# EXHIBIT 1



## David M. Apatang Governor

## Dennis James C. Mendiola Lieutenant Governor

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

September 30, 2025

GOV2025-289

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez Speaker, House of Representatives 24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors Senate President 24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

This is to inform the Legislature that I have signed into law House Bill 24-46, HD1, SS1 (Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2026 or the Act). While I support the overall objectives of the Act, I have exercised my authority to disapprove of several specific provisions contained therein.

These disapproved sections are deemed inconsistent and problematic in implementation with the fiscal priorities and policy goals necessary to ensure responsible governance when our economic climate has shifted. Implementing these provisions would undermine our commitment to prudent financial stewardship and long-term stability. A detailed explanation of the disapproved items is included in my message for legislative review and public transparency.

Although I commend the Legislature for passing the Act, I am compelled to express our mutual understanding that an immediate revised budget is necessary to address my communication concerning the change in revenue projection and the continued funding shortfall for critical programs and services, such as:

- Marianas Visitors Authority
- DOF ERP (Munis)
- Group Health and Life Insurance Program (Retirees)
- Medical Referral (Health Network Program)
- Medicaid
- Department of Corrections (Inmate Medical Care and Meals)
- Government Utilities and Operations
- 25% Benefit Payments to Retirees

In addition to the foregoing concerns, I have line-item vetoed several parts of the Act 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

#### Section 403. Donation of Sick Leave Hours.

There may be a disparity in pay rates between the donor and the recipient of donated sick leave hours. The provision allows donated sick leave at a value of 1.0; this may require additional donated sick leave hours when the recipient's rate is greater than the donor's, increasing the government's fiscal obligations. I urge the Civil Service Commission to amend the regulations to address this issue.

## Section 501. Reprogramming Authority.

Section 501(c) grants 25% reprogramming authority to the mayors of each Senatorial District. I observe that this authority should be wielded over local funds to ensure efficiency in local government, rather than with respect to executive branch offices.

#### Section 601. Utilities.

A directive from my administration is forthcoming to address cost-containment measures regarding the mandatory transition of all executive branch accounts to prepaid meters within 30 days to further reduce the cost of utilities. This will ensure energy conservation practices are utilized.

#### Section 605. Legal Holidays

In implementing this provision, care should be taken to avoid conflict with the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

#### Section 614. MVA Trust Funds.

This section requires the Secretary of Finance to allocate a minimum of \$43,750 per quarter to the municipalities, and no less than \$175,000 before the end of the fiscal year. This provision may result in less direct funding to the Marianas Visitors Authority to mitigate impacts of declining tourist arrivals should the actual collection of the Hotel Occupancy Tax be less than the required transfer as provided. Any shortage of collections would divert funds from MVA to the municipalities.

#### Section 616. Payment of 25% to Retirees.

The payment to the Commonwealth Treasury of \$5 million from the IPI bankruptcy sale included \$2.7 million in casino gross revenue tax, which is earmarked for the payment of the 25% retirees' pension by 4 CMC §§ 2308 and 2309. My administration supports this earmark and I look forward to working with the legislature on reforms to the Casino Gaming law to promote a viable industry and generate revenue.

## Section 709. Other Programs.

Section 709(c) provides for 96% of funding to the Public School System to be directed towards instructional expenditures and restrictions on austerity measures. My administration encourages further dialogue with PSS to ensure that legislative provisions are aligned with students' needs and operational necessities.

#### Section 711. Department of Public Lands.

The Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by the Department of Public Lands, the Department of Lands & Natural Resources, and the mayors of the municipalities should ensure a nexus to the constitutional responsibilities of DPL in maintaining and securing public lands and properties.

I observe that the mandate for DPL to remit \$4,000,000 from its DPL Operations Fund to the Marianas Public Land Trust is consistent with, but not coextensive with or exhaustive of, its obligations under Article XI, Section 5(g) of the Constitution.

#### VETOED PARTS OF THE ACT

#### Section 202. Advance Allotment.

I am disapproving the provision as the recent downward adjustment to estimated revenues makes it difficult to justify the quarterly allocation of funding at this time. This provision can be revisited in the revised FY 2026 budget.

### Section 204. Reporting Requirements for Secretary of Finance.

Section 204(d) is duplicative of reporting requirements in the Planning and Budgeting Act. I am vetoing Section 204(e), as it presents a constitutional separation of powers issue by stipulating adverse personnel actions for an Executive Branch officer.

### Section 501. Reprogramming Authority.

I acknowledge that the Governor has been granted authority to reprogram up to 25% of appropriations for the Executive Branch. While this provision offers a measure of flexibility, I am disapproving Section 501(a) as it mirrors the authority conferred by statute through 1 CMC § 7402(b). Instead, I urge legislative consideration to increase flexibility in reprogramming authority to 100% to ensure the Governor can take swift and decisive executive action when needed.

#### Section 602. Hiring Restriction.

I have disapproved Section 602(a) because it violates the separation of powers for the Legislature to determine via joint resolution, on a case-by-case basis, whether budgeted executive branch positions are essential for delivery of public services. Implementation of this provision will be problematic as it restricts the Executive Branch's ability to respond to operational needs.

I have also disapproved Section 602(b), because it is unenforceable for a Notice of Personnel Action to be deemed processed and filled in without adequate funding or authorized positions.

## Section 603. Salary Cap.

Section 603(a) is hereby disapproved as compensation for appointed officials is already stipulated under 1 CMC § 8425 and unnecessary in this measure.

#### Section 607. Reduction of Work Hours.

I have disapproved this section because it may be necessary for forthcoming austerity measures to implement cuts to ancillary benefits proportionally with cuts to hours. My administration urges the Civil Service Commission to revise existing regulations to support prudent fiscal policy during periods of austerity. Specifically, when reductions in hours are implemented, corresponding benefits such as sick leave and annual leave should be adjusted in proportion to the reduced hours per pay period. This alignment will help realize meaningful cost savings.

Further, I recommend that the annual leave accrual policy be amended to mirror the federal government's "use-it-or-lose-it" approach, whereby unused leave expires at the end of the calendar year. Such a change would significantly reduce the government's growing unfunded liability associated with accumulated leave balances.

These measures are necessary to safeguard the financial health of the Commonwealth while maintaining fairness and transparency in public service employment practices.

### Section 608. Vacant Positions.

I have disapproved this section as it provides that any position that becomes vacant shall be closed out. Implementation of this provision places an inflexible constraint on the Executive Branch's ability to respond to operational needs.

#### Section 609. Public Auditor's Fee.

I have disapproved this provision because the resources of the Office of the Public Auditor are needed to coordinate the efforts of the CNMI government to catch up on several years of delayed single audits on an expedited timeline.

Under these circumstances, it is inappropriate to divert OPA's resources to the Group Health Life Insurance Program. Direct funding appropriation is necessary and should be prioritized in the revised budget for FY 2026.

#### Section 610. DPS Rota and DPS Tinian Detainees.

I have disapproved this provision because it is inappropriate for the Department of Corrections to shoulder the burden of costs incurred by the Department of Public Safety in its operations. The Department of Corrections will assume costs upon transfer of custody.

#### Section 611. OGM Funds in Excess of Office of Grants Management Budget.

Allocating excess funds earmarked to the Office of Grants Management to the Group Health and Life Insurance Program is inappropriate to sustain adequate funding and operation of the program as required payments must be made timely to avoid termination of the plan. Direct funding appropriation is necessary and should be prioritized in the revised budget for FY 2026.

## Section 612. Hazardous Pay.

A portion of this section is disapproved to allow the Secretary of Public Works to process hazardous pay based on funding availability and ensure that payment requests meet necessary requirements.

#### Section 615. Commonwealth Casino Members.

I have disapproved of this provision because the Commonwealth's scarce resources must prioritize the most vulnerable in our community, including students and retirees, in these trying fiscal times.

Moreover, the provision references a \$2.7 million Settlement Agreement with Imperial Pacific International (IPI). This appears to refer to the sale of IPI's assets to Team King Investment (CNMI), LLC, via auction supervised by the federal bankruptcy court. That portion of the proceeds which satisfies the Commonwealth's tax lien for unpaid Casino Business Gross Revenue Tax is earmarked to the retirees' 25% pension benefits and cannot be used to pay the Casino Commissioners' backpay.

The Casino Commission is funded by law through regulatory fees paid by the exclusive casino licensee. The Commissioners' salaries may be paid through the pro rata distribution to general unsecured creditors of remaining assets in IPI's bankruptcy, as provided in the stipulation resolving the Commonwealth's objection to the sale to Team King.

Schedule B is hereby disapproved as a direct consequence of the veto to Section 615.

### Section 617. Outside Source Received by the CNMI.

This provision purported to mandate that "[a]ny funds received by the CNMI government from the federal government or other outside sources shall be identified by the Governor and reported to the Legislature for appropriation."

This provision would violate federal law, as federal grants to instrumentalities of the CNMI government must be used for the cost objectives stipulated in the terms of the grants.

## Section 703(d). Judicial Branch.

I have disapproved this provision because the Judicial Branch, like the rest of the CNMI government, may be subject to proportional cuts as provided by the Planning and Budgeting Act, 1 CMC § 7204(e).

#### Section 704(i). Legislative Branch.

I have disapproved this provision because the Legislative Branch, like the rest of the CNMI government, may be subject to proportional cuts as provided by the Planning and Budgeting Act, 1 CMC § 7204(e).

