CHAPTER IV. ADMINISTRATION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Section 401. Management of Funds. The expenditure of the funds appropriated and allocated under this Act shall be regulated and controlled by the Secretary of Finance so that no agency, department, instrumentality, program, or activity may expend the funds contrary to the law or fiscal management policies and practices of the Commonwealth. Provided further that, in addition to the report required under 1 CMC §7209, the Secretary of Finance shall submit within 30 days after the end of each quarter, a fund status report on the expenditures for personnel and operations of each business unit funded in whole or in part by the General Fund for the quarter ended and, if applicable, year-to-date totals as of the close of the reporting period. The report must be accompanied by a narrative report explaining the activities of the expenditures. Additionally, the Secretary shall also report on the fund balances of the earmarked fund accounts within 30 days after each quarter.

Section 402. Number of Position(s) (NOP) Ceiling. Employment Ceilings.

Pursuant to Article X, § 7 of the Commonwealth Constitution, the employment ceilings relative to the number of positions are hereby established as set forth in this Act.

### Section 403. Expenditure Authority.

- (a) The distribution and expenditure of funds shall be in compliance with the fiscal expenditure authority that the listed agencies have pursuant to statute and the administrative provisions of this Act.
- (b) Except as provided in this Act, the funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be expended by the respective expenditure authority pursuant to 1 CMC § 7401.

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### CHAPTER V. REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY

### Section 501. Reprogramming Authority

- (a) Authority to reprogram appropriated funds shall be as provided under 1 CMC § 7402, unless otherwise specified in this Act.
- (b) Pursuant to 1 CMC § 7402(e), all reprogramming shall be reported in writing to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs within 30 days after the end of each quarter of the fiscal year. Such reports shall include a description of each item reprogrammed, the reason for each reprogramming, the change in the approved budget caused by the reprogramming, the cumulative amount of all reprogramming during the fiscal year, and such other information as may be requested by the chairmen. The Governor shall submit to the presiding officers and chairmen an annual summary of all reprogramming activity within 60 days after the end of a fiscal year.

### CHAPTER VI. SUPPLEMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 601. <u>Utilities</u>. The amount appropriated for the payment of reprogrammed for the payment of utilities, except for the purpose of covering increased utility costs due to rate increases:

**Section 602.** <u>Hiring Restriction.</u> No new or vacant position shall be filled in the executive branch, except for positions which are essential for the delivery of public services as determined by the Governor. The Governor shall approve the filling of new and vacant position prior to the announcement of the position.



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Section 603. NOPs – Vacant Holding Account. The NOP ceiling for the entire Executive Branch includes 100 NOPs which shall be allocated to a Vacant Holding Account in the Other Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor, which may be filled by the Governor or Lt. Governor, provided that 50 out of 100 NOPs shall be distributed (30 for Saipan DPS, 10 for Tinian DPS and 10 for Rota DPS), and subject to the following:

- (a) The NOPs shall be restricted to positions that are essential to the delivery of public services.
- (b) The Governor submits a quarterly report to the legislature on the utilization of these 100 NOPs as follows:
  - (1) Job title and job code
  - (2) Department to which the NOP is assigned
  - (3) Base salary, grade/step if applicable
  - (4) Date of hire

### Section 604. Public Auditor's Fee.

- (a) Notwithstanding 1 CMC §7831, any remaining balance at the end of the fiscal year of the Public Auditor's Fee of 1% (one percent) of the total appropriations for each government agency's operations and activities shall lapse and applied to deficit reduction.
- (b) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7831 and subsection (a) of this section, public corporations and autonomous government agencies shall pay 1% of its total operations for Fiscal Year 2018 to the CNMI Treasury which shall be deposited in an account separate from the general fund for the payment of the past due utility bills of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation; provided that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation shall be

exempted from the payment of the 1% fee. The Secretary of Finance shall be the expenditure authority of the 1% fee funds.

### Section 605. Salary Cap Exemption.

- (a) 1 CMC § 8245(c) is amended for fiscal year 2018 to increase the annual salary of the resident department heads of the First and Second Senatorial District to not more than \$45,000.00. The resident department heads are responsible for the operations of all the divisions of each department and this salary exemption corresponds with their current duties and responsibilities;
- (b) 1 CMC § 28003 is amended for fiscal year 2018 to increase the annual salary of the resident deputy commissioners of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services for the islands of Rota and Tinian to not more than \$45,000.00; and
- (c) 1 CMC § 8245(f) is amended for fiscal year 2018 to increase the annual salary of the special assistant for management and budget/CIP administrator to not more than \$70,000.00, which shall be taken from BU 1014.

### Section 606. Solid Waste Revolving Fund.

- (a) The expenditure authority of the Solid Waste Revolving Fund shall include the payment of hazardous work differential, calculated in accordance with NMIAC § 10-20.2-340, for the Solid Waste employees of the First, Second and Third Senatorial districts who are assigned to the designated solid waste landfills, facilities, dumpsites and transfer stations.
- (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Solid Waste Revolving Fund shall not be reprogrammed.

