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May 15, 2017

The Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz Speaker I Mina'trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan 163 Chalan Santa Papa Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas 🔑

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Resolution No. 45-34 (COR)

Dear Speaker Cruz:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Resolution 45-34 (COR), "Relative to Expressing the support of I Mina'Trenta Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan to advocate for Government Officials and Scientists to monitor Coastal Zones on Guam and Micronesia from the possible Downstream Effects of the Fukushima Daiichi Powerplant Nuclear Accident and to establish Working Sessions to assess the Safety of and Risk of Radiation in Seafood Products from the Pacific Ocean" which was referred to the Committee on Housing, Public Safety, and Homeland Security.

Committee votes are as follows:

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Sincerely,

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson

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# Committee Report

On

Resolution No. 45-34 (COR)

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May 15, 2017

### MEMORANDUM

To: All Members

Committee on Housing, Utilities, Public Safety, and Homeland Security

From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson / Junes

Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on of Resolution No. 45-34 (COR)

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Resolution 45-34 (COR), "Relative to Expressing the support of I Mina'Trenta Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan to advocate for Government Officials and Scientists to monitor Coastal Zones on Guam and Micronesia from the possible Downstream Effects of the Fukushima Daiichi Powerplant Nuclear Accident and to establish Working Sessions to assess the Safety of and Risk of Radiation in Seafood Products from the Pacific Ocean."

This report includes the following:

- Copy of the Resolution & Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral of the Resolution
- · Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
- Related News Reports
- Committee Report Digest
- Committee Vote Sheet

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os ma'ase'!



# COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Chairman I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 34th Guam Legislature



# MEMO

To:

Rennae Meno

Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Julian Aguon Legislative Legal Counsel

From:

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

Chairman of the Committee on Rules

Date:

March 7, 2017

Re:

Referral of Resolution No. 45-34 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa adai.

As per my authority as Chairman of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of Resolution No. 45-34 (COR).

Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred, in my name, to **Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, author of Resolution No. 45-34 (COR)**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Christian Valencia, Committee on Rules Director, at 472-6453.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Servator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Chairman of the Committee on Rules

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April 14, 2017

### **MEMORANDUM**

To: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders

From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Chairperson

Subject: First Notice of Informational Briefing / Public Hearing ---- Friday, April 21, 2017

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# Second Notice of Informational Briefing / Public Hearing ---- Friday, April 21, 2017

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### Attachements:

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# I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN | 34th GUAM

### COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

### I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Housing, Utilities, Public Safety, and Homeland Security convened a public hearing on Friday, April 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in I Liheslatura's Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was Resolution No. 45-34 (COR).

## **Public Notice Requirements**

Notices were disseminated via email to all senators and all main media on April 13, 2017, (5-Day Notice), and the second notice on April 18, 2017 (48-Hour Notice).

### **Senators Present**

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Chairperson Senator Regine Biscoe Lee, Member Senator Wil Castro

### **Oral Testimonies**

Walden Weilbacher

### II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 2:02 p.m.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson stated, "Hafa Adai, Good Afternoon, Thank you all for being here. This Public Hearing by the Committee on Housing, Utilities, Public Safety, and Homeland Security is now called to order. It is now 14:04. For the record and in accordance with 5 GCA, Chapter 8, Subsection 8107, notices were sent out via email to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on April 14, 2017, (5-Day Notice), and the second notice on April 18, 2017 (48-Hour Notice). With me today are Senator Castro and Senator Lee.

### Thank you Senators for being here.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to help the Committee and the general public, and the people of Guam understand Resolution 45-34 COR) "Relative to Expressing the support of I Mina Trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan to advocate for Government Officials and Scientists to monitor Coastal Zones on Guam and Micronesia from the possible Downstream Effects of the Fukushima Daiichi Powerplant Nuclear Accident and to establish Working Sessions to assess the Safety of and Risk of Radiation in Seafood Products from the Pacific Ocean. I am going to read the Resolution. Essentially, this addressed the Fukushima Daiichi Powerplant Nuclear accident, this is a great concern to me. We are trying to take a proactive approach from the impacts of contaminated fish

that are going through our ports and also in our coastal and our marine areas. I am going to read the resolution."

\*Resolution No. 45-34 (COR) is appended to the committee report.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson stated, "Just a little history, I spoke to the Japan Defense Ministry of Foreign Affairs and I inquired on the impacts of Fukushima Powerplant and they gave interesting results as far as testing that was done through out the years. In their summarization, they believe that the food they consume in Japan is safe to eat. That does not rest well with me because tides change, and water is forever moving. Even though they say that radiation leaks is not as bad as it was, and it is rather safe - the water does not sit in one area in the ocean. I wrote this resolution hoping to have collaboration with our neighboring islands, FSM and CNMI to have dialogue and information sharing and to have our own independent system on Guam. What I would like to see perhaps, is radiation testing for the long liners that are docked on our shores and some of the fish market and some samples here on island and the fisherman's co-op. So I did meet with the fisherman's co-op, they did express some concerns of the possible impacts on the sales on the fish and the market and revenue. And items they receive, they are in support of this measure. I would like to thank Isa Baza and Walden Weilbacher for coming. If you'd like to give testimony, please come forward and have a seat. Please introduce yourself, and a background of who you are."

