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The Honorable Franklin J.A. Quitugua
Speaker, Nineteenth Guam Legislature
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Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 172, which this I am signing into law as Public Law 19-43. It is critical that we address the needs of our ill and suffering people who must travel the thousands of miles to Hawaii to receive medical treatment, often alone.

Senator Manibusan is to be congratulated for her concern in this area. The amount appropriated seems small for the purposes of this bill. I ask the Legislature to consider increasing the appropriation to the needed level.

In addition the administration is prepared to enter into negotiations with the CNMI to share the use of the current CNMI office in Hawaii. In this way, we can help each other provide these necessary services to the people of Guam and the CNMI.

Once again, I congratulate the supporters of this measure.

Sincerely,

Joseph F. Ada
JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor

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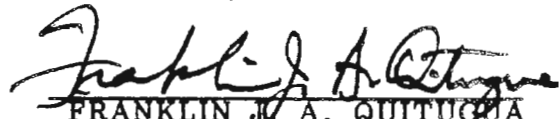
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NINETEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1988 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR


This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 172 "AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII," was on the 19th day of December, 1988, duly and regularly passed.


FRANKLIN J. A. QUITUCUA
Speaker


Attested:


A. J. SONNY SHELTON
Senator and Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 19 day of Dec, 1988,
at 10:15 o'clock p.m.


Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:


JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

Date: DEC 30 1988

Public Law No. 19-43

NINETEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1988 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 172
Substituted by the Committee on
General Governmental Operations

Introduced by:

M. D. A. Manibusan
T. S. Nelson
E. M. Espaldon

M. C. Ruth
J. G. Bamba
J. T. San Agustin
E. R. Duenas
J. M. Rivera
J. G. Miles
E. P. Arriola
M. Z. Bordallo
H. D. Dierking
F. J. Gutierrez
M. K. Hartsock
P. C. Lujan
D. Parkinson
F. J. A. Quitugua
F. R. Santos
A. J. Shelton

AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL REFERRAL
ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Section 1103 is hereby added to 10 Guam Code Annotated
3 to read:

4 "§1103. The Department shall operate a Medical Referral
5 Assistance Office in Honolulu, Hawaii. The office shall provide
6 assistance to patients and their families who are sent from the
7 Territory of Guam to the State of Hawaii for medical treatment. The
8 office shall assist in obtaining appropriate medical treatment, as well as
9 housing and transportation. The office shall be operated to serve all
10 residents of Guam, not just the medically indigent."

11 Section 2. The sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) is
12 hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public
13 Health and Social Services to operate a Medical Referral Assistance Office in
14 Honolulu, Hawaii.

NINETEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

19-43

ROLL CALL SHEET

Bill No. 172

DATE: 12/19/88

Res No. _____

QUESTION: _____

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>NOT VOTING</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
E. P. Arriola	✓			
J. G. Bamba	✓			
M. Z. Bordallo	✓			
H. D. Dierking	✓			
E. R. Duenas	✓			
E. M. Espaldon	✓			
F. J. Gutierrez	✓			
M. K. Hartsock	✓			
P. C. Lujan				✓
M. D. A. Manibusan	✓			
J. G. Miles	✓			
T. S. Nelson	✓			
D. Parkinson	✓			
F. J. A. Quitugua	✓			
J. M. Rivera	✓			
M. C. Ruth	✓			
J. T. San Agustin	✓			
F. R. Santos	✓			
A. J. Shelton	✓			

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Nineteenth Guam Legislature

P.O. Box CB-1
Agana, Guam H.S.A. 96910

December 19, 1988

Honorable Franklin J.A. Quitugua
Speaker
Nineteenth Guam Legislature
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Agana, Guam 96910

VIA: Chairman, Committee on Rules

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on General Governmental Operations to which was referred Bill No. 172, "An act creating a Medical Referral Assistance Office in Honolulu, Hawaii," has had the same under consideration, and now wishes to report back the same with the recommendation to do pass as substituted.

