

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. **31-37 (COR)**

Introduced by:

Christopher M. Dueñas 

AN ACT TO END THE GOVERNOR’S CART BEFORE THE HORSE APPROACH TO PAY RAISES AND RESTORE THE LEGISLATURE’S POWER OF THE PURSE

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings & Intent.** *I Liheslaturan*
3 *Guåhan* finds that the Governor has put the cart before the horse to provide pay
4 raises. In FY 2022 the Governor gave teachers’ pay raises, spending limited funding
5 from the American Rescue Plan monies meant for critical upgrades to the schools.
6 This fiscal sleight of hand bypassed the legislative appropriation process and
7 adversely impacted future general fund obligations.

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9 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the Governor on January 31, 2023
10 announced a twenty-two percent pay increase across the entire executive branch of
11 government absent the concomitant appropriation. In order to reestablish the
12 Legislature’s role in our tripartite government § 2. infra is enacted.

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14 **Section 2.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no salary adjustment
15 can be paid out unless included and approved in the annual budget.