



30th Guam Legislature 2010 Citizen-Centric Report



Speaker Judi Won Pat

Message from the Speaker

Hafa adai I am pleased to share the 2009 Citizen Centric Report with the people of Guam, as per Public Law 30-127. It is our intention to maintain a level of transparency at the Guam Legislature that enables our people to have an intimate understanding of the work we do on their behalf. This report provides an effective tool for enabling the Legislature to accomplish that mission.

The Citizen Centric Report will allow our community to understand what their Legislature is doing to shape Guam's future. It will give a clear picture of the work we do and the means by which we accomplish our tasks on their behalf. I hope you find this report informative and are assured that the Guam Legislature has Guam's best interests in the forefront. *Si Yu'os ma'ase!*



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How Does a Bill Become Law?

The legislature is the lawmaking body of our government. Senators introduce bills to their colleagues for consideration to become laws. Sometimes the idea for the bill comes from the senator, but often times, the idea for the bill comes from someone just like you.

Once a bill is officially introduced by a senator, it goes to the assigned committee to study it. If the committee approves of the bill, it will hold a public hearing so that experts, interested organizations, and the general public can come and express their opinion on the bill and also make suggestions to improve it.

If a bill is scheduled to be heard during the next Legislative Session, it will under go a "First Reading," where the entire senatorial body can debate the merits of the bill. If the bill survives, it is placed in the "Second Reading" file and any amendments or changes are again debated by the entire body. If the bill makes it to the final step, the "Third Reading" file, it means that it has become eligible for a final vote and no more debate may take place.

Once a bill has been passed by the senators, it is referred to the Office of the Governor. The governor will decide whether or not to sign or veto the bill. If the governor signs the bill, it will become a law. If the governor does not sign the bill, the Legislature can override the veto, provided two-thirds of the members of the Legislature vote to do so.



Our Performance: Key Legislation Introduced in 2010

As the lawmaking body, the Guam Legislature is responsible for introducing bills and resolutions. Some of the top legislation of 2010, is described below.

Bill No. 149-30, now Public Law 30-221

An act to implement the "Guam Beverage Container Recycling Act". (Sponsor: T.R. Muna-Barnes / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D., Passed: 12/22/10, Signed into Law: 12/30/10)

Bill No. 159-30, now Public Law 30-163

An act to prohibit the importation and sale of ingestible tobacco film strips, ingestible tobacco sticks, tobacco hard candies, nicotine lollipops, nicotine lip balm, and nicotine water. (Sponsor: B.J.F. Cruz / J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D. / F.B. Aguon, Jr., Passed: 7/2/10, Signed into Law: 7/16/10)

Bill No. 179-30, now Public Law 30-179

An act to add a new §1514 to Article 5 of Chapter 1 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to obtaining a limited obligation loan to acquire, construct and equip an education cultural facility. (Sponsor: B.J.F. Cruz / R.J. Respicio / T.R. Muna-Barnes, Passed: 8/13/10, Signed into Law: 8/14/10)

Bill No. 281-30, now Public Law 30-97

An act to add the rights of individuals with hearing and speech disabilities to access emergency 911 services. (Sponsor: Telo Taitague / J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D. / A.B. Palacios, Sr., Passed: 2/26/10, Signed into Law: 3/12/10)

Bill No. 296-30, now Public Law 30-109

An act to amend §6114 of Chapter 6 of Title 13, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the criminal record of a person seeking public office. (Sponsor: A.B. Palacios, Sr. / T.C. Ada / F.B. Aguon, Jr., Passed: 2/26/10, Signed into Law: 3/12/10)

Bill No. 300-30, now Public Law 30-90

Authorizing public-private partnerships through a performance management contract for the Port Authority of Guam. (Sponsor: T.C. Ada / A.B. Palacios, Sr. / F.B. Aguon, Jr., Passed: 1/22/10, Signed into Law: 2/8/10)

Bill No. 303-30, now Public Law 30-165

An act to recognize the villages of Inarajan and Ordot as the host community for accommodating the solid waste disposal needs of the entire island of Guam resulting from the operation of the Leyon landfill and the Ordot dump in their backyards. (Sponsor: Telo Taitague / T.C. Ada / F.F. Blas, Jr., Passed: 7/2/10, Signed into Law: 7/16/10)

Bill No. 305-30, now Public Law 30-139

An act to create the Guam Masters Award to recognize master practitioners of Guam's traditional and folk art. (Sponsor: B.J.F. Cruz / T.R. Muna-Barnes / Telo Taitague, Passed: 5/3/10, Signed into Law: 5/17/10)

