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

Bill No. 90-36 (COR) As amended on the Floor.	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hal Guam Congress Building May 28, 202					
NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator V. Anthony Ada	$\sqrt{}$					
Senator Frank Blas Jr.						
Senator Joanne Brown						
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas						
Senator James C. Moylan						
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes						
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson	$\sqrt{}$					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	$\sqrt{}$					
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell	$\sqrt{}$					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	\checkmark					
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	\checkmark					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	$\sqrt{}$					
Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje	$\sqrt{}$					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	$\sqrt{}$					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres						
TOTAL	14	1				
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AN ACT TO AMEND § 5248 OF SUBARTICLE G, ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING MONTHLY RECORDS AND JUSTIFICATION REPORTS WHEN PURCHASES ARE MADE THROUGH A SOLE SOURCE OR EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCESS.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that § 5248 of Subarticle G, Article 3, Chapter 5, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated,
- 4 mandates that the General Services Agency provide annual reports to *I Liheslaturan*
- 5 Guåhan when it comes to any procurement which was transacted through a sole
- 6 source or emergency procurement process. It is also at this point that the report is
- 7 made available for public inspection.

With over Six Hundred Sixty Million Dollars (\$660,000,000) in federal funds being provided to the government of Guam through the *American Rescue Plan*, it is a fair assessment that many purchases will be made under the premise of a sole source or emergency procurement; and, unfortunately, the public will be unaware of these transactions until the first quarter of 2022. The 2020 report, which includes a number of expenses from the federal CARES Act, was provided to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on March 15, 2021, and contains several questionable expenses that may warrant a legislative oversight hearing.

Mandating monthly reports would provide a consistent understanding of how taxpayer dollars are being spent and could also reduce questionable expenditures in the long run, as public scrutiny or oversight would take place more frequently. Thus, any problematic transactions could be rectified from the outset. Further, this Act promotes a greater level of transparency by requiring justification reports by agencies outlining how a purchase was qualified as a sole source or emergency procurement and does not take away an agency's authority in pursuing a sole source or emergency procurement when justified; rather, it ensures that accountability is in place by establishing a more rigid and routine reporting requirement.

Section 2. § 5248 of Subarticle G, Article 3, Chapter 5, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

"§ 5248. Record of Procurement Actions Taken Under §§ 5214 and 5215 of this Chapter.

(a) Contents of Record. The Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, all autonomous agencies and public corporations, or the head of an agency utilizing this Section shall maintain a record listing of all contracts made under §§ 5214 and 5215 of this Chapter for a minimum of five (5) years. The record shall contain:

1	(1) each contractor's name;
2	(2) the amount and type of each contract;
3	(3) a listing of the supplies, services or construction
4	procured under each contract; and
5	(4) a report detailing the justification as to why the
6	procurement transaction was determined to be a sole source
7	procurement or an emergency procurement and the funding
8	source used, pursuant to this Chapter.
9	(b) Submission to Legislature. A copy of such record shall be
10	submitted to the Legislature on a monthly basis. The record shall be
11	available for public inspection."
12	Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any
13	person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
14	not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
15	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
16	severable.
17	Section 4. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment.