

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN

2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

VOTING RECORD

Bill No. 75-37 (LS) As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations.	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building May 10, 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

14

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Aye

Nay

**Not
Voting/
Abstained**

**Out
During
Roll Call**

Absent

Excused

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE

Substitute Clerk of the Legislature

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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW SECTION 13 TO CHAPTER
XI, ALL OF PUBLIC LAW 36-107 (GENERAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023), RELATIVE TO
PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE
BUSINESSES IN THEIR RECOVERY FROM THE
ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC THROUGH A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
BY THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that many of Guam’s businesses in the restaurant and
4 tourism industry are still struggling to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
5 Industry professionals are seeking reprieve to assist their businesses to keep their doors
6 opened and their employees working to support their families.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that a commitment from *I Maga’hågan Guåhan*
8 to utilize Five Million Dollars (**\$5,000,000**) available to her through the American Rescue
9 Plans funds will strengthen the government’s support of these businesses.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the General Fund of the Government of
2 Guam has achieved revenue collections in excess of projected levels for the First Quarter
3 of Fiscal Year 2023 and intends to utilize part of such revenues to fund this program.

4 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate up to the sum of
5 Fifteen Million Dollars (**\$15,000,000**) to the Department of Administration to provide
6 support to qualifying businesses in a program established by the Guam Economic
7 Development Authority similar to the Local Employers' Assistance Program, Public Law
8 36-65, for a total funding of Twenty Million Dollars (**\$20,000,000**).

9 **Section 2.** A new Section 13 is hereby *added* to Chapter XI (Miscellaneous
10 Appropriations) of Public Law 36-107 (the General Appropriations Act of 2023) to
11 read as follows:

12 **“Section 13. Appropriation to Department of Administration.**

13 (a) The sum of up to Fifteen Million Dollars (**\$15,000,000**) from the General
14 Fund excess revenues collected above the adopted levels of Fiscal Year 2023 is
15 hereby appropriated to the Department of Administration for the purpose of funding
16 a program established by the Guam Economic Development Authority to support
17 qualifying businesses in Guam. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or
18 regulation, the appropriated sum up to Fifteen Million Dollars (**\$15,000,000**), set
19 forth in this section shall be immediately transferred to the Department of
20 Administration as soon as such funds become available for the purpose of funding
21 the program established by GEDA to support qualifying businesses in Guam.

22 (1) The Department of Administration and the Guam Economic
23 Development Authority are authorized to establish an assistance program to
24 support businesses in Guam, who continue to experience the effects of the
25 pandemic. These entities may utilize the Local Employers' Assistance
26 Program as the guidelines of the assistance program or may adopt new
27 program guidelines. The Guam Economic Development Authority shall

1 publish reports on its website, monthly, until such funds are fully expended
2 as awards pursuant to the provisions of the program.”

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