### Section 705. Executive Branch.

I have disapproved Section 705(c) because mandating that law enforcement officers' overtime be funded from non-general revenue imposes a rigid and inflexible approach and risks moral hazard incentive problems.

Section 705(e) provides that the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, alone among CNMI executive agencies, is to retain indirect costs of federal grants which would otherwise be statutorily earmarked to the Office of Grants Management. There is no sound reason to treat DCCA differently from all other agencies in this respect. My administration will direct federally funded programs to fund utilities and operations through savings realized from transitioning to the lower indirect cost rate of 7.5%.

Finally, I have disapproved Section 705(g) because this provision unduly restricts the discretion of the Department of Labor to allocate its resources to workforce training programs as appropriate. I urge the Secretary of Labor to include the municipalities' apprenticeship and training needs in the proposed expenditure plan for the Commonwealth Worker Fee Fund.

Section 706. First Senatorial District- Mayor of Rota and Rota Municipal Council. The last sentence of Section 706(b) is line-item-vetoed on the same grounds as Section 705(c).

## Section 707. Second Senatorial District- Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan and Tinian Municipal Council.

The last sentence of Section 707(b) is line-item-vetoed on the same grounds as Section 705(c) and the equivalent portion of Section 706(b).

Section 707(d) is disapproved because it is the purview of the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation through a local appropriations bill, not the Legislature in the annual appropriation bill, to amend local appropriation bills. My administration supports funding of personnel with the approval of the respective senatorial delegation.

## Section 708. Third Senatorial District- Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of the Northern Islands; and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.

Section 708(b) is disapproved because authorizing the Mayor of the Northern Islands to promulgate regulations to generate revenues from fees is an appropriate subject for SNILD legislation, not the annual appropriations bill.

## Section 709. Other Programs.

I have disapproved the requirement in subsection (e) that the CNMI Health Network Program, formerly known as the Medical Referral Program, shall 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. This is an unfunded mandate.

#### Section 711. Department of Public Lands.

I have disapproved a portion of Section 711(a) because ground maintenance and landscaping work under the jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation is a statutory responsibility of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

## Section 712. Reporting Requirements.

I am disapproving Section 712's provisions because they are duplicative of the reporting requirements set forth in Section 204 and create additional and unreasonable administrative burdens that will be difficult to implement.

I am directing the Secretary of Finance to continue working with the Legislature to assist it in performing its own analysis of the government's finances.

## 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.

In particular, 1 CMC §§ 7701 and 7702 provide criminal penalties for expenditures in excess of authorization by law.

## Section 802. Outside Sources.

I have disapproved parts of Subsection (b) because of inconsistency between the 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.

#### Schedule A.

While I recognize the importance of soil and water conservation efforts across the Commonwealth, I must disapprove the establishment and funding allocation for the CNMI State and Water Conservation Office included under the Independent Program heading.

The Act does not contain any express provision clarifying the intent behind its inclusion. Moreover, the program is already embedded within all three senatorial districts, and the creation of a centralized office would be duplicative and administratively redundant.

I remain committed to supporting conservation initiatives through existing district-level programs and encourage continued collaboration to ensure resources are used efficiently and effectively.

#### Conclusion

As we implement the budget appropriation in this Act, I remind the Legislature of the urgency to pass a revised budget with decreased revenues forecasted at \$156,782,740. In light of this forecasted decline, my administration will implement immediate proportionate budget reductions across the board resulting in a forthcoming work hour cut to the executive branch beginning Sunday, October 5, 2025 (pay period 22). Therefore, I urge your cooperation to pass a revision of the FY 2026 Budget Act within ten calendar days from transmittal of the request, targeted for October 6, 2025.

My administration stands ready to work with the Legislature collectively and cooperatively to address the government's fiscal challenges, including meeting conditions stipulated by the Marianas Public Land Trust for a pension loan.

With my signature, this bill becomes Public Law No. 24-14. Copies of the public law bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

cc: Lieutenant Governor

Secretary of Finance

Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

Special Assistant for Management and Budget

All Mayors

Executive Assistant for Carolinian Affairs

Members, 24th Legislature



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building Capitol Hill Saipan, MP 96950 cnmileg.net

September 27, 2025

The Honorable David M. Apatang Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Capitol Hill Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Apatang:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action H. B. No. 24-46, HD1, SS1, entitled: "To Define and Identify General Revenues and approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9 (a) of the CNMI Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2026 and 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 2026; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

Linda B. Muña, MPA

House Clerk

Attachment





## TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANA COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 15, 2025

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN, OF SAIPAN, PRECINCT 2 (for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

## H. B. No. 24-46, HD1, SS1

## AN ACT

TO DEFINE AND IDENTIFY GENERAL REVENUES AND APPROVE REVENUES AND RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 9 (A) OF THE CNMI CONSTITUTION, AS AMENDED, AND 1 CMC DIVISION 7, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND 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 2026; 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 15, 2025;
with amendments in the form of H. B. No. 24-46, HD1 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 26, 2025; with amendments in the form of H. B. No. 24-46, HD1, SS1 and returned to THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House of Representatives accepted the Senate amendments and passed H. B. No. 24-46, HD1, SS1 during its Fourth Day, Second Regular Session on September 27, 2025.

H. B. No. 24-46, HD1, SS1 IS DULY PASSED BY THE TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE.

Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOURTH DAY, SECOND REGULAR SESSION SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

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TO DEFINE AND IDENTIFY GENERAL REVENUES AND APPROVE REVENUES AND RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AS IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 9 (A) OF THE CNMI CONSTITUTION, AS AMENDED, AND 1 CMC DIVISION 7, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND 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 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

### CHAPTER 1. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS.

SECTION 101. SHORT TITLE.

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This Act may be cited as the "Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2026".

## SECTION 102. PURPOSE.

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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 2026 commencing October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

## SECTION 103. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Act:

- (a) "ORG" means Organization Code.
- (b) "NEW" means that the Legislature hereby authorizes the Secretary of Finance to establish an organization code 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 organization codes:

15	11510600	Justices and Judges
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11510400 Supreme Court

11510300 Superior Court

11510100 Judiciary Administrative Office

11510500 Law Revision Commission

20 11510700 Drug Court

11511000 Mental Health Court

1	(2) Legislati	ve Branch, which includes the following organization codes:
2	11620100	House of Representatives Salaries
3	11620200	House Members Allocation
4	11620300	House Leadership Account
5	11620400	Senator Salaries
6	11620500	Senate Members Allocation
7	11620600	Senate Leadership Account
8	11620700	Legislative Bureau
9	11620800	CNMI Youth Congress
10	(3) Executive Branch, which includes the following departments and offices:	
11	(A) Offices of the Governor, which includes the following organization codes:	
12	11261100	Governor's Office
13	11269000	Governor's Discretionary Account
14	(B) Office of the Lt. Governor	
15	11262000	Lt. Governor's Office
16	11269100	Lt. Governor's Discretionary Account
17	(C) Other Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor	
18	11260900	Management and Budget
19	11260100	Administrative Services
20	11260700	CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office
21	11261800	Office of Youth Affairs
22	11260500	Office of Planning & Development

1	11261300	Board of Parole
2	11261000	Office of Grants Management
3	11261200	Public Defender
4	11260200	Carolinian Affairs Office
5	11260800	Indigenous Affairs Office
6	11261400	Veterans Affairs Office
7	11261600	Women's Affairs Office
8	11261900	Environmental Quality Saipan
9	11262200	Saipan Zoning Board
10	11260400	Criminal Justice Planning Agency
11	11261500	Vocational Rehabilitation Service
12	11882200	Medicaid Reimbursement
13	11880300	Medicaid Agency
14	11850400	Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology
15	(D) Depart	ment of Commerce, which includes the following organization
16	codes:	
17	11160100	Secretary of Commerce
18	11160300	Economic Development – Saipan
19	11160400	Statistical Research
20	11160200	Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco Control
21	11160500	Enforcement & Compliance
22	11160600	Workers Compensation Commission

1	Unassigned	Office of Foreign Corporation Liaison	
2	(E) Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, which includes the		
3	following organization codes:		
4	11120100	11120100 Secretary of DCCA	
5	11120800	Youth Services - Saipan	
6	11120900	Child Care Licensing Program	
7	11120600	Historic Preservation – Saipan	
8	11120700	Office on Aging – Saipan	
9	11120200	Council for Arts & Culture	
10	11121000	Low Income Home Energy Asst. Program	
11	11121200	Chamorro/Carolinian Language Commission	
12	11121400	Nutrition Assistance Program	
13	(F) Department of Corrections, which includes the following organization		
14	codes:		
15	11130100	Corrections Commissioner	
16	11130200	Juvenile Detention Unit	
17	(G) Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, which includes the		
18	following organization codes:		
19	11140100	Administration	
20	11140300	Emergency Services	
21	11140200	Fire Prevention & Arson Investigation	
22	11140400	Emergency Medical Services	