The Committee votes are as follows:

TO DO PASS	<u>9</u>
NOT TO PASS	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN	<u>0</u>
OTHER	<u>2</u>

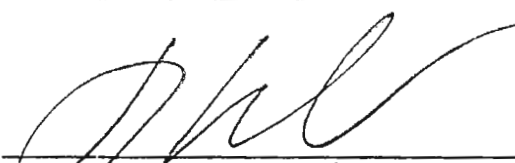
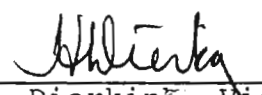
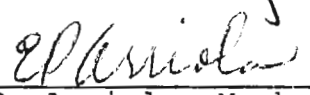
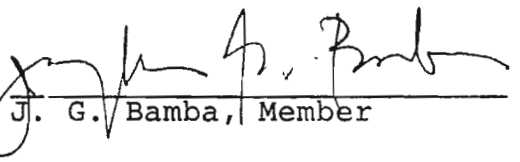
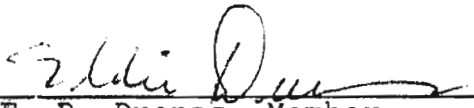
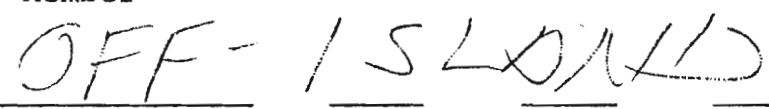
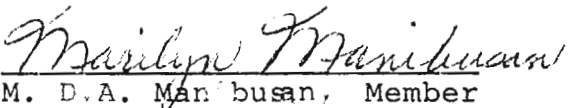

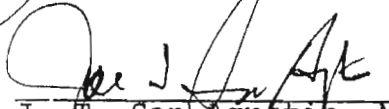
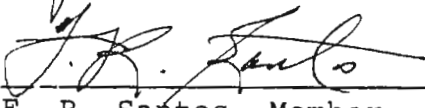
A copy of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are enclosed herewith for your reference and information.

Sincerely,


TED S. NELSON

Enclosure:

VOTE SHEET
 COMMITTEE REPORT ON BILL NO. 172
 TO DO PASS AS SUBSTITUTED

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>TO DO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
 T. S. Nelson, Chairman	✓			
 H. D. Dierking, Vice Chairperson	✓			
 E. P. Arriola, Member	✓			
 J. G. Bamba, Member	✓			
M. Z. Bordallo, Member				
 E. R. Duenas, Member	✓			
 P. C. Lujan, Member				
 M. D.A. Manibusan, Member	✓			
J. G. Miles, Member				
 J. M. Rivera, Member	✓			
 J. I. San Agustin, Member	✓			
 F. R. Santos, Member	✓			

REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

BILL NO. 172

AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE
OFFICE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. [Attachment
1, Bill No. 172

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS

Marilyn D.A. Manibusan, Ted S. Nelson, E. M. Espaldon
M. C. Ruth, J. G. Bamba, J. T. San Agustin, A. C.
Lamorena, III, E. R. Duenas, J. M. Rivera, J. G.
Miles, E. P. Arriola, M. Z. Bordallo, H. D. Dierking,
F. J. Gutierrez, M. K. Hartsock, P. C. Lujan, D.
Parkinson, F. J.A. Quitugua, F. R. Santos.

PREFACE

The Committee on General Governmental Operations, to which was referred Bill No. 172, "An act creating a Medical Referral Assistance Office in Honolulu, Hawaii," conducted a public hearing on Thursday, March 17, 1988, at 10:00 a.m. in the Legislative Session Hall. Committee members present were Senator Ted S. Nelson, Chairman, and Senators J. George Bamba, Elizabeth P. Arriola, Eddie R. Duenas, Alberto C. Lamorena, III, Marilyn D.A. Manibusan, Joe T. San Agustin and Jim Miles. Excused from the hearing were Senators Herminia D. Dierking, Elizabeth P. Arriola, Pilar C. Lujan and James G. Miles. Absent was Senator Madeleine Z. Bordallo. [Attachment 2, Attendance Sheet]

The Committee on Health, Welfare and Ecology to which was also referred Bill No. 172 conducted a public hearing on May 5, 1987. Copies of relevant testimonies received are attached hereto for reference and information. [Attachment 3, Testimonies from the Committee on Health, Welfare and Ecology].

