

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

VOTING RECORD

Bill No. 1-37 (COR) As amended on the Floor.	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building April 28, 2023
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NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During 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

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Absent**

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Excused**

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE

Substitute Clerk of the Legislature

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Introduced by:

Sabina Flores Perez

**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 24105 OF CHAPTER 24, TITLE 11,
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO
EXCLUDING THE VALUE ADDED TO BUILDINGS
FROM THE INSTALLATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC
SOLAR PANELS AND PHOTOVOLTAIC ROOF TILES
FOR PURPOSES OF LEVYING REAL ESTATE TAXES.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that according to the *National Renewable Energy Laboratory*, the value of a home equipped with solar panels is increased by 17%. According to the *Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory*, the value of a home equipped with a standard 3.6 kW system is increased by about \$15,000 more than homes with smaller systems or no panels, and additional research found that leased panels likely will not impact a home's value. On Guam specifically, where the current value of homes hover around \$400,000, and given the assumption of a 17% increase in value for installing solar systems, the value of an average home can increase by \$68,000, leading to a significant increase in property taxes levied on homes that seek to incorporate the environmentally sound action of utilizing solar panels.

1 *I Liheslatura* further finds that increasing renewable energy aligns with the
2 mandates of Public Law 35-46, which requires GPA to “establish a preliminary
3 renewables portfolio standard goal of one hundred percent (100%) of its net
4 electricity sales by December 31, 2045,” effectively converting our island’s use of
5 fossil fuels to the use of renewable energy. Additionally, policies that reduce taxes
6 to residents and businesses who install solar systems have multiple benefits, such as
7 a decreased reliance on fossil fuels. This significantly reduces the cost of living by
8 lowering the cost of electricity and allowing these savings to be reserved for rainy
9 days, supporting a localized economy, protecting our environment by mitigating
10 climate change, and other necessities.

11 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to promote our island’s transition to renewable
12 energy by exempting additional real estate tax valuation due to the increase in the
13 value of buildings, owned by individuals or businesses, that may result from the
14 installation of solar panels.

15 **Section 2.** § 24105 of Chapter 24, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, is
16 *amended* to read:

17 **“§ 24105. Improvements Defined.**

18 (a) The term improvements as used in § 24103 of this Title shall be
19 construed to mean buildings and permanent structures on land. It is hereby
20 declared to be the legislative intention, by the adoption of this Section, to
21 encourage the cultivation of farms, land suitable for farming, and the
22 production of livestock and poultry or the products thereof.

23 (b) The term improvements, *supra*, shall *not* include the value added
24 from photovoltaic solar panels and photovoltaic roof tiles installed on
25 buildings.”