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11140500	Logistics and Support	
11140600	DFEMS Training Section	
11140700	DFEMS Dispatch Section	
(H) Departn	nent of Finance, which includes the following organization codes:	
11170100	Secretary of Finance	
11170800	Finance and Accounting – Saipan	
11170700	Treasury	
11170500	Revenue and Taxation – Saipan	
11170400	Procurement & Supply - Saipan	
11170900	Customs Services – Saipan	
11170200	Office of Information Technology	
11171000	Passport Office	
(I) Departme	ent of Labor, which includes business codes:	
11180100	Secretary of Labor	
11180400	Administrative Hearing Office	
11180500	Employment Services	
11180700	Labor Enforcement Fund	
(J) Department of Lands and Natural Resources, which includes the		
following organization codes:		
11190100	Secretary of DLNR	
11190700	Agriculture	
11190800	Fish & Wildlife – Saipan	
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1	11190400	Parks & Recreation – Saipan
2	11190500	Soil & Water (SPN & NI) District
3	11190900	Land Registration & Survey – Saipan
4	(K) Departn	nent of Public Safety, which includes the following organization
5	codes:	
6	11150400	DPS Commissioner
7	N/A	Executive Protection Services
8	11150500	Police – Saipan
9	11150100	Administrative Division
10	11150300	Motor Vehicles Division
11	(L) Departm	nent of Public Works, which includes the following organization
12	codes:	
13	11200100	Secretary of DPW
14	11200200	Building Safety Code
15	11200500	Roads and Grounds Division
16	11200600	Solid Waste Management
17	11200700	Technical Services Division
18	(4) First Sen	natorial District (Rota) which includes the following the following
19	organization code	es:
20	12270100	Mayor Rota
21	12710100	Municipal Council – Rota
22	12170800	Finance & Accounting – Rota

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1	12170500	Revenue & Taxation – Rota
2	12170400	Procurement & Supply – Rota
3	12170900	Customs Service – Rota
4	12120600	Historic Preservation – Rota
5	12120400	Sports & Recreation – Rota
6	12180100	Labor – Rota
7	12160300	Commerce - Rota (Economic Development Rota)
8	12150500	Police - Rota (DPS)
9	12140100	Fire & EMS – Rota
10	12190700	Agriculture – Rota
11	12190800	Fish & Wildlife – Rota
12	12190400	Parks & Recreation – Rota
13	12190500	Soil and Water Conservation – Rota
14	12190900	Land Registration & Survey – Rota
15	12200100	Public Works - Rota (Operations and Maintenance Rota)
16	12880900	Public Library – Rota
17	(5) Second Senatorial District (Tinian and Aguiguan) which includes the	
18	following organization	ation codes:
19	13270100	Mayor Tinian
20	13710100	Municipal Council – Tinian
21	13170800	Finance & Accounting – Tinian
22	13170500	Revenue & Taxation – Tinian

1	13170400	Procurement & Supply – Tinian
2	13170900	Customs Service – Tinian
3	13120600	Historic Preservation – Tinian
4	13120700	Aging – Tinian
5	13120400	Sports & Recreation – Tinian
6	13180100	Labor – Tinian
7	13160300	Commerce-Tinian (Economic Development Tinian)
8	13150500	Police - Tinian (DPS)
9	13140100	Fire and EMS – Tinian
10	13190700	Agriculture – Tinian
11	13190800	Fish & Wildlife – Tinian
12	13190400	Parks & Recreation – Tinian
13	13190500	Soil & Water Conservation - Tinian
14	13200100	Public Works-Tinian (Operations & Maintenance Tinian)
15	13880900	Public Library – Tinian
16	(6) Third S	enatorial District - Saipan & Northern Islands Mayors &
17	Municipal Counci	l which includes the following organization codes:
18	11270100	Mayor Saipan
19	14270100	Mayor Northern Islands
20	11710100	Municipal Council Saipan
21	(7) Boards	and Commissions which include the following the following
22	organization code	s:

1	11110700	Board of Civil Service Commission	
2	11111100	Office of Personnel Management – Saipan	
3	13111100	13111100 Office of Personnel Management – Tinian	
4	12111100	Office of Personnel Management – Rota	
5	11110200	Commonwealth Election Commission	
6	11110500	Board of Professional Licensing	
7	11110800	Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	
8	11111200	Commonwealth Casino Commission	
9	11110900	Commonwealth Cannabis Commission	
10	11111000	CNMI Cannabis Commission Board	
11	(8) "Independent Programs" means government programs under separate		
12	boards established by law (unless receiving appropriations or budget authority		
13	under another heading), specialized general items of appropriations, and those		
14	non-profit corporations and associations or organizations established outside of		
15	the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to which		
16	the Commonwealth Government provides financial assistance includes the		
17	following organization codes:		
18	11881400	CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office	
19	11881500	Substance Abuse Prevention	
20	11880500	Elected Attorney General	
21	11884200	25% Retirees' Pension Benefits	

NMI DC Employer Contributions

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1	11881700	GHLI Retirees	
2	11883100	Northern Marianas Sports Association	
3	11881800	Gov't Health Insurance Employer Contribution (Active	
4		Employees)	
5	Unassigned	Government Utilities	
6	11880900	Joeten/Kiyu Public Library	
7	11884500	General Fund Deficit Reduction	
8	11881900	NMIRF - Gov/Lt. Gov Pension	
9	11884600	Judgments Against Government	
10	11880200	NMI Museum of History and Culture	
11	11882400	Commonwealth Cancer Association	
12	11884400	Government Operational Costs	
13		Public Assistance Matching	
14	Unassigned	CNMI State Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.	
15	(9) Other Pro	Programs:	
16	11850100	Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. (CHCC Subsidy)	
17	11850700	Health Network Program	
18	11881000	Northern Marianas College	
19	11882100	NMC Board of Regents	
20	11881300	Marianas Visitors Authority	
21	11881100	Public School System	
22	11882000	PSS Board of Education	

1	11883300 Micronesian Legal Services Corporation		
2	11883500 Northern Marianas Technical Institute		
3	(10) Public Corporations which include the following:		
4	Commonwealth Economic Development Authority		
5	Commonwealth Ports Authority		
6	Commonwealth Utilities Corporation		
7	Northern Marianas Housing Corporation		
8	Office of the Public Auditor		
9	Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority		
10	(d) "Earmark" means funds provided by the Legislature for specific project		
11	or programs.		
12	(e) "General Revenue" means: Total available resources for FY 2026 less		
13	Special Revenue, earmarked funds, debt service payments, other mandatory		
14	obligations, and the Department of Public Lands.		
15	(f) "Local funds" means locally generated revenues and revenues received		
16	pursuant to Section 702 (a) of the Covenant.		
17	(g) "Number of Positions" (NOP) means the maximum number of persons that		
18	may be employed, pursuant to Article X, Section 7 of the Commonwealth		
19	Constitution but does not include Workforce Investment Agency, substitute		
20	teachers, summer trainees, teacher aides, physicians, licensed professional nurses		
21	and licensed allied health providers working part-time and paid only for		
22	instructional time, student-teacher trainees, or short terms specialized		

instructors, such as visiting artists, performers, writers, and the like. For purposes of this exception, "part-time" means employment not exceeding 40 hours in any biweekly pay period, and "short-term" means not more than 90 instructional days of employment within the Public School System during the fiscal year.

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- (h) "Operations" means appropriations for all lawful activities other than personnel.
- (i) "Personnel" means appropriations for salaries, employer's contribution to the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund, the Defined Contribution Plan, overtime, night differential, hazardous pay, and other employee wages and benefits.
- (j) "Special Account" means a limited special appropriation that sets aside an amount for specific purposes. It is not a bank account but a mechanism to increase or decrease an existing special appropriation. Special accounts are established by legislation. They are managed as a subset of appropriations and are used when other types of appropriations are not suitable.
- (k) "Special Revenues" are revenues that bear a relationship or nexus between the revenue source and the purpose for said revenues, to include but not be limited to: licensing fees or certain tax revenues that may only be used for the purposes designated by law.

## CHAPTER II. ESTIMATED REVENUES

## SECTION 201. ESTIMATED REVENUES.

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 24-2, SS1 the total estimated revenues and resources approved and identified for Fiscal Year 2026 are as follows:

## I. The total identified budgetary

resources for FY 2026 is:	\$179,701,969

Department of Public Lands: \$4,892,548

Total Revenue Including DPL: \$184,594,517

## II. This amount is subject to the following adjustments:

(A) Less Earmarks:

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- 12 (1) Special Earmarks
- 13 a) MVA Hotel (80%) 4 CMC §1803 (\$7,085,234) <sup>1</sup>
- 14 (2) Unsuspended Earmarks
- a) IDC Reimbursement to Office of Grants Management

16 35%, 1 CMC § 2893	(\$937,843)
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- b) Vehicle Registration Fees, PL 11-55 (\$807,684)
  - c) Admiralty and Maritime Fees, 4 CMC § 1222 (\$4,323)
  - d) Weapon Fees, PL19-73 (\$23,925)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Notwithstanding 4 CMC § 2159, the Secretary of Finance shall remit the monthly share of the Hotel Occupancy Taxes to the respective mayors. The Secretary shall keep a record of the amounts remitted and ensure that the respective mayors received not less than \$175,000 before the end of the fiscal year.

