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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker, House of Representatives
23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero
Senate President
23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Madame President:

This is to inform the Legislature that I have signed into law, House Bill 23-66, HS1, SS2, CCS1 (Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2024 or the Act) with the exception of several disapproved parts of the Act.

Although I commend the Legislature for passing the Act, I am compelled to express my concern that the Act does not meaningfully address the chronic funding shortfall for critical programs and services, such as:

- Medicaid;
- Medical Referral/Health Network Program;
- CUC Utilities;
- Solid Waste Management;
- Group Health and Life Insurance Program (GHLIP); and
- 25% pension payment.

Instead, the Act offers the flawed solution of punting the obligation to the executive branch to use the 100% reprogramming authorized in this Act. The reprogramming only works if there is sufficient funding available to meet the already anticipated shortfalls. Such funding has not been appropriated to the executive branch in this skeletal budget with only the estimated sum of \$500,000 available for reprogramming. Punting obligations down field or throwing Hail Mary passes hoping for miracles is not the responsible approach to budgeting when lawmakers knowingly approve a spending plan that is not adequately funded.

I also note the disproportionate reduction of funding between the three branches of government from the FY 2023 amended budget appropriation. Without question, the executive branch has the bulk of the responsibility of providing services and programs for our communities. Under this Act, however, the executive branch's budget allocation for operations (non-personnel) has been decreased by an overall 64%, while the corresponding allocations for Judiciary and Legislature decreased by only 27% and

0.46% respectively. Additionally, independent programs within the executive branch, including the Office of the Attorney General, have also been reduced by approximately 90% over FY 2023.

The disproportionate level of funding for the executive branch will force a review on whether to reduce, suspend, or close affected programs and government services because of lack of revenue to support the expenditure plan approved in this Act. The Medicaid Program and the GHLIP will see the most drastic drop in service levels, with Medicaid reducing its available federal funds by \$26.8 million and GHLIP potentially terminating health insurance coverage.

My proposal for the upcoming fiscal year included minimal revenue enhancement to bolster the resources for FY 2024. The Legislature has had time to consider my proposal but has yet to take any action despite promises to pass revenue bills. The promises must translate into positive action to approve revenue generating measures in the first quarter of FY 2024 to close the budget gap for these critical programs and services. Without the additional revenues, it will be almost impossible to operate the Commonwealth government responsibly on such a skeletal budget.

In addition to the foregoing concerns, I have line-item vetoed several parts of the Act of which I have found unclear, ambiguous, or problematic either in their inconsistency with existing provisions of Commonwealth or Federal law, or in their implementation or imposition of additional and unnecessary steps that would hinder efficiency in government operations.

My comments and actions are as follows:

COMMENTS ON APPROVED PARTS OF THE ACT

Sections 201 and 202

The suspension of earmarks that are intended to ensure continued funding of the GHLIP is an unwise decision that puts at risk the government's group health insurance program. Compared to the administration's proposal of \$6.6 million from the earmarked funds for GHLIP, the Act only provides the sum of \$68,590 to cover the government's contribution toward premiums to 2,142 health insurance subscribers comprising of both employees and retirees. If the budget gap is not resolved within the first quarter of FY 2024 through the passage of revenue generating measures, this will jeopardize the administration's ability to negotiate the continuation of health insurance coverage beginning January 1, 2024. I urge the Legislature to act swiftly on revenue generating legislation to close the budget gap, secure the funding of the GHLIP, and assure enrollees and their dependents of their continued access to health care insurance. Without the required funding in place, the suspension may force the cancellation of our current contract with our provider, leaving government employees and the retirees without any health insurance coverage.

Section 201 and 202 extended the suspension to the CIQ Overtime Revolving Fund. The Legislature is reminded that airlines pay Customs and Biosecurity personnel through NMIAC §§ 70-10.1-705(a) and 70-10.1-720, to cover the compensation of on-duty officers outside of normal working hours. Most international flights and those from Guam into Saipan occur outside of normal working hours. Suspending the regulations that govern the fees assessed for this particular purpose and the use of the fees to pay for such compensation lacks the assurance that the fees will be used to cover the costs as provided by regulation.

The earmark for Revenue and Tax enforcement under 4 CMC § 1803 takes away a dedicated source of funding for enforcement at a time when enforcement and collection is critical to meet our revenue projections. Taking away the minimal funding for such enforcement efforts is inconsistent with Senate Joint Resolution 23-02, and the objectives of meeting projection targets and collecting more revenue through enforcement. In the past two months the task force assembled by the Secretary of Finance has netted about \$1.9 million in actual payments of taxes due and \$2.1 million in pending installment agreements.

Section 403. Donation of Sick Leave Hours

The inclusion of Section 403 to address the donation of sick leave hours is timely in rectifying existing policies in their applicability to save the government from further compounding its obligations related to the use of the donated sick leave.

Section 501. Reprogramming Authority

As I have stated, under the skeletal budget appropriation of this Act, almost no flexibility is provided the governor to use the 100% reprogramming authority for Fiscal Year 2024 to move funds within the executive branch to cover the already anticipated shortfalls for Medicaid, Medical Referral/Health Network Program, GHLIP, CUC Utilities, Solid Waste Management program and the 25% pension payment.

Section 607. Cell #1 Marpi Landfill Closure Financial Assurance Mechanism

This section is an attempt to mitigate the impact of suspending Solid Waste Fund authorized under by 2 CMC §3551. I am hopeful that the collaborative efforts of the Department of Public Works, the Office of Planning and Development, and the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will focus on the resources needed for this high priority project to complete the CNMI Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan so that the assurance requirement can be lifted utilizing the *Additional Supplemental Appropriation for Disaster Relief Act* (ASADRA) allocation that will address the closure of Cell #1.

Section 711. Department of Public Lands

This section requires the Department of Public Lands to carry seven personnel from Tinian and Rota under the Division of Parks and Recreation through the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by DPL and DLNR, which only relates to Saipan personnel. The MOA should be amended to include the seven personnel.

VETOED PARTS OF THE ACT

Section 203. Reporting Requirements for Secretary of Finance

I have disapproved Subsection (d) because the Secretary of Finance does not have the financial records for the Public School System, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Northern Marianas College, and the Marianas Visitors Authority. The Legislature should directly request the autonomous agencies and public corporations to provide the information relating to quarterly allotments for all local and federal funds. The Department of Labor's Contract Workers fee records will be included in the fund status report requirement in Section 801.

Section 401. Management of Funds.

The reporting requirements in Section 401 have been vetoed because they are duplicative of other reporting mandates in this Act and under the Planning and Budgeting Act.

Section 601. Utilities.

I am disapproving Section 601(c). I emphasize again that although I have been given 100% reprogramming authority of the appropriation for the executive branch, the stark reality of this Act severely limits what I can chip off the skeletal appropriation to close the budget gap for all under-appropriated programs, including the under-funded utilities expenditure for executive branch departments and agencies. I am left with no alternative but to disapprove the provisions that would strap onto an already under-funded executive branch utilities account, the additional obligation to cover any budget shortfall for the utilities of the judicial and legislative branches, and the municipal governments. The budget process as designed by Commonwealth law provides for a realistic and rational approach to financing the operational needs of the government with adequate resources. Section 601 is wholly incompatible with that approach.

The Legislature is reminded that the timely payment of the government's usage of CUC utility services is being monitored by the federal District Court in *U.S. v. CUC and Commonwealth*. Although the central government's past due account has been significantly reduced, the Judicial Branch has a substantial past due amount. CHCC, a public corporation, has a staggering \$57 million past due for CUC utility services that must be addressed collaboratively with CHCC to settle the outstanding balance.

Section 605. Legal Holidays

I have disapproved Section 605 because of its ambiguous and vague language. It is unclear whether only federally funded employees would receive leave with pay for holidays and holiday pay for work performed on holidays. The lack of clarity also presented a legal question whether the restriction would apply only to new employees hired during the fiscal year.

Section 606. Excepted Service Employee

The vetoed provision would not have provided the necessary flexibility for salary adjustments under circumstances that warrant the retention of high performing employees. The limited appropriation provided under the Act dictates the careful exercise of discretion to raise salaries.

Section 608. Reduction of Work Hours

The section relates to the earning of leave and other benefits when austerity measures authorize a full pay period of less than 80 hours. The last sentence has been disapproved for clarity.

Section 703(b). Judicial Branch

While I do not object to providing an advance allotment for the Judicial Branch, fulfilling the remittance portion may be problematic when actual revenue collections are less than the projections. For this reason, I have disapproved this provision.

Section 707. Second Senatorial District

My budget proposal for the Second Senatorial District, Office of the Mayor was formulated based on the cash availability received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which was confirmed by the Mayor of the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan. The same methodology was applied to the Third Senatorial District after confirming their ARPA cash availability. This methodology is consistent with the Planning and Budgeting Act, which requires the formulation of the Commonwealth budget by taking into account all revenue sources available.

I am disapproving Subsection (b), that would transfer both 24 NOPs under the Mayor's Office and their ARPA funding in fiscal year 2024 to the Commonwealth Treasury. The transfer of the employees and funding are not included in Schedule A. The Mayor's Office retains the option of keeping the 24 NOPS and funding them directly under its ARPA funds.

