

**From:** Committee on Rules 36GL

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:14 AM

**To:** Clerks; Rennae Meno

**Cc:** Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

**Subject:** Messages and Communications for Doc. Nos. 36GL-22-1739 & 36GL-22-1742 through 36GL-22-1747\*.

*Håfa Adai* Clerks,

Please see attached M&C Doc. No. 36GL-22-1739 (**processed on March 11, 2022 - Hard Copy attached**), 36GL-22-1742, 36GL-22-1743, 36GL-22-1744, 36GL-22-1745, 36GL-22-1746 & 36GL-22-1747 for processing:

36GL-22-1739	Executive Order No. 2022-06: Relative to Rescinding Vaccination Requirements for Government of Guam Executive Branch Employees and Amending Outdoor Social Gathering Restrictions*.	Office of the Governor of Guam
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*Si Yu'os Ma'åse',*



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**Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture**

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**Bill Nos 170-36 (LS) / 172-36 (LS) / 223-36 (COR) / 227-36 (COR) / Substitute Bill Nos. 151-36 (COR) and 194-36 (COR) nka P.L. Nos. 36-82 to 32-87**

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Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 4:49 PM

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*Hafa Adai* Madame Speaker:

Please find a copy of the attached letters dated March 11, 2022 from the **Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, / Maga'hågan Guåhan** regarding the following Bills and Substitute Bills. The original transmittals will be delivered to your office later today.

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Thank you.

Respectfully,

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

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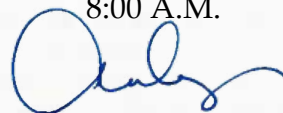
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LT. GOVERNOR

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

March 11, 2022

**HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE**, *Speaker*

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
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*Senseremente,*

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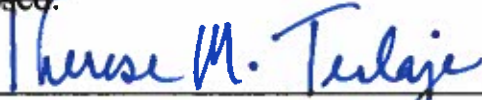
Enclosure: Bill No. 170-36 (LS) *nka P.L. No. 36-86*

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*  
Compiler of Laws


**I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN  
2022 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN**

This is to certify that **Bill No. 170-36 (LS), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) FROM THE 2021 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT AND/OR THE 2021 GENERAL FUND UNAPPROPRIATED REVENUES TO THE GUAM UNIQUE MERCHANDISE AND ART (GUMA) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INCUBATED BUSINESSES GRADUATES OF THE GUMA PROGRAM,"** was on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, duly and regularly passed.

  
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**Therese M. Terlaje**  
**Speaker**

Attested:

  
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**Amanda L. Shelton**  
**Legislative Secretary**


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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February,  
2022, at 4:00 o'clock P..M.

  
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Assistant Staff Officer 2892A 4:00 PM  
*Maga'håga's Office*

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APPROVED:

  
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**Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero**  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Date: 3/14/2022

Public Law No. 36-86

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

**Bill No. 170-36 (LS)**

As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations,  
Appropriations, and Housing; and further amended  
in the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by:

Frank Blas Jr.  
Joe S. San Agustin  
V. Anthony Ada  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Joanne Brown  
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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 Guam Unique Merchandise and Art (GUMA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit

1 organization that has been mentoring and incubating aspiring local artists and  
2 cultural entrepreneurs since 2013 - transforming their Guam-centric ideas into self-  
3 sustainable businesses.

4 GUMA developed a sixteen (16)-week training program mentoring Guam's  
5 entrepreneurs in marketing and branding, legal and accounting requirements,  
6 operations, and a host of other areas crucial to operating a successful business. Upon  
7 graduation, participants receive a certificate of completion and will have developed  
8 a complete business plan centered on their product or service; and, over two hundred  
9 twenty (220) individuals have graduated from the Entrepreneurial Training Program  
10 since 2014.

11 Graduates are then eligible to apply for GUMA's Incubator Program, which  
12 provides equipment, supplies, and operational support for their business startups.  
13 Applicants submit their needs and give a presentation to a "Shark Tank" comprised  
14 of bankers, lawyers, retailers, accountants, and experienced businessowners. Grants  
15 are awarded based on the potential of their business plans and available funds.  
16 Awardees are provided mentoring for a two (2)-year incubation period and must  
17 maintain a minimum of two (2) employees; and, twenty-eight (28) new small  
18 businesses have been incubated through GUMA since 2015, generating \$1.7 Million  
19 Dollars in gross revenues and creating eighty-seven (87) new jobs (pre-pandemic  
20 estimates). There are currently twenty-two (22) new applications for the incubator  
21 support.

22 In 2020, GUMA was awarded a three (3)-year grant to expand its training  
23 program into Guam's nineteen (19) villages specifically for home-based business  
24 entrepreneurs with a grassroots approach. In partnership with the Mayors Council of  
25 Guam, GUMA is currently developing a hybrid training program for the villages to  
26 train "cottage entrepreneurs" and encourage village commerce. The program also  
27 features the development of Village Directories of Services and Village Trade Fairs

1 to help market and network the home-based businesses. The pilot program will be  
2 launched in the village of *Dededo* in the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) quarter of 2021 and will be  
3 extended throughout the remaining eighteen (18) villages through 2023. A minimum  
4 of one hundred fourteen (114) home-based businesses can be created or expanded  
5 through this program, and GUMA is seeking funds to help incubate graduates of this  
6 program with start-up support through a competitive process.

7 *I Liheslatura* finds that GUMA has proven itself as a sound and successful  
8 program that will help to create viable and lasting businesses that will help towards  
9 economic expansion and diversity on Guam.

10 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide financial  
11 assistance to GUMA to help in maximizing its program and provide start-up  
12 businesses with the support they may need to achieve success.