1	e) Corporation Fees, 4 CMC § 4205	(\$101,698)
2	(3) General Earmarks	
3	a) Solid Waste Fund (7%) of Excise Tax,	
4	4 CMC §1402(g)(1)	(\$1,140,458)
5	Subtotal	(\$10,101,165)
6	(B) Less Debt Services previously Appropriated:	
7	(1) 2007A Refunding Bond Payment	(\$3,618,500)
8	(2) 2007B Refunding Bond Payment	(\$3,361,750)
9	(3) 2024A Pension Obligation Note Payment (BOG)	(\$5,892,000)
10	(4) Settlement Fund Agreement,	
11	468-1, PL 20-33	(\$29,000,000)
12	Subtotal	(\$41,872,250)
13	III. Total local revenue and resources:	\$132,621,102
14	Department of Public Lands:	(\$4,892,548)
15	General Revenue: Total available resources for FY 2026	
16	remaining after deductions for debt service, revenue tra	nsfers,
17	and other mandatory obligations, and the Department of	f Public
18	Lands:	\$127,728,554
19	Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7204, funds for Fiscal Y	ear 2026 shall be allotted
20	monthly; except programs and agencies that require	one-time payments shall
21	receive advance allotments. These programs include, but	at shall not be limited to:

the CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office, the Commonwealth

Healthcare Corporation, the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency, the CNMI Public School System, the Northern Marianas College, and the Northern Marianas Technical Institute.

## SECTION 202. ADVANCED ALLOTMENT.

Provided further, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all government entities subject to appropriations shall be expressly permitted to receive their first quarter allotment in its entirety, prior to January 1, 2026.

## SECTION 203. 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 the Fiscal Year 2026:

a) Tobacco Control – Cigarette Tax, Public Law 13-38:	\$2,443,534
b) CIQ Overtime Revolving Fund:	\$1,498,413
c) GHLI – 50% Cigarette 4 CMC §1402(g)(3) – PL 18-64:	\$4,072,557
d) Cancer Fund – Cigarette Tax, 4 CMC § 1402(g)(2):	\$681,198
e) PSS Technical Education – 4 CMC § 1503(f):	\$67,546
f) MVA – Alcohol Container (20%), 4 CMC § 1803:	\$103,457
g) Foreign Worker Fee Fund, PL 17-01; 2 CMC §4968:	\$0
h) NMIRF – Hotel Tax (20%), 4 CMC § 1803:	\$1,771,309
i) NMIRF – Alcohol Container (30%), 4 CMC § 1803:	\$155,186

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j) NMIRF DB Plan Fund - 15% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30,

4 CMC § 1511 (a):

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k) NMIRF - 60% E-gaming, Public Law 18-30,

4 CMC § 1511 (b):

\$1,155,387

l) Developers Infrastructure Tax (100%):

\$232,590

Provided further, notwithstanding any Commonwealth laws to the contrary, in the event that actual collections exceed the projected amounts as identified by the Department of Finance on April 1, 2025, any excess amount shall not be subject to suspension and shall be automatically transferred to the beneficiary entity without further legislative action.

# SECTION 204. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE.

(a) Comparison of Actual Revenues Collected and Revenues Estimated. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, at the end of each quarter, a fund status report 1) comparing the actual revenues collected and the revenues estimated of all funds appropriated for the operations and activities of the Commonwealth Government in this Act and 2) all the funds that have been reprogrammed. The Secretary of Finance shall meet with the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson

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of the House Committee on Ways and Means in mid-February, mid-May and mid-August to discuss actual revenues collected versus the revenues estimated.

- (b) Comparison of Actual Expenditures and Appropriated Expenditures. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, at the end of each quarter, a fund status report comparing the actual expenditures and appropriated expenditures of all funds appropriated for the operations and activities of the Commonwealth Government in this Act.
- (c) Transfer In and Out Funds. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, at the end of each quarter, a fund status report on the funds transferred in and out each quarter pursuant to Section 201 of this Act.
- (d) All Other Source. The Secretary of Finance shall report revenues in excessof \$200,000.00 received from other sources that are not identified in this Act.
- (e) Violation. The salary of the Secretary of Finance or designee shall be suspended for at least 30 days and the salary shall not be restored until the Secretary of Finance provides all the reports under this section to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means. Provided that the Secretary of Finance shall not be entitled to indemnification, defense, or

reimbursement under the Government Liability Act or any other Commonwealth Law.

## 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 General 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> N	NOP	PERSONNEL	<b>OPERATIONS</b>	TOTAL
(a) Commonwealth Economic				
Development Authority	13	\$1,157,389	\$305,920	\$1,463,309
(b) Commonwealth Healthcare				
Corporation 1	,041	\$86,225,460	\$54,928,966	\$141,154,426
(c) Commonwealth Ports				
Authority	237	\$6,709,276	\$11,636,965	\$18,346,241
(d) Commonwealth Utilities				
Corporation	572	\$22,287,194	\$80,207,856	\$102,495,050
(e) Marianas Public Land Trust	6	\$460,317	\$1,301,971	\$1,762,288
f) Marianas Visitors Authority	31	\$1,620,967	\$5,464,267	\$7,085,234
(g) Northern Marianas College	166	\$10,762,153	\$4,450,000	\$15,212,153

Corporation	67	\$5,338,598	\$2,601,002	\$7,939,600
(i) Northern Marianas Technical Institute	35	\$722,572	\$198,372	\$920,944
(j) Office of the Public Auditor	17	\$1,328,415	\$400,493	\$1,728,908
(k) Public Utilities Commission	n 1	\$47,097	\$471	\$47,568
Grand Total:	2,186	\$136,659,438	\$161,496,283	\$298,155,721

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.

## 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, Legislative Branch, the Public School System, and the Northern Marianas College.

## SECTION 303. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

In Fiscal Year 2026, the expenditure authorities of the foregoing activities listed in Section 301, shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, a fund status report on the expenditures for personnel and operations of each government entity, and the payments of the

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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.

## 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 donates sick leave, each hour of donated sick leave shall be counted as 1.0 hour regardless of the hourly rate that was earned by the donor or recipient. Provided that the donated sick leave hours shall not exceed 1040 hours.

## 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) The Governor shall have up to 25% 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 new personnel or for the 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, or the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs within 30 days after the end of each quarter of the fiscal year. Such report 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 to the Presiding Officers and Chairpersons an annual summary of all reprogramming activity within 60 days after the end of a fiscal year.

(c) Notwithstanding 1 CMC 7401(f), the mayors of all three Senatorial Districts shall have 25% reprogramming authority.

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

- (a) The CUC monthly utility billings for all departments and agencies shall be paid by the central government after all the funds in the general revolving accounts are exhausted.
- (b) For prepaid meter accounts, the authorized designee of the respective government agencies or offices shall follow the protocol of the Department of Finance for timely payment.
  - (c) No funds appropriated for utilities shall be reprogrammed.

## SECTION 602. HIRING RESTRICTION.

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

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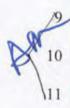
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(b) Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, if a Notice of Personnel Action has been executed by the hiring agency or a candidate to fill the vacancy has been selected or action has been initiated to fill the position by any department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

## SECTION 603. SALARY CAP.

- (a) For Fiscal Year 2026, the compensation of certain appointed officials shall be compensated as set forth in the attached Schedule A and pursuant to 1 CMC § 8245 and 1 CMC § 28003.
- (b) For Fiscal Year 2026, notwithstanding 1 CMC § 8245(c), the annual salary of the Resident Department Heads of the First and Second Senatorial Districts shall be \$40,000.
- (c) For Fiscal Year 2026, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all Resident Department Heads of the First and Second Senatorial Districts and CNMI Department Heads shall be subject to austerity measures as provided for by law.
- (d) For Fiscal Year 2026, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, federal and/or non-General Revenue funds may be utilized to fund salaries in excess of the caps set forth in 1 CMC § 8245 (a), (f), (h) and (j) and 1 CMC § 8246.



## SECTION 604. REVOLVING ACCOUNTS.

Subject to constitutional limits, notwithstanding any CNMI and/or local laws, regulations, and rules to the contrary and except for the suspended accounts as provided in Section 203 and special revenue accounts, all general revolving account expenditure limitations and restrictions relating to the scope of application or other subject matter requirements are hereby suspended in FY 2026.

Accordingly, all legally established general and/or special revolving accounts and the funds therein may be expended by their respective expenditure authorities for personnel and operational expenses; including fuel, communications, operational office supplies, utilities, and travel for training purposes. Provided further that Section 501 of this Act shall not apply to this section.

## SECTION 605. LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

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. This provision does not apply to employees who are 100% or partially funded with federal funds.

# SECTION 606. CELL #1 AND CELL #2 OF THE MARPI LANDFILL CLOSURE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE MECHANISM.

In the event of any funding shortfalls caused by this Appropriations Act, the CNMI Government shall commit its full faith and credit when necessary to effectuate the closure of Cell #1 and Cell #2 of the Marpi Landfill.

#### SECTION 607. REDUCTION OF WORK HOURS.

During Fiscal Year 2026, notwithstanding any laws or contractual provisions to the contrary, a full pay period for the employment benefit of annual leave, sick leave, or other benefits shall be earned despite the implementation of austerity measures as provided for by law.

## SECTION 608. VACANT POSITIONS.

Except as provided under Section 602(b), notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any position that becomes vacant shall be closed out. Unused funds for such position shall go to operation expenses within that department or agency within 30 days upon vacancy unless a request is made to the Legislature for reinstatement of the vacant position, which shall be approved by a joint resolution.

#### SECTION 609. PUBLIC AUDITOR'S FEE.

The Public Auditor's Fee is 1% (one percent) of the total appropriations for each instrumentality, department, agency, corporation, and budget activity of the CNMI Government. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds in excess of the appropriated \$1,728,908 to the Office of Public Auditor as set forth in Section 301 (j) herein, are hereby reserved for the Group Health Life Insurance

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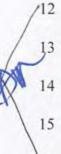
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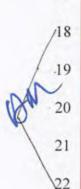
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(GHLI). Agencies that are required by law to allocate 1 % of their budgets to OPA,
that are not funded by the general fund, shall remit their respective fee on a
monthly basis to the Department of Finance.

#### SECTION 610. DPS ROTA AND DPS TINIAN DETAINEES.

The Department of Corrections shall be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the transportation of all detainees and inmates between the senatorial districts for all courts appearances and other legally mandated activities.

SECTION 611. OGM FUNDS IN EXCESS OF OFFICE OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT
BUDGET.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, if the OGM receives in excess of \$937,843 that is allotted to OGM as provided under 1 CMC § 2893(a), the excess shall be reserved for the Group Health Life Insurance (GHLI) and CNMI's government's obligation to the retirees' 25% pension payment.

# SECTION 612. HAZARDOUS PAY.

The Solid Waste Management shall pay the amount of \$179,691 of hazardous pay owed to the Saipan, Tinian, and Rota employees from the Solid Waste Management Revolving Fund collected under Title 2 section 3551. This obligation shall be prioritized and fully satisfied before any other funds are expended for other programs. With respect to the payment of hazardous pay, there shall be a written report submitted by the Secretary of Finance and the Department of

Public Works to the Presiding Officers by the end of first quarter of Fiscal Year 2026.

#### SECTION 613. DCCA NAP SUN BUCKS PROGRAM.

Of the amount appropriated via Schedule A, attached and incorporated by reference hereto, to the Nutritional Assistance Program, the amount of \$160,000 shall be allotted for the 50% matching of the NAP Sun Bucks Program. Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, the Sun Bucks Program shall not be subject to austerity measures.

#### SECTION 614. MVA TRUST FUNDS.

- (a) Notwithstanding 4 CMC §2159, the Secretary of Finance shall transfer the monthly share of the Hotel Occupancy Tax to the respective mayors. Additionally, the Secretary shall account the transfers and ensure that the respective mayors receive not less than \$175,000 before the end of the fiscal year.
  - (b) The funds shall be remitted on a quarterly basis in the amount of \$43,750.
- (c) Each mayor must submit a quarterly report within 30 days after the end of each quarter.

# SECTION 615. COMMONWEALTH CASINO MEMBERS.

Notwithstanding 4 CMC §§ 2308 and 2309 or any CNMI law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall reserve \$210,000 from the \$2.7 million received from the IPI Settlement Agreement, as these special revenue funds have a clear nexus to said payment, to pay a portion of the salaries owed to the former

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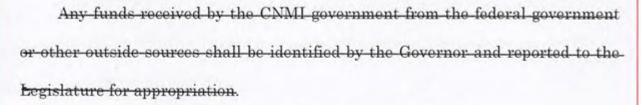
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Schedule B.

SECTION 616. PAYMENT OF 25% TO RETIREES.

Notwithstanding 4 CMC §§ 2308 and 2309, the balance of \$2,490,000 shall be reserved by the Secretary of Finance for payments towards the 25% CNMI share of the Settlement Fund payments for FY 2026.

# SECTION 617. OUTSIDE SOURCE RECEIVED BY THE CNMI.



#### CHAPTER VII. APPROPRIATIONS.

# SECTION 701. IN GENERAL.

Funds designated in Chapter II as available for appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026 are hereby appropriated pursuant to this Chapter.

# SECTION 702. APPROPRIATION.

The amount of \$127,728,554 is hereby appropriated as set forth in the attached Schedule A as the General Revenues of the Commonwealth available for appropriation in FY 2026.

#### 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.



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(b) 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.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in the event of austerity measures, the Chief Justice and the Presiding Judge may use any available non-General Revenue source funds, including revolving accounts, to restore the reduced work hours of the Judicial Branch personnel and operations. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the expenditure authority for the Judicial Branch shall have reprogramming authority to move funding from Personnel to Operations and from Operations to Personnel.

(d) Notwithstanding any Commonwealth law to the contrary, there shall be no reduction of allotments and or proportionate cuts to the Judicial Branch absent a new annual budget submission and corresponding enactment of an amended annual budget.

#### 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

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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, 2023, and 2024 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

- (b) Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the Legislative Bureau Director may adjust the Legislative Branch work schedule and operating hours that are consistent with available funds for personnel and operations.
- (c) The Legislative Bureau Director may use any available non-General Revenue funds to restore the reduced work hours of the LB personnel.
  - (d) Salaries of Legislative Members.

(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.
  - (e) Members' Office Accounts and Employees.

- (1) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7401(c) to the contrary, each member shall be the expenditure authority of the funds appropriated to their individual subaccount;
- (2) Funds appropriated 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; provided that a member may receive a one-month advancement of funds appropriated 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.

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(f) Senate and House Leadership Accounts. The leadership account of each
house shall be \$200,000. 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 allocation in equal amounts to all the standing
committees for their operations and activities.

- (g) Legislative Bureau, ORG 11620700. The Number of Personnel and allocations for personnel, operations, and utilities for the Legislative Bureau shall be as shown in Schedule A. The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated for the Legislative Bureau shall be the Director of the Legislative Bureau or authorized designee. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, including any provision of this Act, the expenditure authority for the Legislative Bureau shall have unrestricted reprogramming authority to move funding from Personnel to Operations, which includes Utilities, and from said Operations to Personnel.
- (h) Northern Marianas Youth Congress, ORG 11620800. The Number of Personnel and allocations 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 with the consent of the Speaker of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress.
- (i) Notwithstanding any Commonwealth law to the contrary, there shall be no-reduction of allotments and or proportionate cuts to the Legislative Branch

absent a new annual budget submission and corresponding enactment of an amended annual budget.

#### SECTION 705. EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

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

- (a) The Governor shall have authority to expend, obligate, encumber, or 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.
- (c) Law enforcement officers of the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services eligible for overtime shall be funded by non-General Revenue sources.
- (d) Of the collections received by the CNMI Passport Office, no less than \$50,000 of the General Revenue funds shall be reserved for the CNMI Passport Office's personnel and operations. This does not affect the Schedule "A" appropriation of \$96,485.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for Fiscal Year 2026, indirect costs shall remain with Department of Community and Cultural Affairs for purposes of funding operations and utilities and shall not be transferred to the Office of Grants Management.

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Under the Department of Commerce, there shall be 7 NOPs to include three ABTC Officers I, one Director for the Foreign Corporation Office, one Administrative Specialist, one Admin Clerk, and one Economist.

(g) Department of Labor. Of the amount appropriated to the CNMI Department of Labor, the sum of \$10,000 shall be remitted to the Rota Department of Labor (DOL) under the expenditure authority of the Rota DOL Resident Director, in consultation of the Mayor of Rota, to fund apprenticeship and training programs of U.S. citizens to augment Rota's workforce; and \$10,000 shall be remitted to the Tinian Department of Labor (DOL) under the expenditure authority of the Tinian DOL Resident Director, in consultation of the Mayor of Tinian, fund apprenticeship and training programs of U.S. citizens to augment Tinian's workforce.

# SECTION 706. FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT - MAYOR OF ROTA AND ROTA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The Number of Personnel and allocations 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. Additionally, except as provided in this section, in

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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 the discretion to revoke expenditure authority over those departments that are primarily concerned with enforcing the law.

- (b) Any shortfall in the appropriated funds as a result or due to payment of overtime, retirement, or benefits shall be borne by the municipality. Provided that law enforcement officers of the Department of Public Safety Rota and the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Rota eligible for overtime shall be funded by non-General Revenue sources.
- (c) Rota Municipal Council. 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.

SECTION 707. SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT - MAYOR OF TINIAN & AGUIGUAN AND TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

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

(a) Except as provided in this section, the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan
shall have authority to expend, obligate, encumber, or otherwise commit or
reprogram, all the funds appropriated to the Second Senatorial District.
Additionally, 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 <i>Inos v. Tenorio</i> , 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 the discretion to revoke expenditure authority over those departments that
are primarily concerned with enforcing the law.

(b) Any shortfall in the appropriated funds as a result of or due to payment of overtime, retirement, or benefits shall be borne by the municipality. Provided that law enforcement officers of the Department of Public Safety—Tinian and the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services—Tinian eligible for overtime shall be funded by non-General Revenue sources.

(c) Tinian Municipal Council. 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. Of the \$27,729 appropriated to the Municipal Council under Operations, the amount of \$10,000 shall be reserved for

utilities and operations and the remainder shall be divided equally among the council members.

(d) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the funds appropriated under Tinian Local laws 24-6 and 24-7 shall be re-appropriated to fund personnel of the Office of the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan under the expenditure authority of the Mayor of Tinian & Aguiguan.

SECTION 708. THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT - MAYOR OF SAIPAN; MAYOR OF THE NORTHERN ISLANDS; AND SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The Number of Personnel and allocations 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.

- (a) The Mayor of Saipan, the Mayor of the Northern Islands, and the Chairperson of the Municipal Council for Saipan and the Northern Islands or each of their respective designees shall be the expenditure authority for allocations for their respective offices.
- (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Mayor of the Northern Islands, may promulgate rules and regulations to generate revenue in his or her respective municipality, consistent with such authority exercised by other municipalities to include not be limited to package tour fees, fishing fees, and

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hunting fees. Said revenue shall be locally appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation after establishment of a revolving fund.