NOTIFICATION

The Committee sent notification letters to: the Governor; the Administrator, Guam Memorial Hospital; Director, Department of Public Health and Social Services; the Attorney General; the Director, Department of Administration; the Director, Bureau of Budget and Management Research; and, to the President of the Commissioners Council. [Attachment 4, Notification Letters]

TESTIMONIES

Appearing before the Committee was Commissioner Frank M. Portusach and Senator Marilyn D.A. Manibusan. Commissioner Portusach praised the sponsors of the Bill and urged the Committee to expedite the passage of said Bill.

Next to appear was Senator Marilyn D.A. Manibusan [Attachment 5, Senator Manibusan's Testimony] The Senator apprised the Chairman and members of the Committee that the Medical Referral Office would help ease the pain for our people who, arrive in Hawaii, strangers in a strange land. In closing, Senator Manibusan also provided the Chairman with a Briefing Paper on the need to create a Medical Referral Assistance Office in Hawaii. [Attachment 3, Briefing Paper]

Before adjourning the Committee hearing on Bill No. 172, the Chairman informed the main sponsor and Committee members that the Governor also supports the establishment of a Medical Referral Office in Hawaii for the people of Guam. For the record, the Committee also received testimony from Dr. Leticia V. Espaldon, Director, Department of Public Health and Social Services. [Attachment 6, Testimony from PH&SS].

There being no further questions, the Chairman adjourned the hearing on Bill No. 172.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS

The Committee on General Governmental Operations, to which was referred Bill No. 172, finds that:

1. With the exception of the Territory of Guam, the Pacific Basin governments of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Belau, and, the Government of the Marshall Islands, have established a liaison in the State of Hawaii. Each of these jurisdictions maintains a liaison office in the State of Hawaii for the purpose of providing government assistance to its citizens, particularly, those sent to Hawaii for medical care, advanced education training and official travel.
2. Currently, there is no legislative mandate for the establishment of a Guam office in the State of Hawaii. However, Chapter 1, Title LXVII of Public Law 15-66 (enacted September 30, 1979) established the Guam Liaison Offices to be located in the mainland. The Liaison offices are under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Lt. Governor.

3. For calendar year 1986, there were at least 110 patients referred from Guam to Hawaii. The majority of these referrals were for specialized care which is not being offered on Guam. For the year 1987, Guam has seen a slight increase in the number of patients being referred to major Health Care Providers in Hawaii. The leading categories of diagnosis recorded for Guam patients were circulatory, nervous system and sense organs, neoplasms and musculoskeletal. The leading categories of inpatient services rendered are radiology, neurosurgery, orthopedics, infectious disease, nephrology, ophthalmology and oncology.
4. Because of the large number of Guam residents who have been referred to Hawaii for medical care, Governor Joseph Ada has promulgated an executive order recognizing the urgent need for such an office to be established in Hawaii.

SECTION ANALYSIS OF SUBSTITUTE BILL 172

Section 1. Adds Section 1103 to 10 Guam Code Annotated. Section 1103 provides that there shall be within the Department of Public Health and Social Services, a Medical Referral Assistance Office in Hawaii. The office shall provide assistance to patients and their families who are sent from Guam to Hawaii for medical treatment. In addition, the Medical Referral Assistance Office shall assist these patients in obtaining appropriate medical treatment, as well as housing and transportation.

Section 2. To establish the office, the Legislature appropriates the sum of \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social Services.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on general Governmental Operations, to which was referred Bill No. 172, "An act creating a Medical Referral Assistance Office in Honolulu, Hawaii," has had the same under consideration, and now wishes to report back the same with the recommendation to do pass as substituted by the Committee.

Introduced

JAN 15 '87

NINETEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1987 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

BILL NO. 172

Introduced by:

M.D.A. MANIBUSAN *[Signature]*
E. ESPALDON *[Signature]*
M.C. RUTH *[Signature]*
J.T. SAN AGUSTIN
A.C. LAMORENA *[Signature]*

[Signature]
J. Mi Rivera *[Signature]*

AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL REFERRAL
ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII *[Signature]*
J.G. MILES *[Signature]*
J. RAMBA *[Signature]*

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8 as well as housing and transportation. The office shall be operated
9 to serve all residents of Guam, not just the medically indigent.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
ATTENDANCE SHEET

PUBLIC HEARING ON

Bill No. 363 - An act creating a Medical Services Assistance
Office in Honolulu, Hawaii.