13 **Section 2. Appropriation to Guam Unique Merchandise and Art**  
14 **(GUMA).** The sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from the  
15 revenues received from the earned income tax credit reimbursement for calendar  
16 year 2021, pursuant to Section 7530(b) of Chapter 77, Internal Revenue Code of  
17 1986, and Section 9625(a) of U.S. Public Law 117-2, the American Rescue Plan Act,  
18 and/or the 2021 General Fund unappropriated revenues, is hereby appropriated to  
19 Guam Unique Merchandise and Art (GUMA) for the purpose of sub-grant awards  
20 for incubator participants and home-based businesses. These sub-grant awards will  
21 provide financial startup support to incubate graduates of the GUMA business  
22 program. The appropriation in this Section shall not lapse and shall continue until  
23 fully expended. Said appropriation shall not preclude GUMA from receiving other  
24 aid or grants to pursue the intent of this Act.

25 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
GOVERNOR



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LT. GOVERNOR

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THERESE M. TERLAJE

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March 14, 2022  
8:00 A.M.


Enclosure: Bill No. 170-36 (LS) *nka P.L. No. 36-86*

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'HÅGAN GUÅHAN**

This is to certify that **Bill No. 170-36 (LS)**, "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) FROM THE 2021 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT AND/OR THE 2021 GENERAL FUND UNAPPROPRIATED REVENUES TO THE GUAM UNIQUE MERCHANDISE AND ART (GUMA) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INCUBATED BUSINESSES GRADUATES OF THE GUMA PROGRAM," was on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, duly and regularly passed.


  
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**Therese M. Terlaje**  
**Speaker**

Attested:

  
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**Amanda L. Shelton**  
**Legislative Secretary**

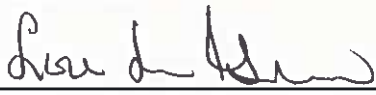
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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February,  
2022, at 4:00 o'clock P..M.

  
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Assistant Staff Officer 28926 4:00 PM  
*Maga'håga's Office*

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APPROVED:

  
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**Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero**  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Date: 3/11/2022

Public Law No. 36-86



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

**Bill No. 170-36 (LS)**

As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations,  
Appropriations, and Housing; and further amended  
in the Committee of the Whole.

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 Guam Unique Merchandise and Art (GUMA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit

1 organization that has been mentoring and incubating aspiring local artists and  
2 cultural entrepreneurs since 2013 - transforming their Guam-centric ideas into self-  
3 sustainable businesses.

4 GUMA developed a sixteen (16)-week training program mentoring Guam's  
5 entrepreneurs in marketing and branding, legal and accounting requirements,  
6 operations, and a host of other areas crucial to operating a successful business. Upon  
7 graduation, participants receive a certificate of completion and will have developed  
8 a complete business plan centered on their product or service; and, over two hundred  
9 twenty (220) individuals have graduated from the Entrepreneurial Training Program  
10 since 2014.

11 Graduates are then eligible to apply for GUMA's Incubator Program, which  
12 provides equipment, supplies, and operational support for their business startups.  
13 Applicants submit their needs and give a presentation to a "Shark Tank" comprised  
14 of bankers, lawyers, retailers, accountants, and experienced businessowners. Grants  
15 are awarded based on the potential of their business plans and available funds.  
16 Awardees are provided mentoring for a two (2)-year incubation period and must  
17 maintain a minimum of two (2) employees; and, twenty-eight (28) new small  
18 businesses have been incubated through GUMA since 2015, generating \$1.7 Million  
19 Dollars in gross revenues and creating eighty-seven (87) new jobs (pre-pandemic  
20 estimates). There are currently twenty-two (22) new applications for the incubator  
21 support.

22 In 2020, GUMA was awarded a three (3)-year grant to expand its training  
23 program into Guam's nineteen (19) villages specifically for home-based business  
24 entrepreneurs with a grassroots approach. In partnership with the Mayors Council of  
25 Guam, GUMA is currently developing a hybrid training program for the villages to  
26 train "cottage entrepreneurs" and encourage village commerce. The program also  
27 features the development of Village Directories of Services and Village Trade Fairs

1 to help market and network the home-based businesses. The pilot program will be  
2 launched in the village of *Dededo* in the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) quarter of 2021 and will be  
3 extended throughout the remaining eighteen (18) villages through 2023. A minimum  
4 of one hundred fourteen (114) home-based businesses can be created or expanded  
5 through this program, and GUMA is seeking funds to help incubate graduates of this  
6 program with start-up support through a competitive process.

7 *I Liheslatura* finds that GUMA has proven itself as a sound and successful  
8 program that will help to create viable and lasting businesses that will help towards  
9 economic expansion and diversity on Guam.

10 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide financial  
11 assistance to GUMA to help in maximizing its program and provide start-up  
12 businesses with the support they may need to achieve success.

13 **Section 2. Appropriation to Guam Unique Merchandise and Art**  
14 **(GUMA).** The sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from the  
15 revenues received from the earned income tax credit reimbursement for calendar  
16 year 2021, pursuant to Section 7530(b) of Chapter 77, Internal Revenue Code of  
17 1986, and Section 9625(a) of U.S. Public Law 117-2, the American Rescue Plan Act,  
18 and/or the 2021 General Fund unappropriated revenues, is hereby appropriated to  
19 Guam Unique Merchandise and Art (GUMA) for the purpose of sub-grant awards  
20 for incubator participants and home-based businesses. These sub-grant awards will  
21 provide financial startup support to incubate graduates of the GUMA business  
22 program. The appropriation in this Section shall not lapse and shall continue until  
23 fully expended. Said appropriation shall not preclude GUMA from receiving other  
24 aid or grants to pursue the intent of this Act.

25 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.