### Section 607. CHCC Appropriated Funds.



Out of th	e funds appr	opriated to t	he CHCC	under B	<del>usiness Uni</del>	t 1507 the	CHCC shall
pay for the follo	wing:						

- (a) Unless at least 2 Physicians are already employed and stationed at the Tinian

  Health Center, CHCC shall hire at least one Physician, and in addition, hire one mid-levelpractitioner, and one Dental Assistant II for the Tinian Health Center;
- (b) Unless 2 Physicians are already employed and stationed at the Rota Health Center,
  CHCC shall hire at least one Physician. In addition, CHCC shall hire 1 Physician Assistant
  or Nurse Practitioner unless there are 2 Physicians already employed and stationed in Rota.
  Furthermore, CHCC shall hire 1 Dental Assistant II for the Rota Health Center;
- (e) Compensation of the positions indicated in subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be pursuant to the adopted CHCC salary schedule;
- (d) Allocation of \$40,000.00 for the payment of freight costs of lab specimens shipped from Rota and Tinian for testing; rather than the patients paying such freight costs; and
- (e) Allocation of \$75,000.00 for counseling services for alcohol and drug abuse elients in Rota and Tinian, and that the services shall be administered by Community Guidance Center.

### Section 608. Vehicle Purchases.

- (a) One vehicle to be purchased under Business Unit 1272 for the Rota Sports and Recreation;
- (b) One van vehicle to be purchased under Business Unit 1272 for the Rota Aging Office;



1	(c) One vehicle to be purchased under Business Unit 1065 for the Rota Medical
2	Referral-Saipan;
3	(d) One vehicle to be purchased under Business Unit 1282 for the Department of
4	Labor-Rota;
5	(e) Two vehicles to be purchased under Business Unit 1352 for the Rota-Police;
6	(f) One brush fire truck to be purchased under Business Unit 1353 for Rota-Fire and
7	EMS; and
8	(g) Two vehicles to be purchased under Business Unit 1240 for the Saipan Aging
9	Office.
10	CHAPTER VII. APPROPRIATIONS.
11	Section 700. In General.
12	(a) Funds designated in Chapter II as available for appropriation for FY 2018 are
13	hereby appropriated pursuant to this Chapter; and
14	(b) No business unit's maximum number of positions shall exceed the authorized
15	number of positions established in this Chapter, unless authorized by a joint resolution of the
16	legislature.
17	Section 701. Appropriation. The amount of \$150,114,119.00 is hereby
18	appropriated as set forth in the attached Schedule A which is inclusive of the Department of
19	Public Lands.
20	Section 702. <u>Judicial Branch</u> .
21	(a) The Number of Personnel and appropriations for personnel, operations, and
22	utilities for the Judicial Branch shall be as shown in Schedule A.

(b) Notwithstanding 1 CMC §7204, without prior legislative approval, no funds appropriated to the Judicial Branch shall be reduced. The Chief Justice shall be the expenditure authority for the Judicial Branch.

### Section 703. Legislative Branch.

The Number of Personnel and appropriations for personnel, operations, and utilities for the Legislative Branch shall be as shown in Schedule A.

- (a) Notwithstanding 1 CMC §7204, without prior legislative approval, no funds appropriated to the Legislature shall be reduced.
  - (b) Art. II Sec. 16(e) of the Commonwealth Constitution provides:
  - "e) Beginning the second Monday of January 1998, the amount of the ceiling and all other dollar amounts stated in this section shall be adjusted every two years by the same percentage as the percentage change in the United States Department of Commerce composite price index during the two preceding fiscal years using the beginning of fiscal year 1996 as the base. [The beginning of fiscal year 1996 would be Oct. 1, 1995]"

The appropriation ceilings have automatically increased every two years, beginning January 1998. Using the price composite indexes developed by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis for All Government Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment, the appropriation ceilings for the Legislature for fiscal year 2018 is as follows:

Price Index for All Government Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment

Legislative Branch	Base Ceiling Oct. 1, 1995	Change in Price Index Jan 1, 2016	Ceiling Jan. 1, 2016 Based on Change
Members Allocation	\$150,000	72.08%	\$258,124.87
Presiding Officers Allocation	\$400,000	72.08%	\$688,332.97
Legislative Bureau	\$2,000,000	72.08%	\$3,441,664.87

(c) Salaries of Legislative Members.

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- (1) The amount appropriated under this section to the House of Representatives under "personnel" shall be used to fund the salaries and benefits of the members of the House of Representatives. The expenditure authority for the amounts appropriated shall be the Speaker of the House.
- (2) The amount appropriated under this section to the Senate under "personnel" shall be used to fund the salaries and benefits of the members of the Senate. The expenditure authority for the amounts appropriated shall be the President of the Senate.
- (3) In the event that the decision in the Certified Legal Question, Case No. 2017- SCC-0024-CQU, finds that the salary increases for members of the legislature provided for in PL 19-83 are unenforceable, \$334,937 of the appropriation for House Members' Salaries (BU 1722) and \$150,722 of the appropriation for Senate Members' Salaries (BU 1762) shall be appropriated as follows:
- (A) \$104,759 Department of Public Works, Street Lights (BU 1471A, Utilities; and
- (B) \$380,900 to Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (BU 1507 Operations).
- (d) Members' Office Accounts and Employees.
- (1) Notwithstanding 1 CMC §7401(c) to the contrary, each member shall be the expenditure authority of the funds allocated to their individual sub-account;