March 17, 1988: 9:00 a.m.; Legislative Session Hall

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Other</u>
<u>Ted S. Nelson, Chairperson</u> ✓	✓		
<u>Herminia D. Dierking, Vice-Chairperson</u> EXCUSED			✓
<u>Elizabeth P. Arriola</u> George P. Baha	✓		
<u>J. George Bamba</u>		✓	
<u>Madeline Z. Bordallo</u> Sue			
<u>Eddie R. Duenas</u> Cunxin	✓		
<u>Alberto C. Lamorena, III</u> EXCUSED			✓
<u>Pilar C. Lujan</u> Marilyn Manibusan			
<u>Marilyn D.A. Manibusan</u> EXCUSED			✓
<u>James G. Miles</u> James G. Miles	✓		
<u>Jerry M. Rivera</u> Joe San Agustin	✓		
<u>Joe T. San Agustin</u> Frank R. Santos	✓		
<u>Frank R. Santos</u>			

Staff Assigned: George P. Baha



JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN
Chairman, Committee
on Health, Welfare
& Ecology

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Vice-Chairman, Committee
on Federal, Foreign, and
Legal Affairs

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Member:
Committee on

Education

General Governmental
Operations

Housing & Community
Development

Justice, Judiciary &
Criminal Justice

Rules

Tourism, Transportation
& Communication

Ways & Means

Youth, Human Resources,
Senior Citizens &
Cultural Affairs

Committee on Health, Welfare & Ecology Nineteenth Guam Legislature

163 Chalan Santo Papa • Agana, Guam 96910

Tel: 477-8527 / 9120

March 17, 1988

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Ted S. Nelson
Chairman, Committee on
General Governmental Operations

FROM: Senator Joe T. San Agustin
Chairman, Committee on
Health, Welfare, & Ecology

SUBJECT: Bill No. 363

Insofar as your Committee is hearing Bill no. 363, "AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII," I thought you might be interested in the testimony submitted to the Committee on Health, Welfare, and Ecology on Bill No. 172, "AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII." Bill No. 172 was publicly heard by my Committee on May 5, 1987. Bill No. 172 seems to have exactly the same wording as Bill No. 363 and so I thought the testimony received at our hearing last year may have some relevance to your Committee's deliberations on Bill No. 363.

Copies of this testimony are therefore enclosed for your perusal.


JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN

MONGMONG-TOTO-AALIE
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
477-9090

May 5, 1987

To: Senator Marilyn Manibusan
19th Guam Legislature

Re: Support and Testimony of bill 172

Dear Senator Manibusan

This is a written testimony of my full support of bill 172 " AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN HONOLULU HAWAII."

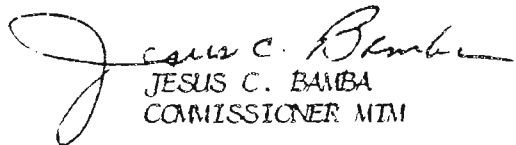
As commissioner of this community for the past 2½ years I also share the experience of having constituents going to hospitals in Hawaii for medical reasons. One of the largest inconvenience for the patients and escorts of these people are accomodation to housing and lodging refferalls, and assistance of documentation, Doctors, and Guidience of location.

We can be sure that if this bill becomes law, many people of Guam can easily be relived by the burdens of thinking what to do when in Hawaii, An escort can be concentrating more to comfort the patients rather than thinking of other things that this office can be helping.

I don't know what the cost of this office will be, but I have strong confidence that the legislature will fine ways and means for it appropriation.

I have many patients and family in this community that has been through the inconvenience of going to Hawaii without any help. That is why I'm fully testifying for this bill to be highly considered by the members of the 19th Guam Legislature.

