I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2024 (SECOND) Regular Session VOTING RECORD

Bill No. 184-37 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture.	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Ha Guam Congress Buildin February 23, 202					
NAME	Avo	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator Chris Barnett	Aye	J	Abstanted	Kon Can	Absent	Excused
Senator Frank Blas, Jr.		1				
Senator Joanne Brown		J				
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas		J				
Senator Thomas J. Fisher	J					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan		1				
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes	1					
Senator William A. Parkinson	J					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez		J				
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata	J					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	J					
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas	J					
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	J					
Senator Telo T. Taitague		J				
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje		J				
TOTAL	7	8			0	0
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT: JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE		I = Pass				

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

Bill No. 184-37 (COR)

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

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Introduced by:

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Committee on Rules

by request of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, the Governor of Guam, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION TO SELL OR LEASE LOTS 2453, 2453-1, 2454, 2455, 2457, AND 2457-1 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF *BARRIGADA* TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AT FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR USE AS THE SITE OF A NEW MEDICAL COMPLEX.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds 3 that the Guam Memorial Hospital, our island's only public hospital, is operating past 4 its estimated useful life, and the deteriorating hospital facility is no longer suitable 5 for the long-term use of our community. The current facility also contains inadequate space to meet the medical needs of our island's population and the cost to repair the 6 existing facility would exceed the cost to build a new hospital at another location. 7 Additionally, Guam's public health system requires modernization to address our 8 community's complex healthcare needs. Construction of a new medical complex, 9

which will include a hospital and facilities for healthcare agencies and veterans care, will ensure that our people receive the services they need, on island, for decades to come. Construction of a new medical complex will further ensure that healthcare agencies have proper facilities that comply with accreditation standards, guidelines promulgated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and applicable codes. It will also enable our island to serve as the regional healthcare hub of Micronesia, and create opportunities for medical training and tourism with other Pacific islands, while increasing medical professional services and capacity within the entire region.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that proper planning and best management practices require a land use plan that contemplates the co-location of medical facilities and services, as well as the potential for expansion of services and facilities as the need arises. To integrate emerging medical advancements and technology on an ongoing basis, and strengthen Guam's public health system as a function of our island's disaster preparedness, the government of Guam must engage in complex, coordinated physical and technological planning.

The Governor of Guam and representatives from the Department of Land Management (DLM) have engaged in substantial efforts to identify land that may serve as an appropriate site for the new medical complex, including land in both the federal government and the government of Guam's inventory. Criteria was established to determine whether land was suitable for this purpose, including the size and location of the property, the proximity of the property to utilities, development constraints, population density, traffic conditions, and proximity to arterial roads. The Governor and DLM identified the following crown lands as the best site for the new medical complex from land currently available within the government of Guam inventory: Lot 2453, containing an area of approximately 26.7 acres, covered under Certificate of Title No. 5683 and Instrument No. 23719; Lot

Title No. 5683 and Instrument No. 23719; Lot 2454, containing an area of approximately 11.2 acres, covered under Certificate of Title No. 5683 and Instrument No. 23719; Lot 2455, containing an area of 8.6 acres, covered under Certificate of Title No. 5683 and Instrument No. 23719; Lot 2457, containing an area of approximately 3.7 acres, covered under Certificate of Title No. 5683 and

2453-1, containing an area of approximately 5 acres, covered under Certificate of

Instrument No. 23719; and Lot 2457-1, containing an area of approximately 5.8

8 acres, covered under Certificate of Title No. 5683 and Instrument No. 23719, all in

the municipality of Barrigada. The Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC)

holds jurisdiction to the identified lands.

During a Special Meeting on July 26, 2023, the GALC considered and approved Resolution No. 2023-03, approving and designating the identified lots as the site for the new medical complex, and authorizing the survey and appraisal of the identified lots to facilitate the ultimate consideration of the potential sale or lease of the properties for this purpose. However, certain federal funds that are available for the construction of certain aspects of the new medical complex may lapse if the intended site is not promptly identified.

Accordingly, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that negotiations for the sale or lease of the identified lots be commenced so that the ultimate approval of such sale or lease may occur without additional delay following completion of the survey and appraisal. *I Liheslatura* finds that it has been five (5) months since the appraisal was authorized but no appraisal report has been submitted to *I Liheslatura*.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan also intends, therefore, to authorize the GALC to commence negotiations with the Governor for the sale or lease of Lots 2453, 2453-1, 2454, 2455, 2457, and 2457-1, municipality of *Barrigada*, to the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) for use as the site for the new medical complex. Additionally, due to the exigency with which certain aspects of the project must be

1 commenced, including to comply with time requirements for the funding, I

Liheslaturan Guåhan further authorizes the GALC to subsequently approve either

the sale or lease of the identified lots for the purposes identified herein, subject to

the requirements provided herein.

- Section 2. Authorization to Sell or Lease Identified Lots. The GALC is hereby authorized to commence negotiations with the Governor of Guam for the sale or lease of Lots 2453, 2453-1, 2454, 2455, 2457, and 2457-1, municipality of *Barrigada*, for use as the site for the new medical complex. The GALC is further authorized to approve the sale or lease of such lots following the completion of a survey and appraisal of the lots, with legislative approval of the final terms of the sale, and legislative approval of a lease for a term exceeding fifty (50) years. Sale or lease of the identified lots must be for no less than the fair market value of the property as determined by the appraisal. Property acquired or leased pursuant to this Section shall be utilized as the site of the new medical complex and for ancillary and accessory purposes. GEDA shall have cognizance of the property.
- **Section 3.** Exemption from 2 GCA, § 2107. The sale or lease of the identified lots as provided herein shall be exempt from the requirements of § 2107 of Title 2, Guam Code Annotated.
- **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.