

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

Bill No. 214-36 (COR) As amended in the Committee of the Whole.	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building December 15, 2021					
NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator V. Anthony Ada	✓					
Senator Frank Blas Jr.	✓					
Senator Joanne Brown	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator James C. Moylan	✓					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes					✓	✓
Senator Telen Cruz Nelson	✓					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓					
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell	✓					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓					
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	✓					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje					✓	✓
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje		✓				
Senator Mary Camacho Torres	✓					

TOTAL

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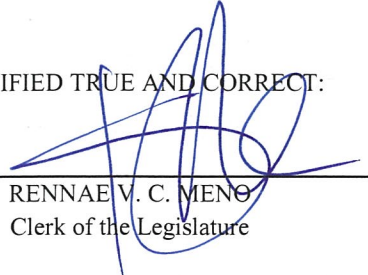
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Aye

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



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 Clerk of the Legislature

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE LOCAL EMPLOYERS’ ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP), AS ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-25; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE “LOCAL EMPLOYERS’ ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP) ACT OF 2021.”

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that businesses on Guam were adversely impacted by the novel coronavirus disease

1 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. A study on the impact of COVID-19 on Guam
2 residents and businesses conducted by the University of Guam (UOG) Regional
3 Center for Public Policy cites that private businesses and their contribution to our
4 island economy fell, with revenue performance and business expenses dropping by
5 sixty-six percent (66%) and eighty-one percent (81%), respectively, between 2017
6 and 2020. In addition, twenty-five percent (25%) of businesses surveyed in 2020
7 were temporarily or permanently closed.

8 *I Liheslatura* further finds that these adverse impacts were felt more by some
9 economic sectors than others. The same UOG study found that Guam’s tourism
10 sector experienced the most difficulty, with businesses in this sector
11 underperforming by thirty-two percent (32%). Within the tourism sector, seven
12 percent (7%) of businesses permanently closed and some businesses resorted to
13 employee furloughs or permanent layoffs.

14 *I Liheslatura* further finds that the COVID-19 public health crisis and
15 resulting economic crisis have created a variety of challenges for small businesses
16 on Guam. The island’s economic recovery relies upon the capacity of businesses to
17 bounce back, and it is incumbent upon the government to provide critical assistance
18 to businesses adversely impacted by the pandemic, facilitating the urgent
19 deployment of capital and support to help these organizations not just to persevere,
20 but to recover on solid footing.

21 *I Liheslatura* further finds that the federal Pandemic Unemployment
22 Assistance (PUA) program ended on September 4, 2021, leaving many of Guam’s
23 workers without an employment safety net. In considering an assistance program for
24 businesses on Guam, *I Liheslatura* notes that such a program should ultimately help
25 businesses to re-hire previously furloughed employees or hire new workers from the
26 current unemployment pool.

1 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate Twenty-
2 five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) to the Department of Administration for the
3 Local Employers' Assistance Program (LEAP), as established by Executive Order
4 2021-25.

5 **Section 2. Appropriation.** The sum of Twenty-five Million Dollars
6 (\$25,000,000) from the General Fund is hereby appropriated to the Department of
7 Administration for the Local Employers' Assistance Program (LEAP), as
8 established by Executive Order 2021-25, or as amended thereafter.

9 **Section 3. Reporting.**

10 (a) The Department of Administration and the Guam Economic
11 Development Authority shall submit a report to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan*
12 *Guåhan*, which shall include the cumulative amount of payments made under the
13 Local Employers' Assistance Program (LEAP) and the total administrative costs to
14 facilitate the Program.

15 (b) Upon ninety (90) days after forgivable loans or grants are allocated
16 through the Local Employers' Assistance Program (LEAP), the Guam Economic
17 Development Authority shall submit a report to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan*
18 *Guåhan*, which shall include a listing of organizations or businesses who received a
19 forgivable loan or grant, the amount of the loan or grant, the number of jobs retained
20 as a result of the loan or grant, and the type of industry of the organization or
21 business.

22 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.