#### SECTION 709. OTHER PROGRAMS.

The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget 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 designee shall be the expenditure authority of the funds under ORG 11881000.
- (b) NMC Board of Regents. The Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds under ORG 11882100.
- (c) Public School System. The Commissioner of Education or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds under ORG 11881100. Funds appropriated to PSS shall not be used for the following: 1) personnel and operations of the Board of Education, 2) pay raises for central administrative directors until or unless all austerity measures such as teacher furloughs or other curriculum/program cuts and or restrictions are rescinded or no longer in effect; and 3) legal fees and costs of litigation including but not limited to any payments for settlements and/or judgments and/or legal representation.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no budget cuts or austerity measures shall be applied to teacher salaries, instructional positions, or essential student programs (e.g., meals, counseling, special education, and Chamorro

Carolinian Language Heritage Studies) until all non-instructional administrative cost reductions have been exhausted. 96% of all PSS funds must be allocated directly to instructional expenditures. Austerity measures shall not apply to federally funded positions and programs or those programs that receive a CNMI match from the General Fund.

Provided further, of the appropriated funds under ORG 11881100, \$400,000 shall be reserved for inter-island travel and lodging accommodations within the CNMI for the students, coaches, teachers, support staff, and chaperones participating in the PSS interscholastic sports leagues, cultural competitions, and off-island academic competitions for School Year 2025-2026 to include Moot Court and Mock Trial. In addition, \$100,000 shall be reserved for the teacher and support staff incentives and rewards program. These funds shall be in addition to any other amounts provided via federal grants.

Provided further that the expenditure authority shall provide a detailed expense report in writing to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, the Chairperson of the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means, and the Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Fiscal Affairs within 30 days after the end of Fiscal Year 2026.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary PSS shall be exempt from 3 CMC 1132. Provided further, PSS personnel assigned directly to schools, such as, administrative personnel and support staff inclusive of principals, vice principals, instructors, teachers (including those assigned to CCLHS), teacher

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aides, librarians, pupil transportation personnel and bus drivers, janitors and counselors, shall be exempt from any austerity measures such as furloughs and reductions in force.

The protection established by this section, shall take precedence over administrative or management positions which may be subject to austerity measures before any school level personnel.

- (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 ORG 11882000. 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.
- (e) The CNMI Health Network Program (hereinafter, "HNP") (formerly known as CNMI Medical Referral Program). The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation shall administer the HNP or its successor, including both inter-island and off-island referrals, consistent with its duties and responsibilities under 3 CMC § 2821 et seq. More specifically, the inter-island medical referral services shall include stipends, airfare, and lodging for patients and escorts, which is consistent with the off-island medical referral program. The expenditure authority for all funds appropriated to inter-island and off-island medical referral services and administration (inclusive of ORG 11850100, 11850700, and any new organizations codes established for CHCC Medical Referral) shall be the CEO of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation or designee. Provided further that

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\$150,000 of the funds appropriated to the HNP, ORG 11850700, shall be used exclusively for inter-island medical referral.

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

#### SECTION 710. INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS.

The Fiscal Year 2026 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 or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.
- (b) NMI Museum of History and Culture. The Chairperson of the Board of Governors of the NMI Museum of History and Culture or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.
- (c) Elected Attorney General. The Attorney General or designee shall be the expenditure authority of the appropriated funds.
- (d) The expenditure authority of the funds appropriated for the Public Assistance Program shall be the Governor's Authorized Representative.
- (e) Medicaid Program. The funds appropriated in this Act for the Medicaid Program, including Medicaid Reimbursement, ORG 11882200, Medicaid Agency, ORG 11880300, and Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information

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Technology, ORG 11850400 shall be deemed a single budget reserved for the purposes of Medicaid Agency, Medicaid Reimbursement, and Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology. 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, Medicaid Agency, Medicaid Reimbursement, and Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology. Provided further, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for Fiscal Year 2026, pursuant to the request of Commonwealth Medicaid Agency, with the concurrence of the Office of Personnel Management, all of the 12 NOPs for the Medicaid Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology funded under ORG 11850400 shall be excepted service contract employees.

- (f) CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office. Of the funds appropriated to the CNMI Scholarship and Financial Assistance Office, \$50,000 shall be used to fund the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) established under 3 CMC § 11101, as shown in Schedule A.
- (g) For programs and activities not specifically mentioned, the expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of Finance.

# SECTION 711. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS.

(a) Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2803 of the Commonwealth Code, Department of Public Lands (DPL) submitted a budget of \$4,892,548. The DPL, pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement between DPL and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR) is authorized to pay for professional services provided

by the personnel of the DLNR Division of Parks and Recreation of all three senatorial districts. Provided further, DPL shall provide payments for the landscaping and ground maintenance of all properties that fall under the purview of Parks and Recreation.

- (b) Pursuant to a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Public Lands and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Mayors of Rota and Tinian & Aguiguan, DPL is authorized to expend up to \$800,000 annually for maintenance and security of public lands, including designated parks, recreational areas, and other real estate properties, inclusive of the former Rota Resort, the former Tinian Dynasty, the former Kanoa Resort, and the former Marianas Resort, under DPL's jurisdiction.
- (c) Of the funds within the DPL Holding Account, the sum of \$4,000,000 shall be remitted to the Marianas Public Lands Trust on or before October 15, 2025, in addition to the other constitutional and statutory remittance.

SECTION 712. FINANCIAL DATA AND TRANSPARENCY INFORMATION ACCESS.

(a) Access Provided to Legislative Fiscal Analysts.

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

(1) 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

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expenditure reports in a format that is exportable or convertible to Excel

files; and

- (2) 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:
  - (A) All revolving accounts;
  - (B) All business activities listed in Schedule A;
  - (C) All accounts listed as earmarks in the Budget Authority Act;
  - (D) All debt service payments, including payments to the Settlement Fund, and Series A and Series B Funds:
  - (E) All revenue accounts in the First, Second, and Third Senatorial

    Districts that are identified as budgetary resources in the Budget

    Authority Act;
- (3) Any other financial information, not legally privileged or protected, relating to the CNMI Government's expenditure of public funds, as needed and requested, in writing, within 10 days of said request.

# SECTION 713. VIOLATIONS OF SPENDING LIMITS.

The expenditure of funds in excess of allocations and reprogramming established by this Act is a violation of the Planning and Budget Act, 1 CMC §7101 et seq. Any expenditure authority that violates The Planning and Budget Act shall be suspended without salary for at least 30 days and the salary shall not be restored until a fiscal plan is submitted to the Presiding Officers of the

Logislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and accepted by both houses of the Legislature to retire the over expenditure. Provided, they also shall not be entitled to indemnification, defense, or reimbursement under the Government Liability Act or any other Commonwealth Law.

#### SECTION 714. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

In Fiscal Year 2026, the expenditure authorities of the foregoing activities listed in Chapter 7 and the CNMI Public School System, shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, 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.

# CHAPTER VIII. NON GENERAL REVENUE SOURCES

# SECTION 801. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

- (a) Notwithstanding 1 CMC § 7204, the non-General Revenue source funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be allotted monthly; except programs that require one-time payments may receive advance allotments.
- (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Secretary of Finance shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, at the end of each quarter, a fund status report on the non-General Revenue sourced funds that are transferred

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in and out of government organizational codes and their respective accounts, pursuant to Section 802 of this Act.

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

#### SECTION 802. NON GENERAL REVENUE SOURCES.

(a) Tobacco Settlement Funds. Pursuant to 3 CMC § 2173 and the funds allocated in this section pursuant to the submittal of a program and expenditure plan to the Secretary of Finance, the Tobacco Settlement funds in the amount of \$541,597.00, not subject to reprogramming or fiscal year limitation, shall be allocated as follows:

(1) Division of Public Health 40%:	\$216,638.80
(2) Public School System 20%:	\$108,319.40
(3) Youth Affairs Office 12.5%:	\$67,699.62
(4) Coalition of Private Schools 7.5%:	\$40,619.78
(5) Rota Mayor 10%:	\$54,159.70
(6) Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor 10%:	\$54,159.70

The expenditure authorities of the funds allocated pursuant to this Section 802(a) shall be the persons authorized by law for each respective office or agency.

The expenditure authorities 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.

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

In accordance with U.S. Public Law 115-218, the sum of \$1,300,000 in Commonwealth Worker Fee Funds shall be available for the sole and exclusive purpose of funding vocational education, apprenticeships, or other training programs for United States workers by Commonwealth educational entities for Fiscal Year 2026. Provided that out of the \$1,300,000 the following amounts shall be allocated for the sole and exclusive purpose of funding vocational education, apprenticeships, or other vocational training programs for United States workers:

(1) NMTech 60%:	\$780,000.00
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(2) NMC 15%: \$195,000.00

(3) CNMI PSS 4%: \$52,000.00

(4) CNMI DOL: \$273,000.00

The expenditure authorities of all Commonwealth educational entities that receive Commonwealth Worker Fee Funds shall submit to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs and the Chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means, at the end of each quarter, a fund status report of the funds allocated under this subsection. Provided further, for purposes of data collection, all expenditure authorities shall 1) require all expenditure authorities of CW funds to register with the Department of Labor

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and 2) report on the status of all recipient placement into the workforce (or nonplacement) of said funding.

The recipients of the funds in this subsection shall submit to the Governor and the Department of Labor the required education plans consistent with and mandated by U.S. Public Law 115-218.

