



Citizen Centric Report FY 2017

I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

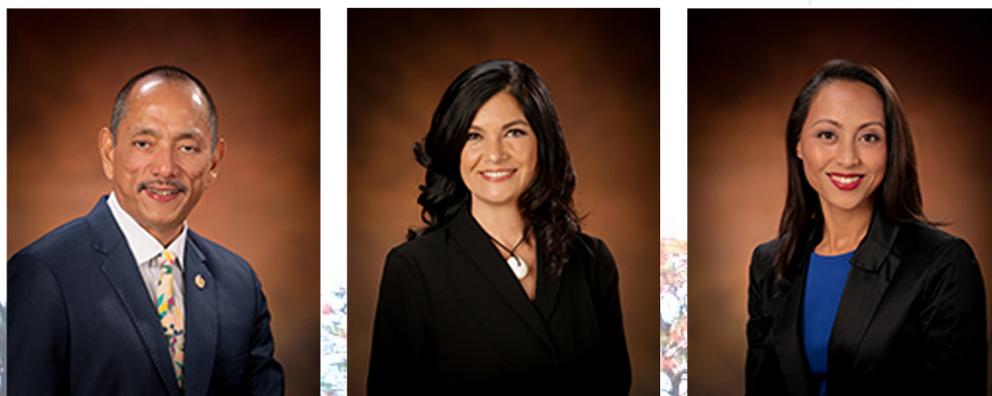


I Liheslaturan Guåhan or the Guam Legislature, is the lawmaking body of our government and sets policy for Guam. Fifteen Senators are elected at-large by island voters and serve two-year terms.

Inaugurated in January 2017, *I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* is comprised of eight incumbent Senators and seven first-time lawmakers. For the last quarter of 2016 (the 33rd Guam Legislature) through Fiscal Year 2017, the members introduced 230 bills which addressed many issues including health, public safety, education, land, affordable housing, election reform, government finances, and government transparency.

Senators hold hearings which give members of the public the opportunity to provide input on bills and resolutions introduced which address various community issues.

Senators also host roundtable discussions, conduct oversight hearings, and participate in legislative sessions.



Bills Introduced
395

Bills Passed
178

Total Votes Cast
(Bills, Resolutions, Nominations)
466

Public Laws
Enacted
173

Executive
Appointments
Confirmed
80

Committee
Reports Filed
132

Fiscal Year 2017

CATEGORIES	EXPENSES
Salaries	6,225,689.00
Benefits	1,259,404.00
Travel	19,145.00
Contractual services	338,295.00
Building Rent	419,070.00
Supplies	78,637.00
Equipment	65,552.00
Utilities (Power and Water)	119,067.00
Communications	66,284.00
Miscellaneous	308,715.00
TOTAL	8,899,858.00

OUR FINANCES

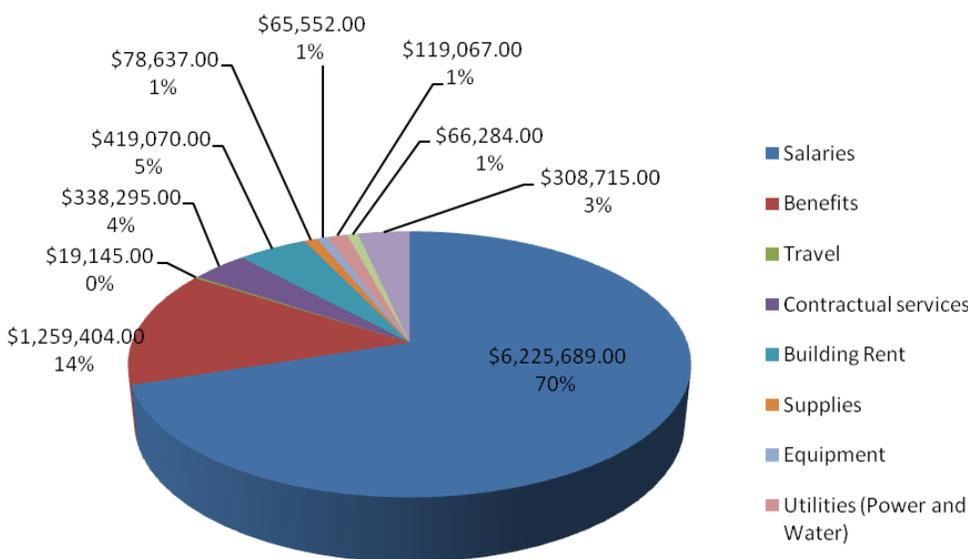
The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* was enacted via Public Law 33-185, which was passed by the 33rd Guam Legislature on August 29, 2016 and lapsed into law on September 10, 2016.

