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AN ACT TO PROVIDE A "BLUE RIBBON
PLANNING COMMITTEE" TO ORGANIZE BOTH
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR EFFORTS IN
EXPANDING THE ECONOMY OF GUAM.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Blue Ribbon Planning Committee. A Blue Ribbon
3 Planning Committee consisting of members from both the government and
4 private sector shall be appointed to investigate and bring together public and
5 private sector forces to develop and expand the economy of Guam.

6 a. Public members of the Blue Ribbon Planning Committee shall be
7 drawn from the Governor and Lieutenant Governor's Office, the Guam
8 Economic Development Authority, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, the Jose
9 D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port of Guam, the A.B. Won Pat Guam
10 International Airport Authority, the University of Guam, the Guam Visitors

1 Bureau, the Hagatna Redevelopment Authority, and any other agency with
2 personnel who are able to contribute to the task assigned to this committee.

3 b. Private members of the Blue Ribbon Planning Committee shall be
4 drawn from the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Chamber of
5 Commerce of Guam, the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Guam, and
6 private businesspersons who may not belong to these business groups.

7 **Section 2. Mission.** The mission of the Blue Ribbon Planning
8 Committee is to acquire information, bring people and businesses together,
9 and formulate concrete steps to enlarge the economic base of Guam. The
10 Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority, for example, has
11 development plans for Guam's economy, however, a number of businesses
12 and projects which have been previously studied and determined to be
13 desirable for Guam have not yet come to Guam or have not yet been
14 successful on Guam. The Blue Ribbon Planning Committee shall select the
15 businesses and projects which are the most feasible and achievable and
16 which will complement and enhance the current businesses and shall take
17 planning steps to make the plans become reality.

18 **Section 3. Chair and Support Services.** The Chairman of the Blue
19 Ribbon Planning Committee is the Executive Director of the Guam
20 Economic Development and Commerce Authority. The Guam Economic
21 Development and Commerce Authority shall provide support services and
22 coordination.

23 **Section 4. Appointment.** The members of the Blue Ribbon Planning
24 Committee shall be appointed by the Governor and shall be appointed and

1 commence their work within Sixty (60) days of the enactment date of this
2 Act.

3 **Section 5. Subcommittees.** The members of the Blue Ribbon Planning
4 Committee may select defined areas of concern and develop
5 subcommittees to deal with the defined areas of concern and report back to
6 the full Blue Ribbon Planning Committee with their findings and
7 recommendations.

8 **Section 6. Legislation.** Should the Blue Ribbon Planning Committee
9 decide that there are laws, rules, or regulations within the government of
10 Guam that are impeding or otherwise making it difficult for desirable
11 businesses to operate on Guam, the Committee shall make requests for
12 changes in these laws, rules, or regulations to the Legislature.

13 **Section 7.** The Blue Ribbon Planning Committee shall report on its
14 progress to the Governor and the Legislature every Six (6) months.
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