- (2) Funds allocated for the operation of the member's office, including, but not limited to, the personnel costs of the member's employees and expenditures as authorized by the adopted rules of the Senate in the case of the Senate member, or the adopted rules of the House of Representatives in the case of a House member, or the Legislative Bureau, may be expended to defray travel and incidental expenses for the purpose of attending to legislative business outside the member's senatorial district; provided that a member may receive a one month advancement of funds allocated to his or her office for expenditures;
- (3) Allocation of the maximum number of positions among House members shall be governed by the rules of the House; and
- (4) Allocation of the maximum number of positions among Senate members shall be governed by the rules of the Senate.
- (e) Senate and House Leadership Accounts. The leadership account of each house shall be \$300,000.00. The presiding officer of each respective house, or his lawfully authorized designee, shall be the expenditure authority and shall use such funds to support the operations and activities of the House of Representatives and Senate in accordance with its rules, provided that the presiding officer distributes a portion of the total appropriation in equal amounts to all the standing committees for their operations and activities.
- (f) Legislative Bureau, BU 1770. The Number of Personnel and appropriations for personnel, operations, and utilities for the Legislative Bureau shall be as shown in Schedule A.

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The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated for the Legislative Bureau shall be the Director of the Legislative Bureau or his or her lawfully authorized designee.

(g) Northern Marianas Youth Congress, BU 1593. The Number of Personnel and appropriations for personnel and operations for Youth Congress shall be as shown in Schedule A.

The expenditure authority is vested in the Director of the Legislative Bureau in consultation with the Speaker of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress.

Section 704. Executive Branch. The appropriation for the Executive Branch shall be as shown in Schedule A.

- (a) Except as provided in this section, the Governor shall have authority to expend, obligate, encumber, otherwise commit, all the funds appropriated to the Office of the Governor and all Other Offices of the Governor.
- (b) The Lt. Governor shall be the expenditure authority of the funds appropriated to the Office of the Lt. Governor.

Section 705. <u>First Senatorial District – Rota.</u> The Number of Personnel and appropriations for personnel, operations, and utilities for the First Senatorial District shall be as shown in Schedule A.

(a) Except as provided in this section, the Mayor of Rota shall have authority to expend, obligate, encumber, and otherwise commit, all the funds appropriated to the First Senatorial District. Appropriations to the Municipal Council shall be divided and distributed equally to each member of the Municipal Council in separate accounts. Each Municipal Council member shall be the expenditure authority of funds distributed to him/her.

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Additionally, except as provided in this section, in accord with the Superior Court's decision in the case of *Inos v. Tenorio*, the Mayors shall also have expenditure authority over resident government departments in the First and Second Senatorial districts respectively unless the Governor revokes expenditure authority in a manner consistent with the Superior Court's holding in *Inos v. Tenorio*, to wit: expenditure authority over resident departments that are primarily concerned with the delivery of public services can be revoked only on a prior showing of just cause, but the Governor has discretion to revoke expenditure authority over those departments that are primarily concerned with enforcing the law.

- Out of Business Unit 1065, \$75,000.00 shall be used to pay the improvement of the leaching field, septie tank and water reservoir at the Rota Medical Referral facility on Saipan (Valley Inn).
- Any shortfall in the funds from the funds appropriated as a result or due to (c) payment of overtime, retirement, or benefits shall be borne by the municipality.

Section 706. Second Senatorial District - Tinian & Aguiguan. The Number of Personnel and appropriations for personnel, operations, and utilities for the Second Senatorial District shall be as shown in Schedule A.

(a) Except as provided in this section, Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan shall have authority to expend, obligate, encumber, otherwise commit or reprogram, all the funds appropriated to the Second Senatorial District. Appropriations to the Municipal Council shall be divided and distributed equally to each member of the Municipal Council in separate accounts. Each Municipal Council member shall be the expenditure authority of funds distributed to him/her. Additionally, in accord with the Superior Court's decision in the case

1 of Inos v. Tenorio, the Mayors shall also have expenditure authority over resident 2 government departments in the First and Second senatorial districts respectively unless the 3 Governor revokes expenditure authority in a manner consistent with the Superior Court's 4 holding in *Inos v. Tenorio*, to wit: expenditure authority over resident departments that are 5 primarily concerned with the delivery of public services can be revoked only on a prior showing of just cause, but the Governor has discretion to revoke expenditure authority over 6 7 those departments that are primarily concerned with enforcing the law; 8 9 10 11 12 13

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(b) Any shortfall in the funds from the funds appropriated as a result or due to payment of overtime, retirement, or benefits shall be borne by the municipality.

Section 707. Third Senatorial District - Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of the Northern Islands; and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council. The Number of Personnel and appropriations for personnel, operations, and utilities for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, Office of the Mayor of the Northern Islands, and the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council shall be as shown in Schedule A.

The Mayor of Saipan, the Mayor of the Northern Islands, and the Chairperson of the Municipal Council for Saipan and the Northern Islands shall be the expenditure authority for appropriations for their respective offices.

Section 708. Boards and Commissions. The FY 2018 appropriation for the programs under this section shall be as shown in Schedule A.

Section 709. Other Programs. The FY 2018 appropriation for the programs under this section shall be as shown in Schedule A.