(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

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terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

#### SECTION 903. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Attested to by:

Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by:

SPEAKER EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ

House of Representatives

24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 30th day of September, 2025

DAVID M. APATANG

Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

SCHEDULE A

Activity/Function	ORG	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL
Judicial Branch		1		*** ***	70	\$1,157,311
istices & Judges	11510600	8	\$1,145,852	\$11,459	50	
NMI Supreme Court	11510400	8	\$510,554	\$5,106	50	\$515,660
NMI Superior Court	11510300	52	\$1,628,923	\$16,289	50	51,645,212
dministrative	11510100	42	51,602,512	5170,525	\$300,000	52,073,037
iw Revision Commission	11510500	7	\$170,645	\$1,706	50	\$172,351
rug Court	11510700	8	5374,192	\$3,742	\$0	\$377,934
ental Health Court	11511000	7	5241,544	\$2,416	50	\$243,960
adicial Branch Total		132	\$5,674,222	\$211,243	\$300,000	\$6,185,465
egislative Branch						
urrent House Member's Salaries	11620100	20	5769,704	\$0	50	\$769,704
ouse Member's Allocation	11620200	45	50	\$2,375,860	50	\$2,375,860
ouse Leadership	11620300	0	50	\$200,000	50	\$200,000
urrent Senate Salaries	11620400	9	\$336,624	50	50	\$336,624
mate Member's Allocation	11620500	27	50	\$1,069,137	50	\$1,069,137
mate Leadership	11620600	0	50	\$200,000	50	\$200,000
egislative Bureau	11620700	33	\$1,657,031	5193,814	\$180,000	\$2,030,845
NMI Youth Congress	11620800	1	\$25,183	\$3,485	\$0	\$28,668
rgislative Branch Total		135	\$2,788,542	\$4,042,296	\$180,000	\$7,010,838
ffice of the Governor						
ffice of the Governor	11261100	16	\$699,460	\$6,993	50	\$706,453
overnor's Discretionary Account	11269000	0	50	5101,000	\$0	\$101,000
office of the Governor Total		16	\$699,460	\$107,993	\$0	\$807,453
ffice of the Lt. Governor						
ffice of the LT Governor	11262000	16	\$627,348	\$6,273	50	\$633,621
Gov's Discretionary Account	11269100	0	50	\$70,700	50	\$70,700
office of the Lt. Governor Total		16	5627,348	\$76,973	\$0	5704,321
ther Offices of the Gov and Lt. Gov						
ffice of Management & Budget	11260900	9	\$413,887	\$4,139	50	\$418,026
fministrative Services	11260100	17	\$670,136	\$6,701	\$0	\$676,837
MI Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office	11260700	14	\$420,652	\$4,207	50	\$424,859
ffice of Youth Affairs	11261800	8	\$194,203	51,942	50	\$196,145
ffice of Planning & Development	11260500	5	5170,485	\$1,705	50	\$172,190
ffice of Parole Board	11261300	5	\$95,972	\$960	50	\$96,932
ffice of Grants Management	11261000	0	51	51	50	\$2
iblic Defender Office	11261200	9	\$610,211	\$6,102	50	\$616,313
arolinian Affairs Office	11260200	10	\$317,328	\$7,313	\$10,000	5334,641
digenous Affairs Office	11260800	4	\$142,317	\$1,423	50	\$143,740
eteran's Affairs Office	11261400	6	5274,416	\$2.744	50	\$277,160
omen's Affairs Saspan	11261600	4	5109,123	\$1,091	50	\$110,214
tvironmental Quality - Saipan	11261900	1	526,796	\$268	50	527.064
oning Board	11262200	6	\$251,194	\$2,512	50	\$253,706
IPA	11260400	3	\$115,186	\$1,152	50	\$116,338
ocational Rehabilitation Services	11261500	0	\$0	\$80,800	50	\$80,800
edicaid Rembursements	11882200	0	50	\$6,262,000		\$6,262,000
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edicaid Agency	11880300 11850400	20	50	50	50	50
edicard Enterprise Systems & Health Information Technology overnor's Holding Account		12	\$66,239	\$537,995	50	\$604,234
svemor's Holding Account	New	0	51	51	\$0	\$2
Other Offices of the Gov and Lt. Gov Total		133	\$3,878,147	\$6,923,056	\$10,000	\$10,811,203

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Activity/Function	ORG	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL
Department of Commerce						
Secretary of Commerce	11160100	14	\$554,761	\$5,548	50	5560,309
Economic Development - Saipan	11160300	2	\$97,313	5973	50	\$98,286
statistical Research	11160400	6	\$181,065	\$1,810	50	5182.875
Mesholic Beverage Control	11160200	15	5391.840	\$3,918	SO	\$395,758
inforcement and Compliance	11160500	5	\$197,187	\$1,972	50	\$199,159
Norkers Compensation Commission	11100000	4	\$182,871	\$1,829	\$0	5184,700
Department of Commerce Total		46	\$1,605,037	\$16,050	50	\$1,621,087
Department of Community & Cultural Affairs						
ecretary of CCA	11120100	8	\$305,443	53.054	50	\$308,497
outh Services - Saipan	11120800	15	5383,321	\$3,833	50	\$387,154
hild Care Licensing Program	11120900	5	\$172,292	\$1,723	50	\$174.015
istorical Preservation - Saipun	11120600	8	5284,221	\$2,842	50	5287.063
ffice of Aging - Saspan	11120700	13	\$231,630	\$2,316	SO	5233,946
ouncil for Arts & Culture	11120200	9	\$206,868	\$2,069	50	\$208,937
ow Income Home Energy Assistance Program	11121000	2	\$56,865	\$2,169	\$160,000	5219,034
hamorro Carolinian Language Commission	11121200	5	\$171,146	\$1,711	\$0	5172,857
AP	11121400	0	\$0	\$163,216	so	\$163,216
epartment of Community & Cultural Affairs Total		65	\$1,811,786	\$182,933	\$160,000	52,154,719
Separtment of Corrections						
ecretary of Corrections	11130100	139	\$3,583,178	\$35,832	SO	53.619.010
venile Detention Unit	11130200	15	\$273,797	\$2,738	SO	\$276,535
repartment of Corrections Total		154	\$3,856,975	\$38,570	50	\$3,895,545
repartment of Fire & Emergency Services						
dministration	11140100	13	\$572,697	\$5.726	50	5578,423
mergency Services	11140300	88	\$3,170,864	\$31,709	50	\$3,202,573
re Prevention & Arson Investigation	11140200	10	\$484,697	\$4,847	50	5489,544
mergency Medical Services	11140400	8	\$377,070	\$3,771	50	5380,841
ogistical Support	11140500	7	\$318,797	\$3,187	50	5321,984
FEMS Training Section	11140600	2	\$137,295	\$1,373	SO SO	\$138,668
FEMS Dispatch Section	11140700	8	\$76,192	\$762	\$0	\$76,954
epartment of Fire & Emergency Services Total		136	\$5,137,612	\$51,375	S0	\$5,188,987
epartment of Finance						
ecretary of Finance	11170100	19	5991,683	59,917	\$0	\$1,001,600
nance and Acet Saspan	11170800	27	51,093,171	\$10,932	50	\$1,104,103
easury	11170700	15	\$376,890	53,769	50	\$380,659
evenue & Taxation - Saipan	11170500	64	52,049,955	\$20,500	50	52,070,455
ocurement & Supply - Saipan	11170300	12	\$398,546	\$3,985	50	
rvision of Customs & Quarantine Services - Saipan	11170900	105				\$402,531
ffice of Information Technology	11170200	11	\$3,514,947	\$35,149 \$37,533	\$0 \$0	\$3,550,096
issport Office	11170200	3	\$357,297 \$95,530	\$37,533	50	\$394,830 \$96,485
epartment of Finance Total		256	\$8,878,019	\$122,740	SO	\$9,000,759
epartment of Labor			****	*****		****
cretary of Labor	11180100	5	\$253,034	\$2,530	\$0	\$255,564
dministrative Hearing Office	11180400	2	\$102,934	\$1,029	\$0	\$103,963
inployment Services	11180500	8	\$280,762	\$2,808	50	\$283,570
abor Enforcement Fund	11180700	7	\$267,465	\$2,675	50	\$270,140

