

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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220-35 (COR)	James C. Moylan	Relative to amending Section 6.01(d) of RULE VI-PROCESSING OF BILLS of the Standing Rules of the <i>I Mina'Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan</i> , relative to establishing a reasonable timeline for the referral of Bills from the Committee on Rules to the appropriate Standing Committee.	9/26/19 10:31 a.m.							

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2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

James C. Moylan



Relative to amending Section 6.01(d) of RULE VI-
PROCESSING OF BILLS of the Standing Rules of the *I*
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from the Committee on Rules to the appropriate Standing
Committee.

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*** finds that to assure that the voices of the
4 community are heard and that actions are not halted for any unnecessary purposes,
5 that it is critical to establish reasonable timelines in the referring of legislation from
6 the Committee on Rules to the appropriate Standing Committee; and

7 **WHEREAS, It is understood that there are many factors that may deter the**
8 timeliness in the referring of bills, including the awaiting of a fiscal note from the
9 Office of Finance and Budget or a legal review of the legislation, however these
10 technicalities can still be attained even after the bill is referred, and it shall be the
11 responsibility of either or both the bill's author or the Chairperson of the Standing
12 Committee to follow up with in attaining to assure the bill moves along the process;

13 and

1 **WHEREAS**, All bills introduced involve the efforts of research, time spent on
2 drafting, reviews, conversations, and contain discussions with stakeholders, that not
3 taking any action on pursuing the legislation further, especially if it involves either
4 unnecessary reasons or political purposes, is an injustice to the community, the prime
5 sponsor and cosponsors, and the legislative process in general; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Nothing in this resolution mandates that all legislation be
7 scheduled for a public hearing or that all bills be referred to a session agenda, but
8 rather it establishes a clear policy that respects the interest of sectors of the community
9 which is imbedded in the legislation while also promoting a more transparent
10 legislative process; now, therefore be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
13 of Guam, *amend* **Section 6.01(d) of RULE VI-PROCESSING OF BILLS** of the
14 Standing Rules of the *I Mina'Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan* to read as
15 follows:

16 **(d) Bill Referrals.** After introduction, the Chairperson of the Committee on
17 Rules *shall* refer bills within ten (10) working days of introduction to the Committee
18 having the subject matter jurisdiction to which the bill most pertains (the "Principal
19 Committee"), as determined by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules subject to
20 ratification at a meeting of the Committee. A bill *shall* still be referred to the
21 appropriate Committee while awaiting a fiscal note from the Office of Finance and
22 Budget or a legal review from the Legislative Legal Counsel. Once the fiscal note or
23 legal review is complete, they can be submitted to the referred Standing Committee.
24 and be it further;

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
26 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

- 1 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*
2 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24th DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 2019.**

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary