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36GL-22-1658, 36GL-22-1659 & 36GL-22-1660

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VETOED Substitute Bill No. 173-36

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Thank you.

Respectfully,

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February 9, 2022

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36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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Hafa Adai Madame Speaker,

For years, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) has been operating without permanent headquarters. In recent years, the Government of Guam has received federal funding for capital improvement projects, including projects that design and make site improvements on Government of Guam property for the purpose of establishing a headquarters for Guam EPA.

While the Government of Guam owns properties that otherwise would be suitable for establishing a headquarters, unfortunately, some of these properties are contaminated with hazardous substances or petroleum due to previous uses. Some of these properties are even characterized as Superfund sites. Many local jurisdictions deliberately acquire contaminated properties to assist with redevelopment efforts that can financially, environmentally, and socially transform and revitalize the surrounding communities. While, as noted, this legislation involves property with CERCLA concerns that must be addressed to ensure proper and safe use, we recognize that the transfer of land, when properly remediated, presents an opportunity to revitalize Guam and to give Guam EPA a permanent home. Bill No. 185-36 is now known as *Public Law No. 36-77*.

Senseremente.

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO** 

Maga'hågan Guåhan Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Bill No. 185-36 (COR) nka P.L. No. 36-77

cc via email: Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan

Compiler of Laws

### I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

### CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÂGAN GUÂHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 185-36 (COR), "AN ACT TO TRANSFER LOT NO. 10122-14NEW-R1 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEDEDO, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE DEDEDO SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION, TO THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AND CONSTRUCTING ITS HEADQUARTERS," was on the 28th day of January 2022, duly and regularly passed.

HEADQUARTERS," was on the 2st passed.	8th day of January 2022, duly and regularly  Therese M. Terdaje  Speaker	
Attested:	Z F CHILLE	
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Amanda L. Shelton Legislative Secretary		
This Act was received by I Maga'hågar	Guåhan this 28th day of January,	
2022, at 7:38 o'clock P.M.	Assistant Staff Officer  Maga'håga's Office	
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### I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

### Bill No. 185-36 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture; and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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### 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) sorely requires the

necessary facilities to effectively meet its agency mission and mandates. After vacating the Harmon Plaza in 1995, agency operations shifted to buildings along Mariner Avenue in Tiyan, Barrigada which are not owned by GEPA. In 2000, a

4 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was executed between GEPA and the A.B.

5 Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA) for the use of a building

6 owned by GIAA in exchange for in-kind environmental services. Under the MOU,

7 the building serves as GEPA's administration building that also houses GEPA's Air

and Land Division. In 2006, GEPA signed an official lease agreement with the Guam

9 Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC) to lease a building that houses the GEPA

Water Division and the Environmental Monitoring and Analytical Services

Division; and currently, the lease agreement GEPA signed with the GALC is valued

at Ninety-six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000) per annum.

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I Liheslatura further finds that on March 11, 2021, the Government of Guam received an award of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) from the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) for Fiscal Year 2021 capital improvement projects. From such funds, GEPA received Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the architectural and engineering design and site improvements for a proposed GEPA building.

I Liheslatura further finds that GEPA may expend its Consolidated Grant (CG) funding towards a new building; provided, that the funds are not used on a lease for real property that is owned by the Government of Guam. Under the CG, GEPA received Three Million Nine Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars (\$3,928,967) for Fiscal Year 2019 and is expected to receive approximately Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,200,000) every year throughout the life of the five (5)-year cycle and has the ability to earmark any portion of these funds to cover building project costs.

*ILiheslatura* further finds that there is real property owned by the Government of Guam in the municipality of Dededo that is in an unoccupied, undeveloped, and

1 adversely impacted state as a result of past industrial activity and use. In cooperation

2 with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), GEPA officials are able

to leverage federal financial and technical resources, at no cost to the Government

of Guam, to perform clean-up and remedial action on this property for community

use and benefit. These resources are made possible through the work of USEPA's

Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, in light of the allowable costs under GEPA's CG, to transfer and designate real property to GEPA, as full remediation would serve the best interests of the island and ensure fiduciary responsibility of agency funding which is designated for facilities. Through this Act, GEPA can finally establish a permanent home as the agency continues to modernize and build capacity to ensure that Guam's environmental laws are upheld and enforced; and, unlike GEPA's present facilities, the agency's proposed building plan will incorporate the GEPA Air and Land Division, the Water Division, Administrative Services, and the Analytical Laboratory into a single structure to better serve the community.