- (a) Northern Marianas College. The president of the Northern Marianas College or his/her designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds;
- (b) Marianas Visitors Authority. The chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority or his/her designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds; and
- (c) Public School System. The Commissioner of Education or his/her designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds under BU 1607. Funds allocated to PSS shall not be used for personnel and operations of the Board of Education. Provided that the amount of \$250,000.00 from the appropriated funds for the operations of the Public School System shall be allocated as follows:
  - (1) \$45,000.00 to the Carolinian Bilingual Bicultural Program for supplies and materials, professional development, printing and reprinting materials and shall be administered by the Office of Curriculum and Instruction;
  - (2) \$170,000.00 to the Chamorro Bilingual Program for supplies and materials, professional development, printing and shall be administered by the Office of Curriculum and Instruction; provided that \$70,000.00 for the student off-island competition activities for Saipan, provided that Rota and Tinian shall each receive \$15,000.00 and Saipan shall receive \$40,000.00; and
  - (3) \$35,000.00 for inter-island scholastic sports activities, provided that \$15,000.00 is allocated for Saipan, \$10,000.00 for Rota and \$10,000.00 for Tinian.
- (d) Board of Education. The chairperson of the Board of Education or his/her designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds under business unit

1624. The funds appropriated to the Board of Education shall include the cost and expenses of the student and teacher representatives to the Board of Education.

**Section 710.** <u>Independent Programs</u>. The FY 2018 budget appropriation for the agencies under this section shall be as shown in Schedule A.

- (a) Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The chairperson of the Commonwealth Library Council shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.
- (b) Commonwealth Museum, BU 3661. The chairperson of the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth Museum shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.
- (c) Ayuda Network. The chairperson of the board of directors shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.
- (d) KARIDAT. The executive director of KARIDAT shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.
- (e) For the Domestic Violence Task Force, expenditure authority is vested in the Family Violence Task Force chairperson with concurrence of the Family Violence Task Force coordinator.
- (f) Elected Attorney General. The Attorney General shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.
- (g) Funds appropriated to the Northern Marianas Sports Association shall not be used for travel.
- (h) Group Health and Life Insurance. The funds carmarked to the Group Health and Life Insurance pursuant to 4 CMC § 1402(a)(16) and funds appropriated to the Group Health Insurance under BU 1533 and GHLI Retirees under BU 1528 shall be deposited into a non-



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lapsing account to be used to reduce the premium of the government group health insurancefor active employees and retirees. Provided that 25 percent past and current obligations of the central government for the death benefit of retirees shall first be satisfied;

- (i) The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated for the Public Assistant Program shall be the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR).
- (j) For programs and activities not specifically mentioned, the expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.
- (k) Of the amount appropriated under Civil Service Conversion, if the amount received by any person whose converted salary is less than \$500 more than that persons current (pre conversion) base salary, that person shall receive an additional amount equal to a one step increase at their converted pay level.

### Section 711. Department of Public Lands.

Pursuant to 1 CMC §2803, \$4,854,044.00 is appropriated to the Department of Public Lands.

Section 712. Reporting Requirements. The expenditure authorities of the foregoing activities listed in Chapter VII shall submit to the presiding officers of the legislature, within 30 days after the end of each quarter, a fund status report on the expenditures for personnel and operations of each government entity, and the payments of the public auditor's fee, for the quarter ended and, if applicable, year to date totals as of the close of the reporting period. Failure to report on the expenditures of such funds by each respective government entity shall result in a suspension of their future allocations until the delayed quarterly report has been submitted to the presiding officers of the legislature.



Section 713. Outside Sources. The Administration has listed the following amounts from sources outside the General Fund which have not been identified as available for appropriation and has indicated the following proposed distribution of such funds. (a) Tobacco Settlement. The following in the Governor's proposed allocation of the

Tobacco Settlement funds in the amount of \$1,637,672.66; provided that the funds allocated in this section pursuant to the submitted original expenditure plan is followed and that such allocations shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose:

(1) Department of Public Health	40%:	\$655,069.06
(2) Public School System	20%:	\$327,534.53
(3) Youth Affairs Office	12.5%:	\$204,709.08
(4) Coalition of Private Schools	7.5%:	\$122,825.45
(5) Rota Mayor	10%:	\$163,767.27
(6) Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor	10%:	\$163,767,27

(b) Compact Impact. The following in the Governor's proposed allocation of the Compact Impact funds in the amount of \$2,281,880.00. Provided that the funds allocated in this subsection pursuant to the submitted original expenditure plan is followed and that such allocations shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose:

(1) CHCC – Hospital	\$825,299.00
(2) CHCC – CGC – Public Health	\$94,617.00
(3) Division of Youth Services	\$32, 917.00
(4) Dept. of Public Safety	\$423,029.00
(5) Dept. of Corrections	\$205,249.00

(6) Dept. of Fire & EMS	\$172,025.00
(7) Public Defender's Office	\$29,631.00
(8) Northern Marianas College	\$74,187.00
(9) CNMI Public School System	\$221,603.00
(10) Karidat	\$53,637.00
(11) Judiciary	\$149,686.00

### (c) Commonwealth Worker Fund (Source: U.S.P.L. 110-229) \$1,949,700.00

The Governor has stated that the sum of \$1,949,700.00 in Commonwealth Worker Fee Funds is to be administered by the CNMI Scholarship Office in collaboration with the educational entities such as the Northern Marianas College and the Northern Marianas Trade Institute. The funds are restricted solely for the purpose of ongoing vocational educational curricula and program development for Commonwealth educational entities. Prior to obligation and disbursement of funds, the educational entities shall develop and submit a plan to the CNMI Scholarship Office on the expenditures of such funds. The funds shall not be used or reprogrammed for any other purpose other than what is specified pursuant to Public Law 110-229, Section 6.a.6.