Section 709. Other Programs

I have disapproved the requirement in Subsection (e) that the CNMI Medical Referral Program/Health Network Program will include stipends, airfare, and lodging for patients and escorts in the inter-island medical referral services. The appropriation for the Health Network Program is insufficient to cover such costs. CHCC should have the flexibility to identify outside sources to address the budget gap.

Section 712. Reporting Requirements

I am disapproving Section 712 provisions because they duplicate the reporting requirements set forth in Section 203 and create additional and unreasonable administrative burdens that will be difficult to implement, especially in light of severely limited resources and current conditions of the government's financial books.

As you are aware, my administration inherited a government that was in total financial disarray, and the Commonwealth was behind on its single audits by two years. We are receiving assistance from federal partners and working closely with technical advisors to complete the single audits, reconcile data, and make all necessary adjustments in MUNIS. Because significant irregularities and questioned costs have been identified by my Fiscal Response Team and by the Inspector General, we are also pursuing forensic audits of the Commonwealth's American Rescue Plan Act and CARES Act expenditures.

As this work of the Department of Finance and the Fiscal Response Team is still ongoing, I am disapproving Section 712(b) at this time because implementation will be impractical and the risk of misleading or inaccurate analysis will be high absent the necessary manual adjustments that are continually being made.

That said, I fully appreciate, and share, the Legislature's desire for transparency, improved access to accurate data, and timely reporting. I am therefore directing the Secretary of Finance to work with the Legislature to develop appropriate protocols for expanding the Legislature's access to MUNIS, ensuring quality control for reports generated from MUNIS, and training the staff of the Legislative Branch in using and navigating MUNIS to obtain financial data in the format the Legislature requires in order to perform its own analyses.

Section 713. Violation of Spending Limits

I have disapproved the additional penalties and sanctions in Section 713. The Planning and Budgeting Act (PBA), as amended, has adequate enforcement provisions to assure compliance with the expenditure restrictions under the PBA and this Act.

Section 802. Outside Sources

I have disapproved parts of Subsection (b) because of inconsistency between the original language and U.S. Public Law 115-218 which governs the use and administration of the CW funds. The federal law does not limit training programs to only those for vocational training. The federal law also provides restrictions on the administration of the funds including reprogramming and fiscal year limitation.

As we implement the budget appropriation in this Act, I remind the Legislature of the urgency to pass revenue generating legislation, including my proposal for a limited increase in the gross revenue tax, to close the budget gaps for critical services and programs. The 100% reprogramming authority provided in this Act will not effectively address the severe under-appropriation of our Medicaid match, the GHLIP, Medical Referral/Health Network Program, CUC utilities and the 25% pension payment. For this reason, I urge the Legislature to fast-track the passage of revenue enhancement legislation. Failure to do so will jeopardize the critical services and programs that affect the lives and livelihood of our community, the health care of our public servants and retirees, and the essential services provided by CHCC and CUC.

My administration stands ready to work with the Legislature to iron out our differences and work collectively and cooperatively to address the government's fiscal challenges.

With my signature, this bill becomes Public Law No. 23-09. Copies of the public law bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,



ARNOLD I. PALACIOS

cc: Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of Finance
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review
All Mayors
Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs
Members of the 23rd Legislature



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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September 25, 2023

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands
Capitol Hill
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Dear Governor Palacios:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action **H. B. No. 23-66, HS1, SS2, 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 government corporations for Fiscal Year 2024; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,


Linda B. Muña
House Clerk

Attachment



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANA COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 10, 2023

REPRESENTATIVE RALPH N. YUMUL OF SAIPAN, PRECINCT 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Angelo A. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Manny G. T. Castro, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, and John Paul P. Sablan,) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 23-66, HS1, SS2, 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 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Bill was not referred to a House Committee.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, AUGUST 10, 2023;**

with amendments in the form of H. B. No. 23-66, HS1 and transmitted to **THE SENATE.**

IN THE SENATE

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs.

THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023;
with amendments in the form of H. B. No. 23-66, HS1, SS2 and returned to **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

The House of Representatives rejected the Senate amendments and the Bill was sent to Conference, which submitted Conference Committee Report 23-3.

**H. B. No. 23-66, HS1, SS2, CCS1 IS DULY PASSED BY THE TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE.**


Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTH DAY, SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

H. B. No. 23-66, HS1, SS2, 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 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN
MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **SECTION 101. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2024”.

3 **SECTION 102. PURPOSE.**

4 This Act appropriates local funds for the operations and activities of the Government
5 of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, independent agencies, and
6 political subdivisions, and provides authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2024
7 commencing October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024.

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SECTION 103. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Act:

(a) “B.U.” means business unit.

(b) “NEW” means that the Legislature hereby authorizes the Secretary of Finance to establish a business unit as set forth therein for the named entity.

(c) Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands includes:

(1) Judicial Branch, which includes the following:

1689 Justices and Judges

1691 Supreme Court

1690 Superior Court

1694 Judiciary Administrative Office

1692 Law Revision Commission

1695 Drug Court

NEW Mental Health Court

(2) Legislative Branch, which includes the following business units:

1722 House of Representative Salaries

1722A House Members Allocation

1754 House Leadership Account

1762 Senator Salaries

1764A Senate Members Allocation

1764 Senate Leadership Account

1770 Legislative Bureau

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- 1 1593 CNMI Youth Congress
- 2 (3) Executive Branch, which includes the following departments and offices:
- 3 (A) Offices of the Governor, which includes business units:
- 4 1011 Governor's Office
- 5 1021 Governor's Discretionary Account
- 6 (B) Office of the Lt. Governor
- 7 1050 Lt. Governor's Office
- 8 1051 Lt. Governor's Discretionary Account
- 9 (C) Other Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor
- 10 1014 Management and Budget
- 11 1016 Administrative Services
- 12 1019 CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office
- 13 1020 Office of Youth Affairs
- 14 1022 Office of Planning & Development
- 15 1023 Board of Parole
- 16 1043 Office of Grants Management
- 17 1190 Public Defender
- 18 1201 Carolinian Affairs Office
- 19 1202 Indigenous Affairs Office
- 20 1251 Veterans Affairs Office
- 21 1260 Women's Affairs Office
- 22 1492 Environmental Protection Act

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- 1 1493 Environmental Quality Saipan
- 2 1494 Environmental Quality Tinian
- 3 1555 Saipan Zoning Board
- 4 1584 Criminal Justice Planning Agency
- 5 1915 Vocational Rehabilitation Service
- 6 1044 Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA)
- 7 1951 Medicaid Reimbursement
- 8 1980 Medicaid Agency
- 9 1981 Medicaid Enterprise Systems
- 10 (D) Department of Commerce, which includes business units:
- 11 1300 Secretary of Commerce
- 12 1310 Economic Development – Saipan
- 13 1331 Statistical Research
- 14 1332 Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco Control
- 15 1333 Enforcement & Compliance
- 16 1334 Workers Compensation Commission
- 17 (E) Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, which includes business units:
- 18 1200 Secretary of CCA
- 19 1220 Youth Services – Saipan
- 20 1223 Child Care Licensing Program
- 21 1224 Child Care Development Fund
- 22 1230 Historic Preservation – Saipan

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- 1 1240 Office on Aging – Saipan
- 2 1250 Council for Arts & Culture
- 3 1252 Low Income Home Energy Asst. Program
- 4 1534 DDC CNMI Respite Service Program
- 5 1557 Chamorro/Carolinian Language Commission
- 6 1534 DDC CNMI Respite SVC Program (PL14-36)
- 7 1270 Sports and Recreation
- 8 (F) Department of Corrections, which includes business units:
- 9 1335 Corrections Commissioner
- 10 1335A Juvenile Detention Unit
- 11 (G) Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, which includes
- 12 business units:
- 13 1339 Administration
- 14 1339A Emergency Services
- 15 1339B Fire Prevention & Arson Investigation
- 16 1339C Emergency Medical Services
- 17 1339D Logistics and Support
- 18 1339E DFEMS Training Section
- 19 1339F Dispatch Section
- 20 (H) Department of Finance, which includes business units:
- 21 1100 Secretary of Finance
- 22 1110 Finance and Accounting – Saipan

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- 1 1120 Treasury
- 2 1130 Revenue and Taxation – Saipan
- 3 1140 Procurement & Supply – Saipan
- 4 1150 Customs Services – Saipan
- 5 1160 Office of Information Technology
- 6 1024 Passport Office
- 7 9040 CIQ Reimbursement (Airport/Seaport) Overtime
- 8 (I) Department of Labor, which includes business units:
- 9 1275 Secretary of Labor
- 10 1283 Administrative Hearing Office
- 11 1330 Employment Services
- 12 1583 Workforce Investment Agency
- 13 3430 Labor Enforcement Fund
- 14 (J) Department of Lands and Natural Resources, which includes business units:
- 15 1400 Secretary of DLNR
- 16 1410 Agriculture
- 17 1420 Fish & Wildlife – Saipan
- 18 1440 Parks & Recreation – Saipan
- 19 1461 Soil & Water (SPN & NI) District
- 20 1467 Land Registration & Survey – Saipan
- 21 (K) Department of Public Safety, which includes business units:
- 22 1340 DPS Commissioner

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1 N/A Executive Protection Services

2 1340A War on Ice Program

3 1350 Police – Saipan

4 1360 Police Training Academy

5 1362 Administrative Division

6 1365 Motor Vehicles Division

7 1370 Investigation Division – Saipan

8 1390 Boating Safety

9 (L) Department of Public Works, which includes business units:

10 1471 Secretary of DPW

11 1471A Street Lights

12 1470 Building Safety Code

13 1484 Roads and Grounds Division

14 1485/2082 Solid Waste Management

15 1490 Technical Services Division

16 (4) First Senatorial District (Rota) which includes the following business units:

17 1065 Mayor Rota

18 1066 Municipal Council – Rota

19 1112 Finance & Accounting – Rota

20 1132 Revenue & Taxation – Rota

21 1142 Procurement & Supply – Rota

22 1152 Customs Service – Rota

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- 1 1232 Historic Preservation – Rota
- 2 1272 Sports & Recreation – Rota
- 3 1282 Labor – Rota
- 4 1312 Commerce - Rota (Economic Development Rota)
- 5 1352 Police - Rota (DPS)
- 6 1353 Fire & EMS – Rota
- 7 1412 Agriculture – Rota
- 8 1422 Fish & Wildlife – Rota
- 9 1442 Parks & Recreation – Rota
- 10 1463 Soil and Water Conservation – Rota
- 11 1468 Land Registration & Survey – Rota
- 12 1482 Public Works - Rota (Operations and Maintenance Rota)
- 13 1523 Public Library – Rota
- 14 (5) Second Senatorial District (Tinian and Aguiguan) which includes the following
- 15 business units:
- 16 1063 Mayor Tinian
- 17 1064 Municipal Council – Tinian
- 18 1111 Finance & Accounting – Tinian
- 19 1131 Revenue & Taxation – Tinian
- 20 1141 Procurement & Supply – Tinian
- 21 1151 Customs Service – Tinian
- 22 1231 Historic Preservation – Tinian

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- 1 1241 Aging – Tinian
- 2 1271 Sports & Recreation – Tinian
- 3 1281 Labor – Tinian
- 4 1311 Commerce-Tinian (Economic Development Tinian)
- 5 1351 Police - Tinian (DPS)
- 6 1351A Fire and EMS – Tinian
- 7 1411 Agriculture – Tinian
- 8 1421 Fish & Wildlife – Tinian
- 9 1441 Parks & Recreation – Tinian
- 10 1462 Soil & Water Conservation -Tinian
- 11 1481 Public Works-Tinian (Operations & Maintenance Tinian)
- 12 1524 Public Library – Tinian
- 13 (6) Third Senatorial District – Saipan & Northern Islands Mayors & Municipal Council
- 14 which includes the following governmental offices:
- 15 1061 Mayor Saipan
- 16 1060 Mayor Northern Islands
- 17 1062 Municipal Council Saipan
- 18 (7) Boards and Commissions which include the following business units:
- 19 1540 Board of Civil Service Commission
- 20 1026 Office of Personnel Management – Saipan
- 21 1027 Office of Personnel Management – Tinian
- 22 1028 Office of Personnel Management – Rota

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- 1 1551 Commonwealth Election Commission
- 2 1556 Board of Professional Licensing
- 3 3540 Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
- 4 1545 Commonwealth Casino Commission
- 5 1501 Commonwealth Cannabis Commission
- 6 1501A CNMI Cannabis Commission Board
- 7 (8) “Independent programs” means government programs under separate boards
- 8 established by law (unless receiving appropriations or budget authority under another heading),
- 9 specialized general items of appropriations, and those non-profit corporations and associations
- 10 or organizations established outside of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern
- 11 Mariana Islands to which the Commonwealth Government provides financial assistance
- 12 including business units:
- 13 1033 CNMI Scholarship Office
- 14 1508 Substance Abuse Prevention
- 15 1515 Public Assistance Matching
- 16 1519 Elected Attorney General
- 17 1524B Civil Service Conversion (P.L. 19-83)
- 18 1526 Settlement Account
- 19 1526D 25% Retirees’ Pension Benefits
- 20 1527 NMI DC Employer Contributions
- 21 1528 GHLI Retirees
- 22 1529 CNMI Government Employee Credit Union Refund

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1	1531	Northern Marianas Sports Association
2	1533	Gov't Health Insurance Employer Contribution (Active Employees)
3	1541	Breadfruit Program
4	1549	Humanities Council
5	1562	Ayuda Network
6	1568	Domestic Violence
7	1577	Marianas Bound-Karidat
8	1580	Micronesian Legal Services
9	1592	Joeten/Kiyu Public Library
10	1601	Gov/Lt. Gov Pension
11	1623	Judgments Against Government
12	3661	NMI Museum of History and Culture
13	1532	La Fiesta Lease
14	1536	Commonwealth Cancer Association
15	N/A	Workman's Compensation Insurance
16	N/A	NMPASI
17	1595	General Fund Deficit Reduction
18	1528B	Retirees' Bonus
19	(9)	Other Programs:
20	1507	Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. (CHCC Subsidy)
21	NEW	CHCC Medical Referral (Health Network Program)
22	1605	Northern Marianas College

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1 1627 NMC Board of Regents

2 1606 Marianas Visitors Authority

3 1607 Public School System

4 1624 PSS Board of Education

5 N/A Coalition of Private Schools

6 1580 Micronesia Legal Services Corporation

7 NEW Northern Marianas Technical Institute

8 (10) Public Corporations which include the following business units:

9 Commonwealth Economic Development Authority

10 Commonwealth Ports Authority

11 Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

12 Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

13 Office of the Public Auditor

14 (d) "Local funds" means locally generated revenues and revenues received pursuant to
15 Section 702 (a) of the Covenant.

16 (e) "Operations" means appropriations for all lawful activities other than personnel.

17 (f) "Personnel" means appropriations for salaries, employer's contribution to the
18 Northern Marianas Retirement Fund, the Defined Contribution Plan, overtime, night
19 differential, hazardous pay, and other employee wages and benefits.

20 (g) "Number of Positions"(NOP) means the maximum number of persons that may be
21 employed, pursuant to Article X, Section 7 of the Commonwealth Constitution but does not
22 include Workforce Investment Agency, substitute teachers, summer trainees, teacher aides,

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1 physicians, licensed professional nurses and licensed allied health providers working part-time
 2 and paid only for instructional time, student-teacher trainees, or short terms specialized
 3 instructors, such as visiting artists, performers, writers, and the like. For purposes of this
 4 exception, “part-time” means employment not exceeding 40 hours in any biweekly pay period,
 5 and “short-term” means not more than 90 instructional days of employment within the
 6 Public School System during the fiscal year.

7 **CHAPTER II. ESTIMATED REVENUES**

8 **SECTION 201. ESTIMATED REVENUES.** Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution
 9 No. 23-2, SS1, CCS1 the total estimated revenues and resources approved and identified for
 10 Fiscal Year 2024 are as follows:

11	I. The total identified budgetary resources for FY 2024 is	<u>\$163,415,313</u>
12	II. Less Earmarks and Transfers Out:	
13	(1) 7% Solid Waste R/F 4 CMC §1402(g)(1)-PL 18-64	<u>(\$0)</u>
14	(2) CIQ Overtime Revolving Fund	<u>(\$0)</u>
15	(3) MVA – Hotel (80%) 4 CMC §1803	<u>(\$4,584,654)</u>
16	(4) Rev & Tax Enforcement – 4 CMC §1503(c)	<u>(\$0)</u>
17	(5) GHLI - 50% Cigarette 4 CMC §1402(g)(3) PL 18-64	<u>(\$0)</u>
18	(6) Solid Waste Fund (2 CMC §3551)	<u>(\$0)</u>
19	(7) Developers Infrastructure Tax (100%)	<u>(\$0)</u>
20	(A) Less Debt Service Previously Appropriated:	
21	(1) 2007A Refunding Bond Payment	<u>(\$3,617,000)</u>
22	(2) 2007B Refunding Bond Payment	<u>(\$3,265,375)</u>

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1	(B) Less Debt Service Settlement Fund	
2	Agreement, 468-1, PL 20-33:	<u>(\$34,000,000)</u>
3	(C) 2020 Pension Obligation Note Payment:	<u>(\$2,886,600)</u>
4	(D) MPLT 2019 Loan	<u>(\$822,753)</u>
5	Subtotal	<u>(\$49,174,382)</u>
6	III. Total local revenue and resources	
7	(a) Total local revenue and resources available for appropriation for Commonwealth	
8	Government activities in Fiscal Year 2024:	\$114,238,931
9	(b) Department of Public Lands	\$4,960,881
10	Grand Total	<u>\$119,199,812</u>

11 Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7204, funds for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be allotted monthly;
12 except programs and agencies that require one-time payments shall receive advance allotments.
13 These programs include but shall not be limited to: the CNMI Scholarship Office, the
14 Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, the CNMI Public School System, the Northern
15 Marianas College, and the Northern Marianas Technical Institute.

