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Proposed MDL Budget ^{qu copy}

SAIPAN---The Mariana Islands District Legislature appropriation Act No. 100-1974 introduced by the Appropriation Committee of the MDL asking for an appropriation of \$171,147 was passed by the 4th Marianas Islands District Legislature on March 5, 1974 and is awaiting the Marianas District Administrator's approval.

The purpose of the Appropriation Act is to maintain the expenses of the MDL 1974-75 activities including members compensation, travel and per diem expenses, employees expenses, expenses for the Office of the President, special appropriations and appropriation measures for MDL Acts.

According to the Act, the MDL requires a sub-total of \$61,162 for members' compensation, members' and committee travel expenses and per diem, members' official representative and others on the basis of regular sessions. On special sessions, the MDL requires a sub-total of \$3,850.

A sub-total of \$85,835 is required by the MDL for the Office of the President. This will include personnel services, overtime, employees benefits and training programs, travel and per diem for the staff, office supplies and equipment, etc.

\$4,300 is needed for the H.O.C. emergency fund,


funds for the District Administrator, Tinian and Rota representatives and funds for the Legislative Council, Executive Secretary and District Treasurer which are under the special appropriation section.

Under the appropriation measures the MDL requires \$15,000 to be incurred for hosting the Sixth Annual Pacific Conference of Legislators on July 1-4, 1974 which has already been signed into District Law No. 4-48.

An additional \$1,000 is needed for an emergency fund for students attending the University of Guam. This MDL Act was signed as District Law No. 4-52 on April 2 by the Distad.

The total \$171,147 MDL budget for 1974-75 seems to be heavily weighted in favor of "administrative operating expenses" rather than programs which would directly benefit the people.

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