Bill No. 356-30, now Public Law 30-154

An act to amend §3414 of Article 4, Chapter 3, Title 11 of the Guam Code Annotated, relative to reducing the hours of sale of alcoholic beverages. (Sponsor: B.J.F. Cruz / T.C. Ada / V.A. Ada, Passed: 7/2/10, Signed into Law: 7/8/10)

Bill No. 357-30, now Public Law 30-155

An act to amend §3613 of Article 6, Chapter 3, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the penalty imposed for violations of the hours of sale provision of the alcoholic beverage control law. (Sponsor: B.J.F. Cruz / T.C. Ada / V.A. Ada, Passed: 7/2/10, Signed into Law: 7/8/10)

Bill No. 359-30, now Public Law 30-180

An act to prohibit the transfer of all prehistoric and historic properties, antiquities, and objects owned by the people of Guam, or in the inventory of the government of Guam, without legislative concurrence. (Sponsor: J.P. Guthertz, DPA / T.C. Ada / V.A. Ada, Passed: 8/19/10)

Bill No. 384-30, now Public Law 30-134

An act to amend §6114 of Chapter 6 of Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the criminal record of a person seeking public office. (Sponsor: A.B. Palacios, Sr. / T.C. Ada / V.A. Ada, Passed: 5/3/10, Signed into Law: 5/14/10)

Bill No. 389-30, now Public Law 30-156

An act to amend increase the minimum legal drinking age; and to be known as the "Ramon Someros Oberiano Act". (Sponsor: B.J.F. Cruz / T.C. Ada / V.A. Ada, Passed: 7/2/10, Signed into Law: 7/8/10)

Bill No. 390-30, now Public Law 30-172

An act to amend subsection (d) of Section 38, Chapter VI of Public Law 29-113, relative to the LADA estates project and ensuring access to affordable housing for the people of Guam. (Sponsor: T.R. Muna-Barnes / J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D. / T.C. Ada, Passed: 7/2/10, Signed into Law: 7/16/10)

Bill No. 396-30, now Public Law 30-174

An act to prohibit the possession of HU-210, JWH-018 and JWH-073, chemicals found in the product commonly known as Spice, and Salvia Divinorum or Salvinorum A. (Sponsor: F.F. Blas, Jr. / A.B. Palacios, Sr. / T.C. Ada, Passed: 7/2/10, Signed into Law: 7/16/10)

Bill No. 414-30, now Public Law 30-184

An act to add a new §49119, and a new §49104(r) to Chapter 49 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, relative to creating the Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Standard for diesel fuel in Guam. (Sponsor: Telo Taitague / R.J. Respicio / B.J.F. Cruz, Passed: 8/16/10, Signed into Law: 8/28/10)

Bill No. 433-30, now Public Law 30-159

An act to update Guam's Building Codes to the 2009 International Building Code. (Sponsor: T.C. Ada / V.A. Ada / F.B. Aguon, Jr., Passed: 7/2/10, Signed into Law: 7/14/10)

Bill No. 446-30, now Public Law 30-201

An act to authorize the funding for the construction of the University of Guam Student Services Center and the annex building for the School of Engineering; for the extension of the Guam Community College (GCC) Gregorio G. Perez Crime Lab Building; and for the renovation and hardening of GCC buildings 100 and 200. (Sponsor: J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D. / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / T.R. Muna-Barnes, Passed: 11/30/10, Signed into Law: 12/10/10)

Bill No. 463-30, now Public Law 30-214

An act to repeal and reenact §34152 of Article 1, Chapter 34, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to disbursing child support payments by electronic means. (Sponsor: A.B. Palacios, Sr. / T.R. Muna-Barnes / T.C. Ada, Passed: 11/30/10, Signed into Law: 12/13/10)

Bill No. 474-30, now Public Law 30-217

An act to reprogram the sum of One Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,050,000) from unused bond proceeds to the Department of Public Works for the paving of village streets as a result of traffic diversions related to ongoing road construction projects. (Sponsor: Telo Taitague / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / T.C. Ada, Passed: 11/30/10, Signed into Law: 12/13/10)

Bill No. 477-30, now Public Law 30-225

An act to amend Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Division 1, Chapter 2, §2907.2(a), relative to providing annual mammograms for women forty (40) years of age and older who are clients of the medically indigent program, while medically necessary and as otherwise stipulated. (Sponsor: R.J. Respicio / J.P. Guthertz, DPA / J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D., Passed: 12/22/10, Signed into Law: 12/30/10)



Our Overall Performance in 2010



Total # of bills introduced: 99
Total # of bills passed: 179 *
Total # of resolutions introduced: 237
Total # of resolutions adopted: 226
 (* - includes bills introduced in 2009)