Activity/Function	ORG	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL
Department of Land and Natural Resources						
secretary of DLNR	11190100	6	5334,243	53,342	50	5337,585
Agriculture	11190700	17	\$577,199	55.772	50	\$582,971
ish & Wildlife Saipan	11190800	12	\$330,148	53,301	50	\$333,449
Parks & Recreation - Saipan	11190400	40	5591,720	\$5,917	SO	\$597,637
ioil & Water Conservation - Sarpan	11190500	1	\$1	50	50	\$1
	11190900	8	5238,830	\$2,389	50	\$241.219
and Registration Saipan	141797000		9430,030	22,303		********
Department of Land and Natural Resources Total		84	\$2,072,141	520,721	\$0	52,092,862
Department of Public Safety						
OPS Commissioner	11150400	2	\$86,796	\$868	\$0	\$87,664
olice - Saipan	11150500	184	\$5,286,416	\$52,864	\$0	\$5,339,280
dministrative Division	11150100	13	\$476,096	\$4,761	\$0	\$480,857
Aotor Vehicles Division	11150300	12	5258,444	\$2,584	\$0	\$261,028
Department of Public Safety Total		211	\$6,107,752	561,077	50	56,168,829
Department of Public Works						
Secretary Public Works	11200100	10	\$450,740	\$4.507	50	\$455,247
Building Safety Code	11200200	14	\$455,736	\$4,558	50	\$460.294
toads & Grounds Division	11200500	22	5529,452	\$5,295	50	5534.747
echnical Services Division	11200700	21	5763,448	57.634	50	5771,082
olid Waste Management Division	11200600	35	\$922,025	59,221	50	\$931,246
Department of Public Works Total		102	\$3,121,401	\$31,215	\$0	\$3,152,616
repartment of Fubic Front Form			3011211111			
Executive Branch Total		1,241	\$38,699,873	\$7,641,745	\$170,000	\$46,511,618
First Senatorial District						
Mayor Rota	12270100	118	52,627,136	5211,085	\$150,000	\$2,988,221
Junicipal Council Rota	12710100	8	\$170,319	\$1,703	50	5172,022
inance and Acet Rota	12170800	4	\$149,298	\$1,493	50	\$150,791
levenue & Taxation - Rota	12170500	4	\$102,828	\$1,028	\$0	\$103,856
rocurement & Supply Rota	12170400	2	\$79,261	\$793	50	\$80,054
ustoms Service - Rota	12170900	15	\$403,328	\$4,033	\$0	\$407,361
listoric Preservation - Rota	12120600	3	\$90,340	5903	\$0	\$91,243
ports and Recreation - Rota	12120400	9	\$275,434	52,754	50	\$278,188
abor Rota	12180100	5	5221,721	52,217	\$0	\$223,938
conomic Development - Rota	12160300	4	\$159,978	\$1,600	50	\$161,578
Police - Rota	12150500	47	\$1,578,403	\$15,784	\$0	\$1,594,187
ire & EMS - Rota	12140100	29	\$1,169,514	\$11,695	SO	\$1,181,209
agriculture - Rota	12190700	12	\$472,015	\$4,720	50	\$476,735
ish & Wildlife Rota	12190800	5	\$161,162	\$1,612	50	\$162,774
arks & Recreation - Rota	12190400	4	5102,413	\$1,024	50	\$103,437
oil & Water Conservation - Rota	12190500	1	\$26,443	\$264	\$0	\$26,707
and Registration Rota	12190900	2	\$68,208	\$682	50	\$68,890
Operations & Maintenance - Rota	12200100	22	\$612.193	\$6.122	\$0	\$618.315
hablic Library - Rota	12880900	1	\$18.792	5188	\$0	\$18,980
'ontingency - Rota	1 2000 700	0	50	\$0	\$0	\$0
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First Senatorial District Total		295	\$8,488,786	\$269,700	\$150,000	\$8,908,486

Activity/Function	ORG	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL
Second Senatorial District						
Mayor Timan	13270100	141	\$3,816,846	\$49,807	\$250,000	\$4,116,653
Mayor Contingency Timian		0	50	50	SO	50
Junicipal Council Tinian	13710100	7	\$197,396	\$27,729	SO	5225,125
inance and Acet Tinian	13170800	3	\$101,318	\$30,101	50	\$131,419
evenue & Taxation - Tinian	13170500	4	\$114.834	\$1,148	50	\$115,982
rocurement & Supply Tinian	13170400	2	\$45,739	\$457	SO	\$46,196
ustoms Service - Timan	13170900	15	\$365,589	\$3,656	\$0	\$369,245
listoric Preservation - Timian	13120600	3	579,511	\$795	50	\$80,306
office of Aging - Timan	13120700	4	\$111,799	\$1,118	50	\$112,917
ports and Recreation - Tinian	13120400	6	\$199,653	\$1,997	\$0	\$201,650
abor Tinian	13180100	9	\$294,753	515,068	50	\$309,821
conomic Development - Tinian	13160300	9.	\$197,045	\$1,970	50	\$199,015
olice - Tuttan	13150500	39	\$1,052,926	\$10,529	50	\$1,063,455
re - Tinian	13140100	28	51.094.542	\$10,945	50	\$1,105,487
griculture - Tinian	13190700	9	\$311,776	\$3,118	\$0	\$314,894
sh & Wildlife Tinian	13190800	5	5135,279	\$1,353	\$0	\$136,632
arks & Recreation - Tinian	13190400	3	575,471	\$755	\$0	576.226
oil & Water Conservation Tinian	13190500	1	\$25,175	\$252	\$0	525,427
perations & Maintenance - Tinian	13200100	11	\$290,432	\$2,904	\$0	5293,336
man Public Library	13880900	3	\$63,907	\$639	50	\$64,546
acant Holding Account Tinian		0	50	50	50	50
econd Senatorial District Total		302	\$8,573,991	\$164,341	\$250,000	\$8,988,332
hird Senatorial District						
layor Saipan	11270100	87	\$3,068,366	\$153,401	\$61,410	\$3,283,177
ayor Northern Islands	14270100	14	\$474,210	\$4,742	50	\$478,952
lunscipal Council Saipan	11710100	5	\$141.399	\$1,414	\$0	\$142,813
ayor of Saipan Contingency		0	50	\$0	50	\$0
ayor of Northern Islands Contingency		0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
hird Senatorial District Total		106	\$3,683,975	\$159,557	\$61,410	\$3,904,942
oards and Commissions						
vil Service Commission	11119700	3	5211,936	\$2,119	\$0	5214,055
ffice of Personnel Management - Saipan	111111100	17	\$835,825	\$8,358	50	5844,183
ffice of Personnel Management - Tinian	13111100	1	\$45,581	\$456	50	\$46,037
ffice of Personnel Management - Rota	12111100	2	\$74,136	\$741	50	\$74,877
ommonwealth Election Commission	11110200	6	\$232,905	\$61,919	\$0	\$294,824
oard of Professional Licensing	11110500	3	591,794	\$918	\$0	\$92,712
mmonwealth Public Utilities Commission	11110800	1	\$53,825	\$538	50	\$54,363
mmonwealth Casino Commission	11111200	0	51	SO.	\$0	\$1
ommonwealth Cannabis Commission	11110900	3	S1	50	\$0	51
NMI Cannabis Commission Board	11111000	0	\$1	50	50	51
olitical Status Commission	1000000000	0	SO	\$0	\$0	\$0
oards and Commissions Total		36	\$1,546,005	\$75,049	\$0	\$1,621,054

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Activity/Function	ORG	NOP	PERSONNEL	OPERATIONS	UTILITIES	TOTAL
Independent Program						
Scholarship and Grants	11881400	7	5272,948	\$507,729	50	5780.677
Substance Abuse Prevention	11881500	14	\$480,743	54.808	50	\$485.551
Elected Attorney General	11880500	53	\$3,101,266	\$31,013	50	\$3.132.279
Active Emplyees DC Emplyr Cnirbin	11881600	0	SO	\$0	50	50
GHLL Retirees	11881700	0	\$1	50	50	\$1
Mananas Bound Kandat	NEW	0	SD	51	50	51
Active EE ER Health Ins Critibin	11881800	0	SO	50	50	50
25% Retirees' Pension Benefits	11884200	0	\$1,801,546	\$18.015	50	\$1.819.561
Governmental Utilines	UNASSIGNED	0	SD	53,960	5396,040	5400,000
Joeren Kiyu Public Library	11880900	16	\$585,895	\$5,859	50	\$591,754
General Fund Deficit Reduction	11884500	0	50	50	\$0	50
NMIRF - Gov Lt. Gov Pension	11881900	0	578,875	\$789	50	\$79,664
Judgement Against Government	11884600	0	50	50	50	50
Commonwealth Museum	11880200	5	\$105,136	\$1,052	50	\$106,188
Government Operational Costs	11884400	0	50	\$1	50	51
Public Assistance Matching		0	SO	\$0	50	50
CVMI State Soil and Water Conservation Districts In	ne NEW	0	-50	570,000	30	\$70,000
independent Program Total		95	\$6,426,410	\$643,227	\$396,040	\$7,465,677
Other Programs (Transfers to Agencies)						
ommonwealth Healthcare Corp. Subsidy	11850100	0	so	51	SO	51
Health Network Program	11850700	0	SO	51.200.000	50	\$1,200,000
Northern Mananas College (NMC)	11881000	178	50	\$3,948,842	50	53.948.842
NMC Board of Regents	11882100	0	50	551.158	50	\$51,158
Marianas Visitors' Authority	11881300	41	SO	51	50	51
Public School System	11881100	972	50	531,779,008	50	531,779,008
PSS Board	11882000	6	50	5153.131	50	5153.131
NMTI	11883500	0	\$0	\$1	50	\$1
Other Programs (Transfers to Agencies) Total		1,197	SII	537,132,142	\$0	\$37,132,142
General Fund Grand Total		3,539	\$75,881,804	\$50,339,300	\$1,507,450	\$127,728,554
Department of Public Lands	21400100	81	\$3,067,154	\$1,688,394	\$137,000	\$4,892,548



Commonwealth Casino Commission Schedule B FY2026

Vo	Commissioner Name	Senatorial District	
	Jacdware C. Deleon Guerrero	3rd Senatorial District	\$35,000.00
	2-Rafael Demapan	3rd Senatorial District	535,000.00
	3 Marian - Taitano	3rd Senatorial District	\$35,000.00
-	4 Ramon Dela Cruz	2nd Senatorial District	<del>535.000.0</del> 0
	5 Martin Mendiola	1st Senatorial District	\$35,000.00
	7homa A. Manglona	1st Senatorial District	\$35.000.00

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