The Legislature approved appropriations for operations including personnel services for the Guam Legislature. This budget covers the fiscal year term of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

The Guam Legislature has received clean audits by the Office of the Public Auditor over the last several years.

Fiscal responsibility is practiced to ensure the legislature lives within its means. The fiscal team works diligently with all members of *I Liheslatura* to ensure the appropriate use of funds by the various offices and committees created by the Standing Rules.

Expenses For Fiscal Year 2017

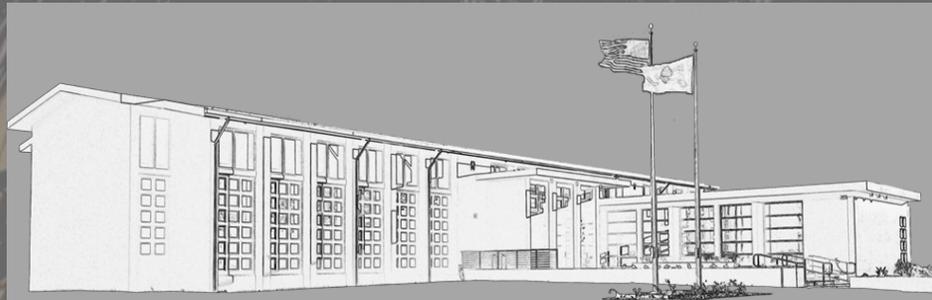




Members of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan*: Top row, left to right: Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz*, Legislative Secretary Regine Biscoe Lee; Bottom row: Sen. Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Sen. Thomas C. Ada, Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Sen. Joe S. San Agustin, Sen. Wil M. Castro, Sen. Louise B. Muna, Sen. Mary C. Torres, Sen. Telena C. Nelson, Sen. James V. Espaldon, Sen. Fernando B. Esteves, Sen. Thomas A. Morrison and Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr. *Speaker Cruz resigned on Sept. 13, 2018, upon certification of his election to the office of the Public Auditor. Vice Speaker Terlaje assumed this position in acting capacity.

Guam Congress Building

After nearly a quarter of a century, the Guam Legislature returns home to the historic Guam Congress Building. The building currently houses four senatorial offices, Central Operations, Legislative Counsel, and the Office of Finance and Budget.



The Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall and *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room are also part of the building.

Additionally, the Guam Congress Building is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified indicating recognition for its environmental performance and sustainability achievement. In the building, air conditioning units run on a consistent timer and the interior LED lighting fixtures are motion-sensored. A water system, which uses recycled water from rain and air conditioner condensation to supply the restrooms and building exterior, was also installed. These energy-efficient measures are anticipated to result in decreased utility costs. Contributions to the LEED certification came by way of the restoration of wood fixtures including the window shutters and hardware, railings and balusters, the chandelier light fixtures in the lobby and light casings in both the public hearing room and Session Hall.

Opened in 1949, the Guam Congress Building served as the Naval Government's home for the Judicial Center (courts) and the Legislative Branch for the island. The Guam Legislature is proud to be home and welcome all our people to visit.