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Bill No. 169-33 (cor)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 18(i) OF PUBLIC LAW 31-277 AND ITEM (q)(1) OF SECTION 22425 OF TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO APPROVING LEASE-LEASEBACK AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION FOR THE GONSTRUCTION OF THE STUDENT SERVICES CENTER AND ENGINEERING ANNEX AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM.

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:
- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.
- 3 (a) Subsequent to the enactment of Public Laws 31-277, 32-063 and
- 4 32-120, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has informed the
- 5 University of Guam (University) that the University will need to secure financing
- 6 (Interim Financing) for the construction of the University's Student Services Center
- 7 and Engineering Annex projects (Projects) and that the USDA financing will only be
- 8 available to refinance the Interim Financing once the Projects have been constructed.
- 9 I Liheslaturan Guåhan wishes to authorize the Interim Financing and certain moneys
- 10 to be used to make payments on the Interim Financing.
- 11 Section 2. Section 18(i) of Public Law 31-277 is hereby amended to read as
- 12 follows:

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(i) To minimize the financing costs to the University, the Foundation has applied to the USDA for a loan secured by the base rental payments to be made by the University pursuant to the a lease -leaseback agreement. Alternatively, The USDA has required that as a condition for making the loan, the Foundation obtain interim financing for the construction of expansion and renovation of the University of Guam Student Services Center and the construction of an Engineering Annex facility onto the existing Agriculture and Life Sciences Building. iIn the event the Foundation is-unable to secure funding through a USDA loan prior to December 31, 2012 January 31, 2016, the University and the Guam Economic Development Authority are hereby authorized to enter into the lease agreement and lease-back agreement described above, subject to the same terms, conditions and provisions set forth in this Section (substituting the Authority for the Foundation). I Liheslaturan Guåhan, pursuant to § 50103(k), Title 12 Guam Code Annotated, hereby approves either the USDA loan or loans, including the interim financing, and/or the issuance and sale by the Guam Economic Development Authority of Project Revenue Bonds pursuant to Chapter 64 of Title 12 of the Guam Code Annotated for the purposes set forth in Subsection (b) of this Section, such loans and interim financing or such Project Revenue Bonds to be secured by the base rental payments to be made by the University pursuant to the lease-leaseback agreement; provided, however, that the terms and conditions of such loan or bonds, and the related lease- and leaseback agreements, shall be consistent with this Section, that any interim financing shall be consistent with this Section, and any such interim financing shall bear interest at a rate that does not

exceed the annual appropriation authorized by Item (q)(1) of section 22425 of Title 5 Guam Code Annotated in the amount of One Million One Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$1,158,283) and have a term that does not exceed four (4) years, and any such USDA loan shall bear interest at a rate that does not exceed five three and one half percent (5%) (3.5%) per annum and with a term that does not exceed forty (40) thirty six (36) years, and that any such bonds shall mature not later than forty (40) thirty six (36) years after their date of issuance and shall bear interest at such rates and be sold for such price or prices as shall result in a yield to the bondholders that does not exceed eight and one half percent (8.5%) the annual appropriation authorized by Item (q)(1) of section 22425 of Title 5 Guam Code Annotated in the amount of One Million One Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$1,158,283) per annum, and provided further that the interim financing is only authorized and approved if, prior to or concurrently with the execution and delivery of the interim financing documents, the USDA irrevocably commits to refinancing the interim financing when such interim financing comes due."

Section 3. Item (q)(1) of §22425 of Title 5 Guam Code Annotated is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"(1) The sum of One Million One Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$1,158,283), beginning in FY 2014 2015, for the construction of the Student Services Center and Engineering Annex at the University of Guam, as a source of payment to the University of Guam Capital Improvements Fund for the purpose of paying rental payments due under the lease-leaseback agreements with the University of Guam Endowment

Foundation for a term of forty (40) years; <u>including any lease-leaseback</u>
agreements entered into in connection with the interim financing;"

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this law or its application to any person or circumstance if found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this law are severable.