Mr. Walden Weilbacher stated, "Thank-you Chairperson Nelson, my name is Walden Weilbacher and I am with the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures. I am currently the Central APIL Secretariat. We are 12-member government legislatures that make up the APIL. When I received this invitation I forwarded to our officers, they asked that I come forward to give APIL support of the resolution. We will be holding our general assembly in June, I would like to take this up to our members to receive this resolution as a whole and support this as well. I know this is a big concern towards the region, to Micronesia, and throughout the Pacific. Food safety is really important. Seafood is one of our daily diet, in Micronesia. I think what you are doing is really important, to make aware of this situation. Thank-you."

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson relied, "Thank-you very much Mr. Walden. I yield to my colleagues if they have any questions or comments."

Senator Regine Bisoce Lee stated, "Thank-you very much Madame Chair and Mr. Weilbacher thank-you for joining us this afternoon. I think this resolution is timely, we are celebrating Earth day tomorrow and we just wrapped up the University of Guam's Center for Island Sustainability Conference through out this entire week. There were a number of issues raised in regards to food safety and how can we be more sustainable in our thinking and making sure we are taking care of our natural resources. So I just want to thank the author but also thank-you very much Mr. Walden, and thank-you very much APIL for being at the forefront of this issue and to make sure that this is not a Guam issue, this is not a Marianas issue but a regional issue that all of us in Oceania should be aware of. And the more information and data we have at our disposal to be just aware of the risks and potentially mitigate those risks that will help to inform our community and make our community safe. Thank-you for your time and testimony. And I just want to thank the author for this resolution.

Senator Wil Castro stated, "I would like to take the opportunity to commend the author of this resolution for stressing and underscoring the importance of our vital marine resources. I agree with

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you Mr. Walden, that one can never be too certain when it comes to the health, safety, and protecting our people and natural resources. In addition to this, human and safety and matter of life I think you have highlighted the importance. Also Madame Chair to refer it in to a resolution in terms of economic security and food security associated with vital fisheries. Mr. Walden, you can probably tell, you probably know more about me, that the tuna industry is a \$6B industry in the western pacific. So I think this resolution speaks well to expressing to the United States government and to the government the importance to sustain or to increase federal funding for each of our resource agency from the Department of Agriculture, EPA, and BSP. Thank-you very much Madam Chair."

Senaor Telena Cruz Nelson stated "Thank-you very much for coming out today, thank-you very much Mr. Weilbacher. You know this issue is not really talked about much. You don't see it very much unless something catastrophic comes and then you realize there is something wrong with this radiological leak. And so I would like to take a proactive approach, we cannot do it alone and we do need the help of our neighboring islands and of course with the APIL to help move along and move forward to protect the interest of the people that reside in the islands and coastal areas. So I am very honored for you to speak on their behalf. Have a good day."

Mr. Walden Weilbacher stated, "Thank-you very much and what ever information or resources you have available, you please send to our office so I can send it to other members. So we can be on the same page on this."

Senaor Telena Cruz Nelson stated, "We just have one more question, Senator Lee.

Senator Regine Biscoe Lee asked, "I just have one more question, sorry about that Madam Chair. Mr. Weilbacher you mentioned the general assembly for APIL is scheduled for June, are there any other issues relating to this topic that will brought up at this general assembly meeting? That you are aware of, sorry I'm not too sure if you have compiled the agenda yet.

Mr. Walden Weilbacher stated, "The theme for this year's general assembly is "Green Resources, our future." We will have presenters there talking about how we can control or monitor fisheries in the region. How we can use technology to advance our knowledge in our waters. Who is taking our fish with out licenses? This is one way of making sure we maximize all of our resources. As well as talking about different small farms and aquaculture projects within the region. There will also be presenters talking about seabed mining, to do responsible seabed mining, in case some day in the future it is something we would like to do."

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson concluded, "I like to thank everyone for attending and showing interests, it is now 2:18 p.m. The Committee now calls this meeting to adjourn."

## III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairperson of the Committee on Housing, Utilities, Public Safety & Homeland Security hereby reports on Resolution No. 45-34 (COR), "Relative to Expressing the support of I Mina'Trenta Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan to advocate for Government Officials and Scientists to monitor Coastal Zones on Guam and Micronesia from the possible Downstream Effects of the Fukushima Daiichi Powerplant Nuclear Accident and to establish Working Sessions to assess the Safety of and Risk of Radiation in Seafood Products from the Pacific Ocean", to

# I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 45-34 (COR)

Introduced by:

T.C. Nelson

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WHEREAS, a catastrophic 9.0 earthquake followed by a devastating tsunami struck Japan on March 11, 2011. The combined impact of the earthquake and tsunami led to the loss of power, safety containment, and overheating at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plants causing extensive releases of radioactive gases and liquids into the coastal ocean causing one of the world's most detrimental nuclear accidents; and WHEREAS, a much more highly radioactive three hundred ton leak occurred in 2013 from a poorly constructed storage tank. Nuclear expert Mycle Schneider in

