

# I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

## 2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

### VOTING RECORD

| <b>Bill No. 285-37 (LS)</b><br>As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations. | Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall<br>Guam Congress Building<br>May 31, 2024 |     |                          |                         |        |         |
|---|--|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| NAME  | Aye  | Nay | Not Voting/<br>Abstained | Out During<br>Roll Call | Absent | Excused |
| Senator Chris Barnett   | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Frank Blas, Jr.   | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Joanne Brown  | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Christopher M. Dueñas   | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Thomas J. Fisher  | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Jesse A. Lujan  | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes  | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator William A. Parkinson  | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Sabina Flores Perez   | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Roy A. B. Quinata   | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Joe S. San Agustin  | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas  | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Amanda L. Shelton   | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Telo T. Taitague  | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Speaker Therese M. Terlaje  | ✓  |     |                          |                         |        |         |

**TOTAL**

15

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**Not  
Voting/  
Abstained**

**Out  
During  
Roll Call**

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**Absent**

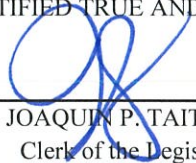
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**Excused**

Aye

Nay

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE  
Clerk of the Legislature

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Introduced by:

Joe S. San Agustin  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas  
Roy A. B. Quinata

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE MILLION DOLLARS  
(\$1,000,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND  
REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE  
ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW  
37-42, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS RELATIVE TO INCREASING  
SERVICES AND OPERATIONS.**

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

2        **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (GOVA) is an essential institution in  
4 supporting the men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and their  
5 families. With an increasing demand for services and a growing veteran population,  
6 it is evident that the GOVA requires adequate resources to fulfill its mission  
7 effectively.

8        *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the GOVA would ideally need to hire six (6)  
9 veteran service representatives and six (6) veterans cemetery workers in order to  
10 provide timely and comprehensive assistance to the veterans of our island.

1            *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that for GOVA to maintain quality  
2 personnel their pay rate must be competitive with veteran service representatives  
3 beginning at Grade H-1, which is approximately \$32,355 annually; and veterans  
4 cemetery workers to begin at Grade G-1, which is approximately \$30,169 annually.

5            Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate One Million  
6 Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Guam Office of Veteran Affairs, specifically designated  
7 for personnel and operational costs. This allocation will not only ensure the retention  
8 and expansion of qualified staff but also cover essential operational expenses such  
9 as office supplies and outreach efforts. Ultimately, this financial support is crucial  
10 in enhancing the office's capacity to honor and serve Guam's veterans, recognizing  
11 their invaluable contributions and sacrifices to our nation.

12            **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
13 sum of One Million Dollars (**\$1,000,000**) is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year  
14 2024 General Fund revenues collected in excess of the adopted levels enumerated in  
15 Public Law 37-42, as amended, to the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs for the  
16 employment of six (6) veteran service representatives and six (6) veterans cemetery  
17 workers. The balance of this appropriation may be utilized for operational expenses  
18 only after each of the positions identified in this Section have been filled. This  
19 appropriation shall be available until fully expended. The funds allocated and  
20 authorized in this Section are not subject to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan's* transfer  
21 authority.

22            **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
23 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not  
24 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
25 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
26 severable.

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