16 **SECTION 202. SUSPENSION OF EARMARKED FUNDS.**

17 Except for debt service obligations and other earmarking of funds as permitted in
18 Section 201 of this Chapter, the earmarking, reservation, commitment, allotment, or allocation
19 of funds pursuant to the following public laws are hereby suspended for the Fiscal Year 2024:

- 20 (a) Non-Resident Worker Fee Fund Fees for NMC and PSS;
- 21 (b) Tobacco Control – Cigarette Tax, Public Law 13-38;
- 22 (c) PSS Technical Education – 4 CMC § 1503(f);

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- 1 (d) Cancer Fund – Cigarette Tax, 4 CMC § 1402(g)(2);
- 2 (e) NMIRF – Hotel Tax (20%), 4 CMC § 1803;
- 3 (f) NMIRF – Alcohol Container (30%), 4 CMC § 1803;
- 4 (g) MVA – Alcohol Container (20%), 4 CMC § 1803;
- 5 (h) NMIRF DB Plan Fund – 15% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30, 4 CMC § 1511 (a);
- 6 (i) NMIRF – 60% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30, 4 CMC § 1511 (b);
- 7 (j) 3rd Senatorial District – 15% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30, 4 CMC § 1511 (c);
- 8 (k) 1st and 2nd Senatorial District – 10% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30,
- 9 4 CMC § 1511 (d);
- 10 (l) 3rd and 2nd Senatorial District – Public Law 20-59, 4 CMC § 1508(a)(1)(2);
- 11 (m) 7% Solid Waste R/F 4 CMC §1402(g)(1)-PL 18-64;
- 12 (n) CIQ Overtime Revolving Fund;
- 13 (o) Rev & Tax Enforcement – 4 CMC §1503(c);
- 14 (p) GHLI - 50% Cigarette 4 CMC §1402(g)(3) PL 18-64;
- 15 (q) Solid Waste Fund (2 CMC §3551); and
- 16 (r) Developers Infrastructure Tax (100%)

17 **SECTION 203. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY OF**

18 **FINANCE.**

19 (a) Comparison of Actual Revenues Collected and Revenues Estimated.

20 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall submit to the Presiding

21 Officers of the Legislature, the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, and the

22 Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, at the end of each quarter, a fund

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1 status report comparing the actual revenues collected and the revenues estimated of all funds
2 appropriated for the operations and activities of the Commonwealth Government in this Act.
3 The Secretary of Finance shall meet with the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal
4 Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means in mid-February,
5 mid-May, and mid-August to discuss actual revenues collected versus the revenues estimated.

6 (b) Comparison of Actual Expenditures and Appropriated Expenditures.
7 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall submit to the Presiding
8 Officers of the Legislature, the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, and the
9 Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, at the end of each quarter, a fund
10 status report comparing the actual expenditures and appropriated expenditures of all funds
11 appropriated for the operations and activities of the Commonwealth Government in this Act.

12 (c) Transfer In and Out Funds. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary
13 of Finance shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, at the end of each quarter,
14 a fund status report on the funds transferred in and out each quarter pursuant to Section 201 of
15 this Act.

16 ~~(d) Quarterly Reports. In Fiscal Year 2024, within 30 days of the end of each quarter,~~
17 ~~the Secretary of Finance shall submit financial records covering all quarterly allotments for all~~
18 ~~local and federal funds for the CNMI Public School System, Department of Labor for Contract~~
19 ~~Workers fees, Northern Marianas Technical Institute, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation,~~
20 ~~Northern Marianas College, and Marianas Visitors Authority to the Presiding Officers of the~~
21 ~~Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the~~
22 ~~House Committee on Ways and Means.~~

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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.

<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>NOP</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) Commonwealth Economic Development Authority	13	\$1,166,202	\$1,750,273	\$2,916,475
(b) Commonwealth Ports Authority	242	\$7,549,471	\$10,666,973	\$18,216,444
(c) Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	563	\$23,255,463	\$88,670,971	\$111,926,434
(d) Northern Marianas Housing Corporation	67	\$6,085,406	\$8,679,175	\$14,764,581
(e) Office of the Public Auditor	19	\$1,408,950	\$488,923	\$1,897,873
(f) Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation	1,075	\$77,108,324	\$49,340,027	\$126,448,351
(g) Commonwealth Casino Commission	51	\$2,343,566	\$792,573	\$3,136,139
(h) Marianas Visitors Authority	<u>42</u>	<u>\$2,360,196</u>	<u>\$10,164,732</u>	<u>\$12,524,928</u>
Grand Total:	<u>2,072</u>	<u>\$121,277,578</u>	<u>\$170,553,647</u>	<u>\$291,831,225</u>

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.

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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. Notwithstanding any Commonwealth laws, regulations, or provisions to the contrary, this section shall not apply to the Judicial Branch, 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, at 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 in detail to the Legislature for-appropriation purposes.

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~~

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~~30 calendar days at 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.~~

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. DONATION OF SICK LEAVE.

Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, when an employee volunteers to donate sick leave, the donated sick leave shall be based on the donor's current base hourly salary and shall be converted into equivalent sick leave hours based on the recipient's current base hourly salary. Provided that the donated sick leave hours shall not exceed 1040 hours.¹

¹ Conversion:

(Sick Leave Hours Donated) multiplied by (Donor's Hourly Base Rate) = (Donor's Donated Dollar Value)

(Donor's Donated Dollar Value) divided by (Recipient's Hourly Base Rate) = (Number of Hours Donated to Recipient)

Example: (Donor donated 100 hours) x (Donor's hourly rate of \$20) = \$2,000
(\$2,000) divided by (Recipient's hourly rate of \$10) = 200 hours to Recipient.

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SECTION 404. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

The distribution and expenditure of funds shall be in compliance with the fiscal expenditure authority that the listed agencies have pursuant to the statute and the administrative provisions of this Act.

CHAPTER V. REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY**SECTION 501. REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY.**

(a) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7401(b), the Governor shall have 100% reprogramming authority for the departments, agencies, and offices of the executive branch, provided that the municipal entities shall not be subject to this reprogramming authority without the consent of the mayor. Provided further that the reprogramming authority shall not apply to Section 604 of this Act. Reprogramming shall not be used for the hiring of personnel or salary adjustment of active personnel. This authority to reprogram shall not apply to the funds appropriated to the Legislative or Judicial Branches as well as to those funds appropriated by the respective legislative delegations.

(b) Pursuant to 1 CMC § 7402(e), all reprogramming shall be reported in writing to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Chairperson 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 Chairpersons. The Governor shall submit

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1 to the Presiding Officers and Chairpersons an annual summary of all reprogramming activity
2 within 60 days after the end of a fiscal year.

CHAPTER VI. SUPPLEMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**SECTION 601. UTILITIES.**

3 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), the CUC monthly utility billings for all
4 departments and agencies shall be paid by the central government after all the funds in the
5 general revolving accounts are exhausted.

6 (b) For prepaid meter accounts, the authorized designee of the respective government
7 agencies or offices shall follow the protocol of the Department of Finance for timely payment.

8 ~~(c) Except for the Judicial Branch and Legislative Branch, all utilities, including the~~
9 ~~municipalities of Rota, Tinian, Saipan, and the Northern Islands, shall be paid by the central~~
10 ~~government. Provided that any shortfall of utility payments of the Judicial Branch and~~
11 ~~Legislative Branch shall be paid by the central government.~~

SECTION 602. HIRING RESTRICTION.

12 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and Section 706(b), no new or
13 vacant position shall be filled in the executive branch, except for positions that are essential for
14 the delivery of public services such as the Department of Public Safety and the Department of
15 Fire and Emergency Services personnel for each respective Senatorial District and other
16 essential positions as determined by the Governor.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, if a Notice of Personnel
18 Action has been executed by the hiring agency or a candidate to fill the vacancy has been
19 selected or action has been initiated to fill the position by any department or agency and filed
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1 at the Office of Personnel Management on Rota, Tinian, or Saipan, the vacant position shall be
2 considered as processed and to be filled. The renewal of the contract for an existing employee
3 shall not be considered as creating a vacant position.

4 **SECTION 603. SALARY CAP.**

5 (a) For Fiscal Year 2024, the compensation of certain appointed officials shall be
6 compensated as set forth in the attached Schedule A and pursuant to 1 CMC § 8245 and
7 1 CMC § 28003.

8 (b) For Fiscal Year 2024, notwithstanding 1 CMC § 8245(c), the annual salary of the
9 Resident Department Heads of the First and Second Senatorial Districts shall not exceed
10 \$40,000 as set forth in the attached Schedule A.

11 **SECTION 604. REVOLVING ACCOUNTS.**

12 Subject to constitutional limits, notwithstanding any CNMI and/or local laws,
13 regulations, and rules to the contrary and except for the suspended accounts as provided in
14 Section 202 and special revenue accounts, all general revolving account expenditure
15 limitations and restrictions relating to the scope of application or other subject matter
16 requirements are hereby suspended in FY 2024. Accordingly, all legally established general
17 revolving accounts and the funds therein may be expended by their respective expenditure
18 authorities for the following operational expenses: fuel, communications, operational office
19 supplies, and inter-island travel for training purposes. Provided further that Section 501 of this
20 Act shall not apply to this section.

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SECTION 605. LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

~~(a) Any employee required to work on a non federal Commonwealth legal holiday shall be paid at the basic salary rate for the hours worked on that day without any additional adjustment for holiday leave with pay. Except for employees that are 100% or partially funded with federal funds.~~

~~(b) Provided that any employee whose salary is partially or fully paid by federal funds shall receive leave with pay for legal holidays.~~

SECTION 606. EXCEPTED SERVICE EMPLOYEE.

The legislature recognizes that there are employees who are on an Excepted Service Contract in the government, including the municipalities. ~~Upon renewal of an excepted service contract, the employee shall not receive a salary increase.~~

SECTION 607. CELL #1 MARPI LANDFILL CLOSURE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE MECHANISM.