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#### UFISINAN I MAGA'HAGAN GUAHAN OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

February 9, 2022

HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE, Speaker

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan 36th Guam Legislature Guam Congress Building 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagatña, Guam 96910

Re: BILL NO. 185-36 (COR) - An Act to Transfer Lot No. 10122-14NEW-R1 in the Municipality of Dededo, Formerly Known as the Dededo Solid Waste Transfer Station, to the Guam Environmental Protection Agency for the Purpose of Developing and Constructing its Headquarters

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker.

For years, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) has been operating without permanent headquarters. In recent years, the Government of Guam has received federal funding for capital improvement projects, including projects that design and make site improvements on Government of Guam property for the purpose of establishing a headquarters for Guam EPA.

While the Government of Guam owns properties that otherwise would be suitable for establishing a headquarters, unfortunately, some of these properties are contaminated with hazardous substances or petroleum due to previous uses. Some of these properties are even characterized as Superfund sites. Many local jurisdictions deliberately acquire contaminated properties to assist with redevelopment efforts that can financially, environmentally, and socially transform and revitalize the surrounding communities. While, as noted, this legislation involves property with CERCLA concerns that must be addressed to ensure proper and safe use, we recognize that the transfer of land, when properly remediated, presents an opportunity to revitalize Guam and to give Guam EPA a permanent home. Bill No. 185-36 is now known as Public Law No. 36-77.

Senseremente.

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hagan Guahan Governor of Guam

Enclosure:

Bill No. 185-36 (COR) nka P.L. No. 36-77

cc via email: Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, Sigundo Maga'lahen Guahan

Compiler of Laws

### I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

## CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÂGAN GUÂHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 185-36 (COR), "AN ACT TO TRANSFER LOT NO. 10122-14NEW-R1 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEDEDO, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE DEDEDO SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION, TO THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AND CONSTRUCTING ITS HEADQUARTERS," was on the 28th day of January 2022, duly and regularly passed.

passed. Speaker Attested: Legislative Secretary This Act was received by I Maga'hagan Guahan this 25 2022, at <u>7:38</u> o'clock <u>P</u>.M. Maga'håga's Office APPROVED: Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero

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I Maga hågan Guåhan

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Public Law No. 26-44

### I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

### Bill No. 185-36 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture; and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) sorely requires the

1 necessary facilities to effectively meet its agency mission and mandates. After

2 vacating the Harmon Plaza in 1995, agency operations shifted to buildings along

3 Mariner Avenue in Tiyan, Barrigada which are not owned by GEPA. In 2000, a

4 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was executed between GEPA and the A.B.

5 Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA) for the use of a building

owned by GIAA in exchange for in-kind environmental services. Under the MOU,

7 the building serves as GEPA's administration building that also houses GEPA's Air

8 and Land Division. In 2006, GEPA signed an official lease agreement with the Guam

9 Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC) to lease a building that houses the GEPA

10 Water Division and the Environmental Monitoring and Analytical Services

Division; and currently, the lease agreement GEPA signed with the GALC is valued

at Ninety-six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000) per annum.

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I Liheslatura further finds that on March 11, 2021, the Government of Guam received an award of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) from the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) for Fiscal Year 2021 capital improvement projects. From such funds, GEPA received Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the architectural and engineering design and site improvements for a proposed GEPA building.

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ILiheslatura further finds that there is real property owned by the Government of Guam in the municipality of Dededo that is in an unoccupied, undeveloped, and

1 adversely impacted state as a result of past industrial activity and use. In cooperation

2 with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), GEPA officials are able

3 to leverage federal financial and technical resources, at no cost to the Government

4 of Guam, to perform clean-up and remedial action on this property for community

use and benefit. These resources are made possible through the work of USEPA's

Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, in light of the allowable costs under GEPA's CG, to transfer and designate real property to GEPA, as full remediation would serve the best interests of the island and ensure fiduciary responsibility of agency funding which is designated for facilities. Through this Act, GEPA can finally establish a permanent home as the agency continues to modernize and build capacity to ensure that Guam's environmental laws are upheld and enforced; and, unlike GEPA's present facilities, the agency's proposed building plan will incorporate the GEPA Air and Land Division, the Water Division, Administrative Services, and the Analytical Laboratory into a single structure to better serve the community.

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