The Executive Director of the CNMI Scholarship Office shall provide accountability and transparency in administering this program by providing within 30 days after the end of each quarter an expenditure report to the Administration and to the presiding officers of the Legislature.

### Section 714. Violations of Spending Limits.

The expenditure of funds in excess of appropriations and reprogramming established by this Act is a violation of the Planning and Budget Act, 1 CMC § 7101 et. seq. Any government employee violating The Planning and Budget Act shall not be entitled to indemnification, defense or reimbursement under the Government Liability Act or any other Commonwealth Law.

# CHAPTER VIII. ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Section 801. <u>Judgments Against Government</u>. The amount of \$1,000,000.00 under BU 1623 shall be used to pay the final judgments and settlements based on the following:

- (a) Judgments and settlements in the amount of \$150,000.00 and below shall be paid in full, including the payment of \$13,563.44 balance owed to the Estate of Muna v. CNMI, Civ. No. 96-0769;
  - (b) Judgments and settlements above the \$150,000.00 shall be paid proportionately;
- (c) The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated for the judgments and settlements against the government shall be the Secretary of Finance in consultation with the Attorney General; and
- (d) Any unencumbered appropriation in BU 1623 shall be deposited in a non-lapsing account for judgments against the government.

**Section 802.** Earmarked Cancer Fund. Pursuant to 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), out of the \$1,612,500.00 earmarked for the Cancer Fund Special Account, Section 201(a)(3), the amounts listed below shall be transferred to the appropriate expenditure authority and shall be used for the following:

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(a) \$250,000.00 shall be used for the CNMI Medical Referral stipends for patients and escorts on medical referrals outside of the Commonwealth. The expenditure authority shall be Director of the CNMI Medical Referral; and

(b) \$100,000.00 shall be used for Rota and Tinian Inter-island Medical Referral patients' lodging accommodations. The expenditure authority shall be the CHCC CEO.

#### CHAPTER IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 901. Severability. If any provision of this Act, or its application to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

Section 902. 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 this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

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**Section 903.** Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by:

Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by:

SPEAKER RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN

House of Representatives

20th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approval

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Governor

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	Business					
Activity/Function	Unit	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL
ludicial Branch:						4.000
Supreme Court	1691	11	\$920,072	\$9,200	\$0	\$929,272
Superior Court	1690	53	\$2,598,634	\$25,986	\$0	\$2,624,620
ludiciary Administrative Office	1694	25	\$941,120	\$766,193	\$650,000	\$2,357,313
Law Revision Commission	1692	5	\$283,984	\$19,723	\$0	\$303,707
Drug Court	1695	7	\$348,697	\$76,563	\$0	\$425,260
Total Judicial Branch		101	\$5,092,507	\$897,665	\$650,000	\$6,640,172
egislative Branch:						
Current House Members' Salaries	1722	20	\$1,465,767	\$0	\$0	\$1,465,767
House Members' Allocation	1722A	45	\$0	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$1,800,000
louse Leadership Account	1754	0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Current Senate Salaries	1762	9	\$788,950	\$0	\$0	\$788,950
enate Members' Allocation	1764A	27	\$0	\$810,000	\$0	\$810,000
Senate Leadership Account	1764	0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
egislative Bureau	1770	28	\$1,748,474	\$468,971	\$71,400	\$2,288,845
NMI Youth Congress	1593	1	\$28,366	\$12,473	\$0	\$40,839
Fotal Legislative Branch		130	\$4,031,557	\$3,691,444	\$71,400	\$7,794,401
executive Branch:						
Office of the Governor:						
Office of the Governor	1011	14	\$716,243	\$313,982	\$25,965	\$1,056,190
Governor's Discretionary Account	1021	0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
otal Office of the Governor		14	\$716,243	\$413,982	\$25,965	\$1,156,190
Office of the Lt. Governor:						
Office of the Lt. Governor	1050	13	\$646,964	\$170,268	\$28,400	\$845,632
t. Gov's Discretionary Account	1051	0	SO	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
otal Office of the Lt. Governor		13	\$646,964	\$245,268	\$28,400	\$920,632
Other Offices of the Governor & Lt. Governor:						
Office of Management & Budget	1014	10	\$403,622	\$46,002	\$0	\$449,624
Administrative Services	1016	21	\$739,793	\$132,895	\$200,000	\$1,072,688
NMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office	1019	17	\$277,870	\$3,366	\$58,712	\$339,948
Office of Youth Affairs	1020	6	\$166,377	\$6,667	\$20,000	\$193,044
Office of Parole Board	1023	4	\$113,546	\$36,574	\$6,900	\$157,020
Office of Grants Management	1043	10	\$236,748	\$27,258	\$0	\$264,006
Public Defender	1190	8	\$442,625	\$111,774	\$10,000	\$564,399
Carolinian's Affairs Office	1201	8	\$214,928	\$55,627	\$15,000	\$285,555
ndigenous Affairs Office	1202	5	\$159,286	\$88,592	\$0	\$247,878
/eteran's Affairs Office	1251	5	\$182,807	\$55,121	\$15,000	\$252,928
Vomen's Affairs Office	1260	5	\$175,868	\$77,445	\$0	\$253,313
invironmental Protection Act (PL3-23)	1492	1	\$24,002	\$240	\$0	\$24,242
invironmental Quality Saipan	1493	2	\$52,368	\$65,710	\$0	\$118,078
nvironmental Quality Tinian	1494	1	\$19,638	\$196	\$0	\$19,834
Coning Board	1555	9	\$332,449	\$41,642	\$0	\$374,091
Criminal Justice Planning Agency	1584	2	\$85,098	\$979	\$12,767	\$98,844
/ocational Rehabilitation Services	1915	0	\$0	\$71,416	\$0	\$71,416
	1044	4	\$72,617	\$726	\$0	\$73,343
Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA)	TOTAL	-	414,021	7120	40	
Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA)  Vacant Holding Account	N/A	100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Activity/Function	Unit	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL
Department of Commerce:						
Secretary of Commerce	1300	12	\$456,042	\$25,880	\$32,143	\$514,065
Economic Development -Saipan	1310	6	\$225,324	\$26,374	\$0	\$251,698
Statistical Research	1331	9	\$285,867	\$45,784	\$0	\$331,651
Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco Control	1332	8	\$233,827	\$2,338	\$0	\$236,165
Enforcement and Compliance	1333	6	\$170,870	\$26,959	\$0	\$197,829
Workers Compensation Commission	1334	6	\$119,750	\$1,198	\$0	\$120,948
Total Department of Commerce		47	\$1,491,680	\$128,533	\$32,143	\$1,652,356
Department of Community & Cultural Affairs:						
Secretary of CCA	1200	9	\$326,841	\$275,751	\$50,000	\$652,592
Youth Services-Saipan	1220	19	\$518,388	\$27,917	\$10,000	\$556,305
Child Care Licensing Program	1223	4	\$96,360	\$20,974	\$6,296	\$123,630
Historic Preservation -Saipan	1230	8	\$222,337	\$29,053	\$6,500	\$257,890
Office on Aging -Saipan	1240	10	\$209,938	\$219,266	\$51,695	\$480,899
Council for Arts & Culture	1250	13	\$305,459	\$281,004	\$0	\$586,463
Low Income Home Energy Assist. Prog.	1252	4	\$104,997	\$10,725	\$78,660	\$194,382
Chamorro/Carolinian/Language Commission	1557	5	\$139,223	\$23,064	\$0	\$162,287
Total Department of Community & Cultural Affairs		72	\$1,923,543	\$887,754	\$203,151	\$3,014,448
Department of Corrections:						
Corrections Commissioner	1335	111	\$2,927,093	\$1,529,507	\$300,000	\$4,756,600
luvenile Detention Unit	1335A	18	\$497,442	\$4,974	\$0	\$502,416
Total Department of Corrections		129	\$3,424,535	\$1,534,481	\$300,000	\$5,259,016
Department of Fire and Emergency Services:						
Administration	1339	9	\$346,175	\$7,502	\$0	\$353,677
Emergency Services	1339A	84	\$2,549,313	\$28,523	\$0	\$2,577,836
Fire Prevention & Arson Investigation	1339B	13	\$408,616	\$10,146	\$0	\$418,762
Emergency Medical Services	1339C	3	\$112,179	\$3,142	\$0	\$115,321
Logistical Support	1339D	3	\$123,094	\$383,860	\$96,000	\$602,954
Total Department of Fire and Emergency Services		112	\$3,539,377	\$433,173	\$96,000	\$4,068,550
Department of Finance:						
Secretary of Finance	1100	9	\$341,380	\$68,776	\$100,000	\$510,156
Finance and Accounting Saipan	1110	23	\$685,637	\$76,243	\$0	\$761,880
Treasury	1120	10	\$259,164	\$165,202	\$0	\$424,366
Revenue and Taxation- Saipan	1130	34	\$864,318	\$194,763	\$0	\$1,059,081
Procurement & Supply- Saipan	1140	12	\$326,464	\$59,366	\$0	\$385,830
Customs Services- Saipan	1150	50	\$1,147,967	\$191,054	\$72,000	\$1,411,021
Electronic Data Processing	1160	12	\$361,371	\$234,339	\$0	\$595,710
Passport Office	1024	5	\$119,608	\$12,912	\$0	\$132,520
Total Department of Finance		155	\$4,105,909	\$1,002,655	\$172,000	\$5,280,564
Department of Labor:						
Secretary of Labor	1275	6	\$218,670	\$97,194	\$23,929	\$339,793
•	1283	2	\$82,259	\$823	\$0	\$83,082
Administrative Hearing Office			CAFE 036		\$0	\$157,485
	1330	6	\$155,926	\$1,559	20	2137,403
Employment Services	1330 1583	6	\$191,097	\$1,911	\$0	\$193,008
Administrative Hearing Office Employment Services Workforce Investment Agency (WIA) Labor Enforcement Fund					-	