In the event of any funding shortfalls caused by this Appropriations Act, the CNMI Government shall be fully responsible for all costs and expenses, not to exceed \$5,400,000.00, that are necessary to effectuate the closure of Cell #1 of the Marpi Landfill.

SECTION 608. REDUCTION OF WORK HOURS.

During Fiscal Year 2024, notwithstanding any laws or contractual provisions to the contrary, a full pay period for purposes of earning annual leave, sick leave, or other benefits, shall be 80 hours less the amount of hours deducted via austerity measures. ~~This provision shall~~

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~~not apply to first responders and law enforcement personnel, whose normal work exceeds 80 hours per pay period.~~

CHAPTER VII. APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 701. IN GENERAL.

Funds designated in Chapter II as available for appropriation for Fiscal Year 2024 are hereby appropriated pursuant to this Chapter.

SECTION 702. APPROPRIATION.

The amount of \$119,199,812 is hereby appropriated as set forth in the attached Schedule A which is inclusive of the Department of Public Lands.

SECTION 703. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

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

(b) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7204 (e), funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2024 to the Judicial Branch shall be allotted monthly. ~~Provided that the allotment request for the last month of the fiscal year shall be made no later than August 1st and the requested advance shall be remitted on or before August 15th.~~

(c) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the Chief Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court and Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior Court may adjust the Judicial Branch work schedule and operating hours that are consistent with available funds for personnel and operations.

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(d) The Chief Justice and the Presiding Judge may use any available outside source funds, including revolving accounts, to restore the reduced work hours of the Judicial Branch personnel.

SECTION 704. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.

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

(a) 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 the fiscal year 1996 as the base.

The allocation ceilings have automatically increased every two years, beginning in January 1998. Using the price composite indexes developed by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis for State and Local Government Consumption Expenditures and Gross Investment, the allocation ceilings for the Legislature for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 are 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, 2020	Ceiling Jan. 1, 2020 Based on Change
Members Allocation	\$155,000	60.335%	\$248,519.25
Presiding Officers Allocation	\$400,000	60.335%	\$641,340.00
Legislative Bureau	\$2,000,000	60.335%	\$3,206,700.00

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1 (b) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7204 (e), funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2024 to the
2 Legislative Branch shall be allotted monthly.

3 (c) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the Legislative Bureau Director may
4 adjust the Legislative Branch work schedule and operating hours that are consistent with
5 available funds for personnel and operations.

6 (d) The Legislative Bureau Director may use any available outside source funds to
7 restore the reduced work hours of the LB personnel.

8 (e) Salaries of Legislative Members.

9 (1) The amount appropriated under this section to the House of Representatives
10 under “personnel” shall be used to fund the salaries and benefits of the members of the
11 House of Representatives. The expenditure authority for the amounts appropriated shall
12 be the Speaker of the House.

13 (2) The amount appropriated under this section to the Senate under “personnel”
14 shall be used to fund the salaries and benefits of the members of the Senate. The
15 expenditure authority for the amounts appropriated shall be the President of the Senate.

16 (f) Members’ Office Accounts and Employees.

17 (1) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7401(c) to the contrary, each member shall be
18 the expenditure authority of the funds appropriated to their individual sub-account;

19 (2) Funds appropriated for the operation of the member’s office, including, but
20 not limited to, the personnel costs of the member’s employees and expenditures as
21 authorized by the adopted rules of the Senate in the case of the Senate member, or the
22 adopted rules of the House of Representatives in the case of a House member, or the

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1 Legislative Bureau, may be expended to defray travel and incidental expenses for the
2 purpose of attending to legislative business; provided that a member may receive a one-
3 month advancement of funds appropriated to his or her office for expenditures;

4 (3) Allocation of the maximum number of positions among House members
5 shall be governed by the rules of the House; and

6 (4) Allocation of the maximum number of positions among Senate members
7 shall be governed by the rules of the Senate.

8 (g) Senate and House Leadership Accounts. The leadership account of each house shall
9 be \$100,000. The Presiding Officer of each respective house, or his lawfully authorized
10 designee, shall be the expenditure authority and shall use such funds to support the operations
11 and activities of the House of Representatives and Senate in accordance with its rules, provided
12 that the Presiding Officer distributes a portion of the total allocation in equal amounts to all the
13 standing committees for their operations and activities.

14 (h) Legislative Bureau, BU 1770. The Number of Personnel and allocations for
15 personnel, operations, and utilities for the Legislative Bureau shall be as shown in Schedule A.
16 The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated for the Legislative Bureau shall be the
17 Director of the Legislative Bureau or authorized designee. Notwithstanding any other law to
18 the contrary, the expenditure authority for the Legislative Bureau shall have reprogramming
19 authority to move funding from Personnel to Operations.

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

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

3 **SECTION 705. EXECUTIVE BRANCH.**

4 The allocation for the Executive Branch shall be as shown in Schedule A.

5 (a) The Governor shall have authority to expend, obligate, encumber, or otherwise
6 commit, all the funds appropriated to the Office of the Governor and all Other Offices of the
7 Governor.

8 (b) The Lt. Governor shall be the expenditure authority of the funds appropriated to the
9 Office of the Lt. Governor.

10 **SECTION 706. FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT – MAYOR OF ROTA AND ROTA**
11 **MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.**

12 The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and utilities for the
13 First Senatorial District shall be as shown in Schedule A.

14 (a) Except as provided in this section, the Mayor of Rota shall have authority to expend,
15 obligate, encumber, and otherwise commit, all the funds appropriated to the First Senatorial
16 District. Appropriations to the Municipal Council shall be divided and distributed equally to
17 each member of the Municipal Council in separate accounts. Each Municipal Council member
18 shall be the expenditure authority of funds distributed to him/her. Additionally, except as
19 provided in this section, in accord with the Superior Court's decision in the case of
20 *Inos v. Tenorio*, the Mayors shall also have expenditure authority over resident government
21 departments in the First and Second Senatorial districts respectively unless the Governor
22 revokes expenditure authority in a manner consistent with the Superior Court's holding in

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1 *Inos v. Tenorio*, to wit: expenditure authority over resident departments that are primarily
2 concerned with the delivery of public services can be revoked only on a prior showing of just
3 cause, but the Governor has the discretion to revoke expenditure authority over those
4 departments that are primarily concerned with enforcing the law.

5 (b) The three NOPs shall be provided to the Rota Customs Services for Customs
6 Inspector positions, BU 1152. Upon the hiring of these three new positions the three NOPs
7 under the Office of the Mayor of Rota shall be unfunded and removed.

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

10 **SECTION 707. SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT – MAYOR OF TINIAN &**
11 **AGUIGUAN AND TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.**

12 The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and utilities for the
13 Second Senatorial District shall be as shown in Schedule A.

14 (a) Except as provided in this section, the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan shall have
15 authority to expend, obligate, encumber, or otherwise commit or reprogram, all the funds
16 appropriated to the Second Senatorial District. Appropriations to the Municipal Council shall
17 be divided and distributed equally to each member of the Municipal Council in separate
18 accounts. Each Municipal Council member shall be the expenditure authority of funds
19 distributed to him/her. Additionally, in accord with the Superior Court's decision in the case
20 of *Inos v. Tenorio*, the Mayors shall also have expenditure authority over resident government
21 departments in the First and Second senatorial districts respectively unless the Governor
22 revokes expenditure authority in a manner consistent with the Superior Court's

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1 holding in *Inos v. Tenorio*, to wit: expenditure authority over resident departments that are
2 primarily concerned with the delivery of public services can be revoked only on a prior
3 showing of just cause, but the Governor has the discretion to revoke expenditure authority over
4 those departments that are primarily concerned with enforcing the law.

5 (b) ~~\$531,277 shall be transferred from the Tinian Municipal Treasury to the~~
6 ~~Commonwealth government to partially fund the salaries of the 24 employees under the Tinian~~
7 ~~Mayor's Office who are not fully funded in this Act, provided that the Tinian Municipal~~
8 ~~Treasury transfers each month the required two biweekly payments for the 24 employees. The~~
9 ~~Municipal Treasury shall provide a list of the 24 affected employees.~~

10 (c) One new NOP shall be funded under BU 1485 at \$29,551 for a Landfill Supervisor
11 for the Department of Public Works-Tinian.

12 (d) Unfunded personnel under Department of Public Safety-Tinian and Department of
13 Fire and Emergency Medical Services-Tinian shall be funded an additional \$1 each.

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

16 **SECTION 708. THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT – MAYOR OF SAIPAN; MAYOR**
17 **OF THE NORTHERN ISLANDS; AND SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS MUNICIPAL**
18 **COUNCIL.**

19 The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and utilities for the
20 Office of the Mayor of Saipan, Office of the Mayor of the Northern Islands, and the Saipan
21 and Northern Islands Municipal Council shall be as shown in Schedule A.

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1 The Mayor of Saipan, the Mayor of the Northern Islands, and the Chairperson of the
2 Municipal Council for Saipan and the Northern Islands or each of their respective designees
3 shall be the expenditure authority for allocations for their respective offices.

4 **SECTION 709. OTHER PROGRAMS.**

5 The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation for the programs under this section shall
6 be as shown in Schedule A.

7 (a) Northern Marianas College. The President of the Northern Marianas College or
8 designee shall be the expenditure authority of the funds under BU 1605.

9 (b) NMC Board of Regents. The Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the Northern
10 Marianas College or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds
11 under BU 1627.