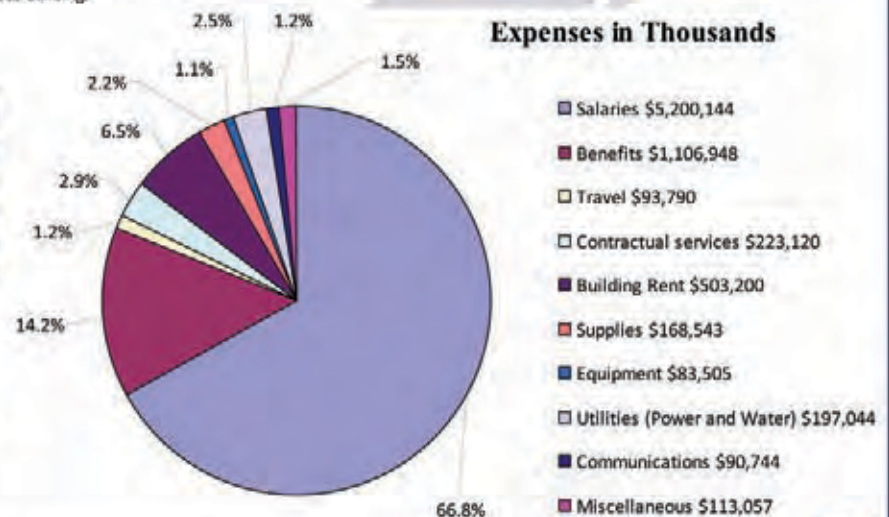
Total # of Special Session days:
 5 Legislative days/10 Calendar Days
Total # of Regular Session days:
 31 Legislative/109 Calendar Days

Our 2010 Financial Performance

Revenues	FY 2010	FY 2009
General Fund	\$ 7,713,567.00	\$ 7,703,567.00
*Hagatna Post Office Rental	200,717.00	242, 223.00
Interest Bearing Accounts	2,,882.00	2,244.00
Expenditures	FY 2010	FY 2009
Salaries	5,200,144.00	5,207,764.00
Benefits	1,106,948.00	1,028,187.00
Travel	93,790.00	98,394.00
Contractual services	223,120.00	260,953.00
Building Rent	503,200.00	524,492.00
Supplies	168,543.00	103,034.00
Equipment	83,505.00	39,716.00
Utilities (Power and Water)	197,044.00	219,881.00
Communications	90,744.00	91,702.00
Miscellaneous	113,057.00	131,787.00
Totals	\$ 7,780,095.00	\$ 7,705,910.00



* Note: Pursuant to Public Law 29-069 section 76902 rental income shall be deposited to the Capitol District Fund and shall be solely used for the repair, restoration, renovation or refurbishment of the Guam Congress Building.



*The Fiscal Year 2010 audit revealed no significant findings.



2010 Election Introduces New Faces to the Guam Legislature



The results of the 2010 election will see several new senators taking office in 2011. Five veteran senators sought higher offices, which left the vacancies that will now be filled by Senators-elect Aline Yamashita, Chris Duenas, Sam Mabini, Dennis Rodriguez, and Mana Silva Taijeron.

Of the new senators, two hold Ph.D.'s, one was a director, one is a former journalist, and the fifth is a recognized businessman. The Guam Legislature will be pleased to welcome their new colleagues and are looking forward to reaping the benefits their combined experience will bring to I Mina 'Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guahan. ☺

Guam Legislature Building Restoration Project Scheduled to Break Ground

According to Executive Director Vince Arriola, the restoration project to rehabilitate and restore the old Guam Legislature building in Hagatna is on track and should break ground tentatively in late the fall of 2011.

"The plans are complete and we're ready to begin working," said Arriola. "We are just waiting for the governor to release the funding to the Guam Preservation Trust and construction can begin.

The Guam Legislature building was the first office type building constructed after World War II and is on the local and national historic registries. ☺

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Japan Dignitaries Visit the Legislature



Sen. Judi P. Guthertz, DPA, Chairperson of the legislative Committee on the Guam Military Buildup addresses the Honorable Mikio Shimoji, and the Honorable Abe Tomoko, members of the House of Representatives of the Japanese Government. The pair paid a courtesy visit to the Guam Legislature to hear concerns about the planned relocation of U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam.



The Honorable Mikio Shimoji, a member of the House of Representatives of the Japanese Government with Sen. Telo Taitague, Sen. Judi P. Guthertz, Sen. Rory Respicio and Sen. Tina Rose Muna-Barnes during a visit to the Guam Legislature



The Honorable Abe Tomoko, member of the House of Representatives of the Japanese Government with Sen. Guthertz and Sen. Respicio during a visit to the Guam Legislature

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