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Department of Lands & Natural Resources:						
Secretary of DLNR	1400	6	\$321,903	\$123,949	\$79,175	\$525,027
Agriculture	1410	31	\$671,741	\$69,842	\$0	\$741,583
Fish & Wildlife Saipan	1420	12	\$306,607	\$21,246	\$0	\$327,853
Parks & Grounds Saipan	1440	44	\$987,295	\$351,646	\$0	\$1,338,941
Soil & Water (SPN & NI) District	1461	1	\$25,543	\$5,305	\$0	\$30,848
Land Registration and Survey Saipan	1467	12	\$293,063	\$52,926	\$0	\$345,989
Total Department of Lands and Natural Resources		106	\$2,606,152	\$624,914	\$79,175	\$3,310,241
Department of Public Safety:						
DPS Commissioner	1340	3	\$164,799	\$10,578	\$0	\$175,377
	N/A	0			\$0	
Executive Protection Services		0	\$0 \$0	\$0	•	\$0
War on Ice Program	1340A	-		\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
Police Saipan	1350	149	\$4,393,657	\$426,953	\$0	\$4,820,610
Administrative Division	1362	14	\$429,092	\$131,004	\$360,000	\$920,096
Motor Vehicles Division	1365	11	\$230,240	\$37,224	\$0	\$267,464
nvestigation Division Salpan	1370	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Department of Public Safety		177	\$5,217,788	\$905,759	\$360,000	\$6,483,547
Department of Public Works:						
Secretary of DPW	1471	14	\$502,125	\$374,398	\$100,000	\$976,523
itreet Lights	1471A	0	\$0	\$4,726	\$472,559	\$477,285
Building Safety Code	1470	18	\$664,420	\$6,644	\$0	\$671,064
Roads and Grounds Division	1484	16	\$404,466	\$74,107	\$0	\$478,573
echnical Services Division	1490	28	\$933,766	\$9,338	\$0	\$943,104
Total Department of Public Works		76	\$2,504,777	\$469,213	\$572,559	\$3,546,549
Total Executive Branch		1,145	\$30,725,691	\$7,571,460	\$2,231,701	\$40,528,85
First Senatorial District-Rota:						
Mayor Rota	1065	97	\$2,115,150	\$369,627	\$465,136	\$2,949,913
Municipal Council Rota	1066	13	\$277,114	\$26,917	\$0	\$304,031
inance & Accounting Rota	1112	4	\$119,873	\$2,371	\$0	\$122,244
Revenue & Taxation Rota	1132	3	\$50,346	\$7,029	\$0	\$57,375
Procurement & Supply Rota	1142	2	\$42,853	\$5,478	\$0	\$48,331
Customs Service Rota	1152	7	\$155,443	\$34,379	\$0	\$189,822
Historic Preservation Rota	1232	3	\$67,265	\$12,213	\$0	\$79,478
Sports & Recreation Rota	1272	9	\$239,790	\$161,114	\$0	\$400,904
abor Rota	1282	5	\$158,059	\$44,961	\$0	\$203,020
Commerce Rota (Economic Development Rota)	1312	6	\$166,297		\$0 \$0	
				\$16,207		\$182,504
Police Rota (DPS)	1352	42	\$1,126,629	\$144,791	\$0	\$1,271,420
ire & EMS-Rota	1353	20	\$585,042	\$235,053	\$0	\$820,095
griculture Rota	1412	20	\$530,454	\$22,600	\$0	\$553,054
ish & Wildlife Rota	1422	7	\$130,603	\$5,548	\$0	\$136,151
arks & Recreation Rota	1442	3	\$49,262	\$27,573	\$0	\$76,835
oil and Water Conservation Rota	1463	1	\$23,463	\$1,800	\$0	\$25,263
and Registration & Survey-Rota	1468	4	\$94,194	\$9,032	\$0	\$103,226
Public Works-Rota (Operations & Maintenance Rota) Public Library-Rota	1482 1523	25 2	\$602,129 \$32,730	\$29,042 \$1,034	\$0 \$0	\$631,171 \$33,764
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Total First Senatorial District-Rota		273	\$6,566,696	\$1,156,769	\$465,136	\$8,188,601

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Activity/Function	Unit	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL	
Second Senatorial District-Tinian & Aguigan:							
Mayor Tinian	1063	134	\$3,176,509	\$553,960	\$465,136	\$4,195,605	
Municipal Council Tinlan	1064	7	\$185,994	\$42,815	\$5,000	\$233,809	
Finance & Accounting Tinian	1111	3	\$116,259	\$18,594	\$0	\$134,853	
Revenue & Taxation Tinian	1131	3	\$84,096	\$1,275	\$0	\$85,371	
Procurement & Supply Tinian	1141	2	\$43,375	\$11,746	\$0	\$55,121	
Customs Service Tinian	1151	4	\$118,896	\$19,621	\$0	\$138,517	
Historic Preservation Tinian	1231	3	\$62,841	\$2,753	\$0	\$65,594	
Aging Tinian	1241	3	\$82,357	\$9,449	\$0	\$91,806	
Sports & Recreation Tinian	1271	4	\$117,064	\$78,941	\$0	\$196,005	
abor Tinian	1281	7	\$222,873	\$34,212	\$0	\$257,085	
Commerce-Tinian (Economic Development Tinian)	1311	4	\$107,681	\$28,893	\$0	\$136,574	
Police Tinian (DPS)	1351	34	\$885,971	\$261,677	\$0	\$1,147,648	
Fire and EMS-Tinian	1351A	20	\$611,778	\$71,162	\$0	\$682,940	
Agriculture Tinian	1411	13	\$381,061	\$43,849	\$0	\$424,910	
Fish & Wildlife Tinian	1421	4	\$97,206	\$13,283	\$0	\$110,489	
Parks & Recreation Tinian	1441	3	\$74,586	\$4,947	\$0	\$79,533	
Soil & Water Conservation	1462	1	\$23,463	\$5,095	\$0	\$28,558	
Public Works Tinian (Operations & Maintenance Tinian)	1481	11	\$321,769	\$40,630	\$0	\$362,399	
Public Library Tinian	1524	3	\$58,914	\$11,392	\$0	\$70,306	
Vacant Holding Account Tinian	N/A	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Second Senatorial District-Tinian		263	\$6,772,693	\$1,254,294	\$470,136	\$8,497,123	
Third Senatorial District - Saipan Mayor, Northern							
slands Mayor, and Saipan Municipal Council:							
Mayor Saipan	1061	70	\$1,744,405	\$783,689	\$30,000	\$2,558,094	
Mayor Northern Islands	1060	17	\$348,749	\$171,286	\$10,000	\$530,035	
Municipal Council Saipan	1062	4	\$104,475	\$35,644	\$5,000	\$145,119	
Total Third Senatorial District-Saipan Mayor , Northern							
slands Mayor, and Saipan Municipal Council		91	\$2,197,629	\$990,619	\$45,000	\$3,233,248	
Boards and Commissions:							
Board of Civil Service Commission	1540	2	\$97,140	\$96,284	\$6,000	\$199,424	
Office of Personnel Management Saipan	1026	17	\$628,481	\$75,508	\$24,000	\$727,989	
Office of Personnel Management Tinian	1027	2	\$72,847	\$5,613	\$3,600	\$82,060	
Office of Personnel Management Rota	1028	2	\$47,127	\$7,469	\$1,308	\$55,904	
Board of Election Commission	1551	5	\$173,589	\$212,926	\$10,000	\$396,515	
Board of Professional Licensing	1556	3	\$101,679	\$40,961	\$5,000	\$147,640	
Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	N/A	31	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	