12 (c) Public School System. The Commissioner of Education or designee shall be the
13 expenditure authority of the appropriated funds under BU 1607. Funds appropriated to PSS
14 shall not be used for personnel and operations of the Board of Education.

15 (d) Board of Education. The Chairperson of the Board of Education or his/her designee
16 shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds under BU 1624. The funds
17 appropriated to the Board of Education shall include the cost and expenses of the student and
18 teacher representatives to the Board of Education.

19 (e) CNMI Medical Referral Program (Health Network Program). The Commonwealth
20 Healthcare Corporation shall administer the CNMI Medical Referral Program or its successor,
21 including both inter-island and off-island referrals, consistent with its duties and
22 responsibilities under 3 CMC § 2821 *et seq.* ~~More specifically, the inter-island medical referral~~

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1 ~~services shall include stipends, airfare, and lodging for patients and escorts, which is consistent~~
2 ~~with the off-island medical referral program.~~ The expenditure authority for all funds
3 appropriated to inter-island and off-island medical referral services and administration
4 (inclusive of BU 1979, 1979A, and any new business units established for CHCC Medical
5 Referral) shall be the CEO of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation or designee.

6 (f) Northern Marianas Technical Institute. The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees or
7 designee in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer shall be the expenditure authority of
8 the appropriated funds for the Northern Marianas Technical Institute.

9 **SECTION 710. INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS.**

10 The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Appropriation for the agencies under this section shall be
11 as shown in Schedule A.

12 (a) Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The Chairperson of the Commonwealth Library
13 Council or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.

14 (b) NMI Museum of History and Culture. The Chairperson of the Board of Governors
15 of the NMI Museum of History and Culture or designee shall be the expenditure authority of
16 the appropriated funds.

17 (c) Elected Attorney General. The Attorney General or designee shall be the
18 expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.

19 (d) The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated for the Public Assistance
20 Program shall be the Governor.

21 (e) Medicaid Program. The funds appropriated in this Act for the Medicaid Program,
22 including Medicaid Reimbursement, BU 1951, Medicaid Agency, BU 1980, and Medicaid

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Enterprise Systems (MES), BU 1981 shall be deemed a single budget reserved for the purposes of Medicaid Agency, Medicaid Reimbursement, and Medicaid Enterprise Systems. The Director of the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency may reallocate the funds appropriated in this Act to any of the expenditure categories, including, but not limited to, Agency, Reimbursement, and Medicaid Enterprise Systems. Provided further that for the Fiscal Year 2024, pursuant to the request of CNMI Medicaid, with the concurrence of the Office of Personnel Management, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, all of the 11 NOPs for the Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology funded under BU 1981 shall be excepted service contract employees.

(f) For programs and activities not specifically mentioned, the expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

SECTION 711. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS.

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2803, \$4,960,881 is appropriated to the Department of Public Lands. In addition to the 84 NOPs set forth in Schedule A allotted to the Department of Public Lands (DPL) inclusive of the Saipan-based NOPs assigned to DLNR's Division of Parks and Recreation pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement between DPL and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR), DPL shall also assume fifty percent (50%) personnel obligations associated with seven (7) existing and current NOPs with the funds appropriated to DPL. These seven (7) NOPs shall consist of four (4) NOPs for the Division of Parks and Recreation Rota and three (3) NOPs for the Division of Parks and Recreation Tinian, provided further, these NOPs shall remain assigned to DLNR Division of Parks and Recreation.

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SECTION 712. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

~~(a) 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.~~

~~(b) Access Provided to Legislative Fiscal Analysts~~

~~Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, training and access to the following shall be provided:~~

~~(A) the Munis Financial Management Information System or other financial and accounting system to obtain the following: monthly collections and expenditures, including but not limited to funds status, and detailed expenditure reports in a format that is exportable or convertible to Excel files; and~~

~~(B) the following reports in a format that is exportable or convertible to Excel files shall be provided to the CNMI Legislative Fiscal Analysts 30 days after the effective date of this Act:~~

~~(i) All revolving accounts;~~

~~(ii) All business activities listed in Schedule A;~~

~~(iii) All accounts listed as earmarks in the Budget Authority Act;~~

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1 ~~(iv) All debt service payments, including payments to the Settlement~~
2 ~~Fund, and Series A and Series B Funds,~~

3 ~~(v) All revenue accounts in the First, Second, and Third Senatorial~~
4 ~~Districts that are identified as budgetary resources in the Budget Authority Act;~~

5 ~~(C) Any other financial information, not legally privileged or protected, relating~~
6 ~~to the CNMI Government's expenditure of public funds, as needed and requested,~~
7 ~~in writing, within 10 days of said request.~~

SECTION 713. VIOLATIONS OF SPENDING LIMITS.

8 The expenditure of funds in excess of allocations and reprogramming established by
9 this Act is a violation of the Planning and Budget Act, 1 CMC § 7101 *et seq.* ~~Any expenditure~~
10 ~~authority that violates The Planning and Budget Act shall be suspended without salary for at~~
11 ~~least 30 days and the salary shall not be restored until a fiscal plan is submitted to the Presiding~~
12 ~~Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, and the~~
13 ~~Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and accepted by both houses of the~~
14 ~~Legislature to retire the over expenditure. Provided, they also shall not be entitled to~~
15 ~~indemnification, defense, or reimbursement under the Government Liability Act or any other~~
16 ~~Commonwealth Law.~~

CHAPTER VIII. OUTSIDE SOURCES**SECTION 801. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

19 (a) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7204, the outside source funds appropriated for Fiscal
20 Year 2024 shall be allotted monthly; except programs that require one-time payments may
21 receive advance allotments.
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1 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall submit to
2 the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, at the end of each quarter, a fund status report on the
3 outside-sourced funds that are transferred in and out of government business units and their
4 respective accounts, pursuant to Section 802 of this Act.

5 (c) All salaries of elected officials that are waived under 1 CMC § 8442 shall be
6 transferred by the Secretary of Finance to the Scholarship Trust Account and the funds from
7 the account shall be spent for scholarship purposes only, without further appropriation, and
8 without fiscal year limitation. The Administrator of the CNMI Scholarship Office shall provide
9 a report to the Presiding Officers of the legislature within 30 days after the end of each quarter.

10 **SECTION 802. OUTSIDE SOURCES.**

11 The following amounts from sources outside the General Fund are available for
12 allocation.

13 (a) Tobacco Settlement Funds. Pursuant to 3 CMC § 2173 and the funds allocated in
14 this section pursuant to the submittal of a program and expenditure plan to the Secretary of
15 Finance, the Tobacco Settlement funds in the amount of \$540,000.00, not subject to
16 reprogramming or fiscal year limitation, shall be allocated as follows:

17	(1) Division of Public Health 40%:	\$216,000
18	(2) Public School System 20%:	\$108,000
19	(3) Youth Affairs Office 12.5%:	\$67,500
20	(4) Coalition of Private Schools 7.5%:	\$40,500
21	(5) Rota Mayor 10%:	\$54,000
22	(6) Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor 10%:	\$54,000

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1 The expenditure authorities of the funds allocated pursuant to this Section 802(a) shall
2 be the persons authorized by law for each respective office or agency. The expenditure
3 authorities shall provide accountability and transparency by providing within 30 days after the
4 end of each quarter an expenditure report of the funds to the governor and the Presiding
5 Officers of the Legislature.


6 (b) Commonwealth Worker Fund (Source: U.S.P.L. 115-218).

7 In accordance with U.S. Public Law 115-218, the sum of \$2,000,000.00 in
8 Commonwealth Worker Fee Funds shall be available for the sole and exclusive purpose of
9 funding vocational education, apprenticeships, or other training programs for United States
10 workers by Commonwealth educational entities for Fiscal Year 2024. ~~Provided that the~~
11 ~~\$2,000,000.00, shall be allocated for the sole and exclusive purpose of funding vocational~~
12 ~~education, apprenticeships, or other vocational training programs for United States workers.~~

13 (1) The expenditure authorities of all Commonwealth educational entities that
14 receive Commonwealth Worker Fee Funds shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the
15 Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the
16 Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, at the end of each quarter,
17 a fund status report of the funds allocated under this subsection.

18 (2) The recipients of the funds in this subsection shall submit to the Governor
19 and the Department of Labor the required education plans consistent with and mandated
20 by U.S. Public Law 115-218. ~~The funds allocated pursuant to this subsection shall not~~
21 ~~be used or reprogrammed for any other purpose other than in accordance with U.S.~~

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 ~~Public Law 115-218. The funds allocated under this subsection are not subject to fiscal year limitation.~~

(c) Reporting Requirement. The expenditure authorities of the funds allocated pursuant to Section 802 shall provide accountability and transparency by providing within 30 days after the end of each quarter an expenditure report of the funds to the Governor and the Presiding Officers of the Legislature.

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 EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
House of Representatives
23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this **30th** day of **September**, 2023



ARNOLD L. PALACIOS

Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Schedule A

Activity/Function	BU	ORG	NOPS	Personnel	Operations	Utilities	Total
Judicial Branch							
Justices & Judges	1689	11510600	8	\$1,161,874	\$11,619	\$0	\$1,173,493
CNMI Supreme Court	1691	11510400	8	\$451,185	\$4,631	\$0	\$455,816
CNMI Superior Court	1690	11510300	52	\$1,626,068	\$16,659	\$0	\$1,642,727
Administrative	1694	11510100	37	\$1,277,893	\$270,936	\$300,000	\$1,848,829
Law Revision Commission	1692	11510500	7	\$263,312	\$2,699	\$0	\$266,011
Drug Court	1695	11510700	8	\$316,627	\$3,248	\$0	\$319,875
Mental Health Court	NEW	11511000	7	\$293,860	\$3,012	\$0	\$296,872
Judicial Branch Total			127	\$5,390,819	312,804	300,000	6,003,623
Legislative Branch							
Current House Member's Salaries	1722	11620100	20	\$809,385	\$0	\$0	\$809,385
House Member's Allocation	1722A	11620200	45	\$0	\$2,100,000	\$0	\$2,100,000
House Leadership	1754	11620300	0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Current Senate Salaries	1762	11620400	9	\$342,100	\$0	\$0	\$342,100
Senate Member's Allocation	1764A	11620500	27	\$0	\$945,000	\$0	\$945,000
Senate Leadership	1764	11620600	0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Legislative Bureau	1770	11620700	32	\$1,596,194	\$579,295	\$180,000	\$2,355,489
CNMI Youth Congress	1593	11620800	1	\$22,035	\$17,315	\$0	\$39,350
Legislative Branch Total			134	2,769,714	3,841,610	180,000	6,791,324
Office of the Governor							
Office of the Governor	1011	11261100	16	\$698,812	\$7,138	\$0	\$705,950
Governor's Discretionary Account	1021	11269000	0	\$0	\$80,800	\$0	\$80,800
Office of the Governor Total			16	\$698,812	\$87,938	\$0	\$786,750
Office of the Lt. Governor							
Office of the LT. Governor	1050	11262000	16	\$518,119	\$5,261	\$0	\$523,380
Lt. Gov's Discretionary Account	1051	11269100	0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Office of the Lt. Governor Total			16	\$518,119	\$5,261	0	\$573,380
Other Offices of the Gov and Lt. Gov							
Office of Management & Budget	1014	11260900	9	\$370,847	\$3,811	\$0	\$374,658
Administrative Services	1016	11260100	22	\$620,381	\$6,371	\$0	\$626,752
CNMI Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office	1019	11260700	17	\$504,783	\$5,187	\$0	\$509,970
Office of Youth Affairs	1020	11261800	8	\$246,126	\$2,532	\$0	\$248,658
Office of Planning & Development	1022	11260500	5	\$221,226	\$2,275	\$0	\$223,501
Office of Parole Board	1023	11261300	5	\$167,915	\$1,722	\$0	\$169,637
Office of Grants Management	1043	11261000	0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$2
Public Defender Office	1190	11261200	9	\$452,986	\$4,659	\$0	\$457,645
Carolinian Affairs Office	1201	11260200	8	\$189,621	\$1,419	\$0	\$191,040
Indigenous Affairs Office	1202	11260800	5	\$112,242	\$1,155	\$0	\$113,397
Veteran's Affairs Office	1251	11261400	6	\$243,541	\$2,505	\$0	\$246,046
Women's Affairs Saipan	1260	11261600	4	\$130,436	\$1,342	\$0	\$131,778
Environmental Quality - Saipan	1493	11261900	7	\$44,056	\$454	\$0	\$44,510
Zoning Board	1555	11262200	6	\$183,065	\$1,883	\$0	\$184,948
CJPA	1584	11260400	3	\$120,668	\$1,241	\$0	\$121,909
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	1915	11261500	0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Medicaid Reimbursements	1951	11882200	0	\$0	\$6,632,124	\$0	\$6,632,124
Medicaid Agency	1980	11880300	19	\$345,908	\$3,459	\$0	\$349,367
Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology	1981	11850400	11	\$53,631	\$536	\$0	\$54,167
Other Offices of the Gov and Lt. Gov Total			144	4,007,433	6,672,677	0	10,680,110
Department of Commerce							
Secretary of Commerce	1300	11160100	13	\$516,226	\$5,310	\$0	\$521,536
Economic Development - Saipan	1310	11160300	3	\$112,701	\$1,159	\$0	\$113,860
Statistical Research	1331	11160400	6	\$185,963	\$1,913	\$0	\$187,876
Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco Control	1332	11160200	18	\$415,118	\$4,269	\$0	\$419,387
Enforcement and Compliance	1333	11160500	5	\$161,188	\$1,658	\$0	\$162,846
Workers Compensation Commission	1334	11160600	4	\$143,648	\$1,478	\$0	\$145,126
Department of Commerce Total			49	1,534,844	15,787	0	1,550,631

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Department of Community & Cultural Affairs							
Secretary of CCA	1200	11120100	8	\$272,144	\$2,794	\$0	\$274,938
Youth Services - Saipan	1220	11120800	21	\$393,099	\$4,039	\$0	\$397,138
Child Care Licensing Program	1223	11120900	4	\$137,726	\$1,417	\$0	\$139,143
Historical Preservation - Saipan	1230	11120600	8	\$253,788	\$2,610	\$0	\$256,398
Office of Aging - Saipan	1240	11120700	7	\$199,944	\$2,057	\$0	\$202,001
Council for Arts & Culture	1250	11120200	10	\$277,401	\$2,853	\$0	\$280,254
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	1252	11121000	3	\$79,250	\$815	\$0	\$80,065
Chamorro/Carolinian Language Commission	1557	11121200	5	\$166,319	\$1,711	\$0	\$168,030
Department of Community & Cultural Affairs Total			66	1,779,671	18,296	0	1,797,967
Department of Corrections							
Secretary of Corrections	1335	11130100	142	\$3,957,148	\$40,516	\$0	\$3,997,664
Juvenile Detention Unit	1335A	11130200	15	\$354,801	\$3,624	\$0	\$358,425
Department of Corrections Total			157	4,311,949	44,140	0	4,356,089
Department of Fire & Emergency Services							
Administration	1339	11140100	11	\$436,681	\$4,466	\$0	\$441,147
Emergency Services	1339A	11140300	85	\$3,195,901	\$32,570	\$0	\$3,228,471
Fire Prevention & Arson Investigation	1339B	11140200	10	\$379,145	\$3,865	\$0	\$383,010
Emergency Medical Services	1339C	11140400	9	\$380,257	\$3,876	\$0	\$384,133
Logistical Support	1339D	11140500	6	\$278,474	\$2,839	\$0	\$281,313
DFEMS Training Section	1339E	11140600	2	\$93,674	\$955	\$0	\$94,629
DFEMS Dispatch Section	1339F	11140700	10	\$186,507	\$1,904	\$0	\$188,411
Department of Fire & Emergency Services Total			133	4,950,639	50,475	0	5,001,114
Department of Finance							
Secretary of Finance	1100	11170100	12	\$519,789	\$5,307	\$0	\$525,096
Finance and Acct Saipan	1110	11170800	21	\$767,571	\$7,893	\$0	\$775,464
Treasury	1120	11170700	13	\$334,728	\$3,443	\$0	\$338,171
Revenue & Taxation - Saipan	1130	11170500	64	\$1,758,222	\$18,085	\$0	\$1,776,307
Procurement & Supply - Saipan	1140	11170400	14	\$408,220	\$4,195	\$0	\$412,415
Division of Customs & Quarantine Services - Saipan	1150	11170900	99	\$2,951,419	\$29,798	\$0	\$2,981,217
Office of Information Technology	1160	11170200	15	\$513,313	\$5,279	\$0	\$518,592
Passport Office	1024	11171000	3	\$58,538	\$602	\$0	\$59,140
Department of Finance Total			241	7,311,800	74,602	0	7,386,402
Department of Labor							
Secretary of Labor	1275	11180100	4	\$174,628	\$1,796	\$0	\$176,424
Administrative Hearing Office	1283	11180400	2	\$195,133	\$2,007	\$0	\$197,140
Employment Services	1330	11180500	9	\$274,559	\$2,819	\$0	\$277,378
Labor Enforcement Fund	3430	11180700	7	\$189,270	\$1,947	\$0	\$191,217
Department of Labor Total			22	\$833,590	\$8,569	\$0	\$842,159
Department of Land and Natural Resources							
Secretary of DLNR	1400	11190100	6	\$323,012	\$3,318	\$0	\$326,330
Agriculture	1410	11190700	18	\$489,416	\$5,034	\$0	\$494,450
Fish & Wildlife Saipan	1420	11190800	14	\$404,850	\$4,158	\$0	\$409,008
Parks & Recreation - Saipan	1440	11190400	40	\$536,897	\$5,507	\$0	\$542,404
Soil & Water Conservation - Saipan	1461	11190500	1	\$28,595	\$294	\$0	\$28,889
Land Registration Saipan	1467	11190900	11	\$264,200	\$2,717	\$0	\$266,917
Department of Land and Natural Resources Total			90	2,046,970	21,028	0	2,067,998
Department of Public Safety							
DPS Commissioner	1340	11150400	3	\$126,278	\$1,298	\$0	\$127,576
Police - Saipan	1350	11150500	185	\$5,617,031	\$57,505	\$0	\$5,674,536
Administrative Division	1362	11150100	14	\$444,675	\$4,573	\$0	\$449,248
Motor Vehicles Division	1365	11150300	11	\$260,735	\$2,682	\$0	\$263,417
Department of Public Safety Total			213	\$6,448,719	\$66,058	\$0	\$6,514,777

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Activity/Function	BU	ORG	NOPS	Personnel	Operations	Utilities	Total
Department of Public Works							
Secretary Public Works	1471	11200100	12	\$401,907	\$4,130	\$0	\$406,037
Building Safety Code	1470	11200200	18	\$500,810	\$5,151	\$0	\$505,961
Roads & Grounds Division	1484	11200500	27	\$375,937	\$3,867	\$0	\$379,804
Technical Services Division	1490	11200700	29	\$680,360	\$7,030	\$0	\$687,390
Solid Waste Management Division	1485	11200600	37	\$770,924	\$7,634	\$0	\$778,558
Department of Public Works Total			123	\$2,729,938	\$27,812	\$0	\$2,757,750
Executive Branch Total			1,270	\$37,172,484	\$7,142,643	\$0	\$44,315,127
First Senatorial District							
Mayor Rota	1065	12270100	112	\$2,150,229	\$122,098	\$0	\$2,272,327
Municipal Council Rota	1066	12710100	9	\$170,585	\$1,755	\$0	\$172,340
Finance and Acct Rota	1112	12170800	4	\$130,594	\$1,342	\$0	\$131,936
Revenue & Taxation - Rota	1132	12170500	4	\$82,685	\$850	\$0	\$83,535
Procurement & Supply Rota	1142	12170400	2	\$59,588	\$613	\$0	\$60,201
Customs Service - Rota	1152	12170900	15	\$406,631	\$4,169	\$0	\$410,800
Historic Preservation - Rota	1232	12120600	3	\$71,993	\$741	\$0	\$72,734
Sports and Recreation - Rota	1272	12120400	9	\$252,780	\$2,155	\$0	\$254,935
Labor Rota	1282	12180100	5	\$179,713	\$1,846	\$0	\$181,559
Economic Development - Rota	1312	12160300	4	\$137,941	\$1,417	\$0	\$139,358
Police - Rota	1352	12150500	47	\$1,490,975	\$15,269	\$0	\$1,506,244
Fire & EMS - Rota	1353	12140100	29	\$1,110,515	\$11,320	\$0	\$1,121,835
Agriculture - Rota	1412	12190700	12	\$370,750	\$3,809	\$0	\$374,559
Fish & Wildlife Rota	1422	12190800	5	\$143,245	\$1,470	\$0	\$144,715
Parks & Recreation - Rota	1442	12190400	4	\$80,166	\$825	\$0	\$80,991
Soil & Water Conservation - Rota	1463	12190500	1	\$23,525	\$242	\$0	\$23,767
Land Registration Rota	1468	12190900	2	\$56,815	\$584	\$0	\$57,399
Operations & Maintenance - Rota	1482	12200100	22	\$563,314	\$5,793	\$0	\$569,107
Public Library - Rota	1523	12880900	1	\$16,718	\$172	\$0	\$16,890
Contingency - Rota	NEW					\$0	\$0
First Senatorial District Total			290	7,498,762	176,470	0	7,675,232
Second Senatorial District							
Mayor Tinian	1063	13270100	135	\$2,485,319	\$25,536	\$0	\$2,510,855
Mayor Contingency Tinian	1067		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Municipal Council Tinian	1064	13710100	7	\$177,172	\$1,822	\$0	\$178,994
Finance and Acct Tinian	1111	13170800	3	\$90,536	\$930	\$0	\$91,466
Revenue & Taxation - Tinian	1131	13170500	5	\$98,493	\$1,013	\$0	\$99,506
Procurement & Supply Tinian	1141	13170400	2	\$42,256	\$435	\$0	\$42,691
Customs Service - Tinian	1151	13170900	11	\$333,828	\$3,424	\$0	\$337,252
Historic Preservation - Tinian	1231	13120600	3	\$69,673	\$717	\$0	\$70,390
Office of Aging - Tinian	1241	13120700	4	\$88,543	\$911	\$0	\$89,454
Sports and Recreation - Tinian	1271	13120400	5	\$139,785	\$1,437	\$0	\$141,222
Labor Tinian	1281	13180100	9	\$245,051	\$2,517	\$0	\$247,568
Economic Development - Tinian	1311	13160300	7	\$190,424	\$1,955	\$0	\$192,379
Police - Tinian	1351	13150500	39	\$834,291	\$8,561	\$0	\$842,852
Fire - Tinian	1351A	13140100	28	\$663,682	\$6,807	\$0	\$670,489
Agriculture - Tinian	1411	13190700	10	\$268,727	\$2,763	\$0	\$271,490
Fish & Wildlife Tinian	1421	13190800	5	\$154,150	\$1,582	\$0	\$155,732
Parks & Recreation - Tinian	1441	13190400	3	\$63,767	\$656	\$0	\$64,423
Soil & Water Conservation Tinian	1462	13190500	1	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$2
Operations & Maintenance - Tinian	1481	13200100	14	\$263,097	\$2,705	\$0	\$265,802
Tinian Public Library	1524	13880900	3	\$54,878	\$564	\$0	\$55,442
Vacant Holding Account Tinian	N/A		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second Senatorial District Total			294	6,263,673	64,336	0	6,328,009

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Activity/Function	BU	ORG	NOPS	Personnel	Operations	Utilities	Total
Third Senatorial District							
Mayor Saipan	1061	11270100	81	\$777,091	\$7,942	\$0	\$785,033
Mayor Northern Islands	1060	14270100	17	\$376,098	\$3,845	\$0	\$379,943
Municipal Council Saipan	1062	11710100	5	\$130,321	\$1,338	\$0	\$131,659
Mayor of Saipan Contingency	NEW		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mayor of Northern Islands Contingency	NEW		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Third Senatorial District Total			103	1,283,510	13,125	0	1,296,635
Boards and Commissions							
Civil Service Commission	1540	11110700	2	\$97,174	\$1,000	\$0	\$98,174
Office of Personnel Management - Saipan	1026	11111100	18	\$709,259	\$7,295	\$0	\$716,554
Office of Personnel Management - Tinian	1027	13111100	1	\$28,595	\$294	\$0	\$28,889
Office of Personnel Management - Rota	1028	12111100	2	\$54,925	\$565	\$0	\$55,490
Commonwealth Election Commission	1551	11110200	6	\$183,876	\$1,891	\$0	\$185,767
Board of Professional Licensing	1556	11110500	2	\$78,799	\$811	\$0	\$79,610
Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission	3540	11110800	1	\$65,354	\$667	\$0	\$66,021
Commonwealth Casino Commission	1545	11111200	0	\$2	\$0	\$0	\$2
Commonwealth Cannabis Commission	1501	11110900	3	\$113,007	\$1,162	\$0	\$114,169
CNMI Cannabis Commission Board	1501A	11111000	0	\$275,000	\$2,750	\$0	\$277,750
Political Status Commission	NEW		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Boards and Commissions Total			35	\$1,605,991	\$16,435	\$0	\$1,622,426
Independent Program							
Scholarship and Grants	1033	11881400	8	\$217,699	\$2,239	\$0	\$219,938
Substance Abuse Prevention	1508	11881500	15	\$451,239	\$4,641	\$0	\$455,880
Elected Attorney General	1519	11880500	53	\$2,910,234	\$29,876	\$0	\$2,940,110
Active Employees DC Employer Contributions	1527	11881600	0	\$565,779	\$5,658	\$0	\$571,437
GHLI: Retirees	1528	11881700	0	\$33,955	\$340	\$0	\$34,295
NM Sports Association	1531	11883100	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Active Employees, Health Insurance Employer Contributions	1533	11881800	0	\$33,955	\$340	\$0	\$34,295
25% Retirees' Pension Benefits	1526D	11884200	0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Micronesian Legal Services	1580		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Joeten/Kiyu Public Library	1592	11880900	17	\$455,174	\$4,673	\$0	\$459,847
General Fund Deficit Reduction	1595	11884500	0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
NMIRF - Gov/Lt. Gov Pension	1601	11881900	0	\$86,579	\$866	\$0	\$87,445
Judgement Against Government	1623	11884600	0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Commonwealth Museum	3661	11880200	4	\$128,330	\$1,320	\$0	\$129,650
Government Operational Costs	NEW	11884400	0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Public Assistance Matching	1515		0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Governmental Utilities	1591		0	\$0	\$18,335	\$1,815,204	\$1,833,539
Independent Program Total			97	4,882,944	68,293	1,815,204	6,766,441
Other Programs (Transfers to Agencies)							
Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Subsidy	1507	11850100	0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Health Network Program	NEW	11850700	0	\$0	\$797,711	\$0	\$797,711
Northern Marianas College (NMC)	1605	11881000	178	\$0	\$4,031,510	\$0	\$4,031,510
NMC Board of Regents	1627	11882100	0	\$0	\$51,158	\$0	\$51,158
Marianas Visitors' Authority	1606	11881300	41	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Public School System	1607	11881100	972	\$0	\$28,406,601	\$0	\$28,406,601
PSS Board	1624	11882000	6	\$0	\$153,131	\$0	\$153,131
NMTI	NEW	11883500	0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1
Other Programs (Transfers to Agencies) Total			1,197	0	33,440,114	0	33,440,114
General Fund Grand Total			3,547	66,867,897	45,075,830	2,295,204	114,238,931
Department of Public Lands	1950		84	\$3,410,449	\$1,419,332	\$131,100	\$4,960,881
General Fund Grand Total with DPL			3,631	70,278,346	46,495,162	2,426,304	119,199,812