- 1 August 2013, stated, "It is leaking out from the basements, it is leaking out from the
- 2 cracks all over the place. It is much worse than we have been led to believe."; and
- 3 WHEREAS, we recognize the significance of distance from Fukushima, Japan
- 4 at coordinates 37.7503° North, 140.4676° East, upstream on the North Pacific
- 5 Subtropical Gyre to Guam and Micronesia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, massive quantities of marine debris from the 2011 Japan
- 7 Earthquake and Tsunami have been reported off the west Kalalau Coast of Kauai on
- 8 November 30, 2013; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in order to monitor harmful radiological consequences in our
- 10 region, government officials and scientists should work together to monitor for any
- 11 radioactive impact on local sea life and water quality and prevent irreversible health
- 12 and safety consequences that could affect generations to come; and
- 13 WHEREAS, we must begin a proactive approach in ensuring the safety of our
- seafood, one of our staple foods for survival; therefore be it
- 15 RESOLVED, government officials and scientists perform regular testing and
- 16 inform us as to whether radiation levels remain below those recorded before March
- 17 11, 2011, and; therefore be it
- 18 RESOLVED, government officials and scientists are requested to commence
- 19 testing of Pacific Ocean seafood products landed on Guam, to be reported to the
- 20 public and neighboring jurisdictions; therfore be it
- 21 RESOLVED, that I Mina'Trentai Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guåhan (34th Guam
- 22 Legislature) requests working sessions with Guam officials, regional officials, experts
- 23 in the scientific, health, and radiation community, as well as consumer advocates, to
- 24 begin a balanced, open, and honest public radiation safety debate and dialogue based
- on minimum monthly local Pacific Ocean seafood testing; and be it

RESOLVED, that that I Mina'Trentai Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guåhan (34th Guam Legislature) requests Guam and regional officials to provide timely information to the public regarding any elevated risk from seafood and other products and to educate our regional residence regarding specific threats of radiation exposure; and be it **RESOLVED**, does hereby, on behalf of the people express the support of I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan to advocate for government officials and scientists to monitor our coastal zones on Guam and Micronesia from the possible effects of the Fukushima Daiichi Powerplant nuclear accident and to establish working sessions to assess the safety of and risk of radiation in seafood products from the pacific ocean and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; to the Honorable Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Honorable President Peter M. Christian, President, Federated States of Micronesia; to the Honorable Hilda Heine, President, Republic of Marshall Islands; to

20 President, University of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of

Congress, U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I

the Honorable Tommy Rengesau, President, Republic of Palau; to Mr. Matthew

Sablan, Director, Guam Department of Agriculture; to Dr. Robert A. Underwood,

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# **COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Chairman I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 34th Guam Legislature



# **COMMITTEE REPORT CHECKLIST**

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# **RESOLUTION NO. 45-34 (COR)**

Relative to expressing the support of *I Mina'trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan* to advocate for government officials and scientists to monitor coastal zones on Guam and Micronesia from the possible downstream effects of the Fukushima Daiichi Powerplant Nuclear Accident and to establish working sessions to assess the safety of and risk of radiation in seafood products from the Pacific Ocean.

(A) PUBLIC HEARING	(1) HEARING NOTICES SR §§ 6.04(a)(1) and 6.04(a)(2), Open Government Law (5 GCA, Ch. 8)						
	(a) Five (5) working days prior (ALL Senators & ALL Media)	Date and Time of Notice: 4/13/17; 2:23pm					
	(b) Forty-eight (48) hours prior (ALL Senators & ALL Media)	Date and Time of Notice:					
	(2) Date and Time of Hearing:  4[21   17	or (4) HEARING WAIVED by Speaker in case of emergency SR § 6.04(a)(1)					
	Guam Congress Building	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A  If YES:  Attach memo indicating  WAIVER					



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	(2) COMMITTEE REPORT COMPONENTS	<del></del>
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	(b) Title Page	6
	(c) Committee Chair Memo to All Committee Members	No.
	(d) COR Referral Memorandum	
	(e) Notice of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence	6
	(f) Public Hearing Agenda	
	(g) Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet (h) Written Testimonies & Additional Documents	6
	(i) Committee Vote Sheet(s)	
	(j) Committee Vote Steet(s)  (j) Committee Report Digest(s)	
	(k) Resolution History	
	(k)(1) Copy of Resolution as introduced	
	(k)(2) Copy of Bill as amended/substituted by Committee	4
	(if applicable)	
	(n) Related News Reports (optional)	
	(o) Miscellaneous (optional)	
	(p) Committee Report Checklist(s)	
(C) COR Action	CMTE Report duly filed; Available for Placement on Session Agenda  CMTE Report non-conforming for acceptance; Return to Committee	ime)
	late for May Care 3/10/1	