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Activity/Function	Busines: Unit	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL
Independent Programs:						
CNMi Scholarship Office	1033	6	\$181,100	\$2,160,270	\$6,000	\$2,347,370
Substance Abuse Prevention	1508	6	\$255,294	\$121,992	\$0	\$377,286
Breadfruit Program	1541	0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Public Assistance Matching	1515	0	\$0	\$151,000	\$0	\$151,000
NMI DC Employer Contributions	1527	0	\$336,816	\$3,368	\$0	\$340,184
Northern Marianas Sports Association	1531	5	\$173,882	\$50,798	\$36,000	\$260,680
Gov't Health Insurance Employer Contributions-(Active Employe	1533	0	\$2,997,086	\$29,971	\$0	\$3,027,057
DDC CNMI Respite Service Prog., PL14-36	1534	0	\$0	\$53,074	\$0	\$53,074
Humanities Council	1549	0	\$0	\$52,302	\$0	\$52,302
Ayuda Network	1562	0	\$0	\$53,067	\$4,800	\$57,867
Domestic Violence	1568	0	\$0	\$69,399	\$6,000	\$75,399
Karidat	1577	0	\$0	\$33,927	\$0	\$33,927
Micronesian Legal Services	1580	0	\$0	\$55,476	\$0	\$55,476
Joeten Kiyu Public Library	1592	16	\$450,397	\$91,618	\$92,000	\$634,015
Gov/Lt. Gov. Pension	1601	0	\$167,959	\$1,680	\$0	\$169,639
Judgment against Government	1623	0	\$0	\$1,000,000	SO	\$1,000,000
Medicald Reimbursement	1951	0	\$0	\$4,594,257	\$0	\$4,594,257
Medical Referral-Services	1979	0	\$0	\$1,103,122	\$0	\$1,103,122
Medical Referral-Admin	1979A	25	\$812,208	\$8,122	\$0	\$820,330
Medicaid Administration	1980	12	\$133,408	\$25,287	\$8,009	\$166,704
Commonwealth Museum	3661	4	\$113,464	\$115,814	\$16,200	\$245,478
GHL! Retirees	1528	0	\$5,200,000	\$52,000	\$0	\$5,252,000
Commonwealth Casino Commission	1545	0	\$0	\$1,090	\$0	\$1,090
Elected Attorney General	1519	53	\$2,592,199	\$224,232	\$60,000	\$2,876,431
Civil Service Wage Increase	1524A	0	\$0	\$0	\$00,000	\$0
Civil Service Conversion (P.L. 19-83)	N/A	0	\$2,867,477	\$28,675	\$0	\$2,896,152
Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts	N/A	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund Deficit Reduction	1595	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lady Diann Foundation	N/A-	0	60	\$100,000	-50	\$100,000
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Total Independent Programs		127	\$16,281,290	\$10,180,542	\$229,009	\$26,690,841
Other Programs: (Transfers Out to Agencies)			4.0	4	4-	4======
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHC Subsidy)	1507	0	\$0	\$708,311	\$0	\$708,311
NMC General Operations	1605	136	\$0	\$4,678,992	\$0	\$4,678,992
NMC Board of Regents	N/A	0	\$0	\$124,174	\$0	\$124,174
Marianas Visitor's Authority	1606	41	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Public School System	1607	843	\$0	\$36,377,319	\$0	\$36,377,319
PSS Board of Education	1624	3	\$138,507	\$50,000	\$0	\$188,507
Total Other Programs		1,023	\$138,507	\$41,938,797	\$0	\$42,077,304
General Fund Grand Total		3,184	\$72,927,433	\$68,120,352	\$4,212,290	\$145,260,075
Department of Public Lands	1950	74	\$2,672,042	\$2,133,102	\$48,900	\$4,854,044
Grand total with DPL		3,258	\$75,599,475	\$70,253,454	\$4,261,190	\$150,114,119