Thank You
Good Luck


JESUS C. BAMBA
COMMISSIONER MTM



GUAM MEMORIAL HEALTH PLAN

142 West Seaton Blvd.
Agana, Guam 96910
Tel: 472-GMHP

MAY 5, 1987


Senator J. T. San Agustin
Chairman, Committee on Health,
Welfare and Ecology
19th Guam Legislature
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Senator San Agustin:

I would like to formally submit GMHP's strong support
of Bill 172.

As one of the Principle Health Insurance Carriers in
the Territory, we refer a majority of our patients to Honolulu,
Hawaii for needed medical care that cannot be provided on Guam.
I believe that this Bill would provide critically needed
services to all Guam medical referrals - especially in the area
of transportation, housing and psychological support.

Sincerely,


FRANK B. ROSARIO
President, GMHPA

FBR/jms

5-5-1987

Nineteenth Guam Legislature Public Hearing on Bills No. 103, 172, and 178.

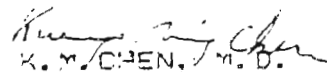
Presented by the President of Guam Medical Society

The Guam Medical Society considers favorably the passing of the these three bills presented today with some comments:

Bill No. 103 on AIDS Program at the Dept. of Public Health. As the AIDS has long incubation period, early detection will be difficult. Public education on the awareness and prevention of the contraction of the disease is more important than setting up a sophisticated lab.

Bill No 172 on referral assistance office in HNL. As long as the GovGuam is financially capable, it is all right. However, there is a program provided by Hawaii Cancer Society that will assist any cancer patient to be treated in HNL. We would like to ask expanding that Hawaii program to include non-cancer patients. This usually can be provided by the social service department of the accepting hospital. The medical society also would like to ask your consideration in building up the GMH facility so that we can minimize the numbers of unnecessary referrals.

Bill No. 178 on Public Corporation to assist the MIP. This is an important step forward providing a better medical care for the people of Guam. The question is whether it will be run by the GovGuam or by a private corporation. That is to use the MIP appropriation to establish an HMO or buy medical coverage from an insurance company.


K. M. CHEN, M.D.

BRIEFING PAPER

MAY 5, 1987

TO: CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, WELFARE & ECOLOGY

FR: SENATOR MARILYN MANIBUSAN

RE: BILL NO. 172 - GUAM MEDICAL REFERRAL OFFICE IN HAWAII

BACKGROUND:

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM, THE PACIFIC BASIN GOVERNMENTS OF AMERICAN SAMOA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU HAVE ESTABLISHED SUBSTANTIAL AND MEANINGFUL PRESENCE IN THE STATE OF HAWAII. EACH OF THESE JURISDICTIONS MAINTAINS A LIAISON OFFICE IN THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO ITS CITIZENS, PARTICULARLY, THOSE SENT TO HAWAII FOR MEDICAL CARE, ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL TRAINING OR OFFICIAL TRAVEL.

LACKING ADEQUATE MEDICAL SERVICES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS, THE PACIFIC BASIN GOVERNMENTS REFER MANY OF THEIR SERIOUSLY ILL PATIENTS TO HAWAII FOR TREATMENT. IN EACH OF THE LIAISON OFFICES, MEDICAL REFERRAL ACTIVITY HAS BECOME A SIGNIFICANT AND CRITICAL FUNCTION OF THE OFFICE. DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE LIAISON OFFICES HAVE PERMANENTLY STATIONED ONE OR TWO PATIENT CARE COORDINATORS

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TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THEIR MEDICAL REFERRAL PATIENTS. THE PATIENT CARE COORDINATORS ATTEND TO THE VARIOUS NEEDS OF REFERRAL PATIENTS, SUCH AS PROVIDING GROUND TRANSPORTATION FROM AND TO AIRPORT TERMINAL/HOSPITAL, COMPLETING AND SIGNING NECESSARY PATIENT FORMS, ACTING AS INTERPRETER, RUN ERRANDS WITH REGARDS TO PATIENT NEEDS AND PROVIDE MORAL SUPPORT. AS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE, MOST OF THE LIAISON OFFICES DEVOTE MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES TO MATTERS PERTAINING TO MEDICAL REFERRAL SERVICES. ON THE AVERAGE, PATIENT CARE COORDINATORS IN HAWAII ARE ON CALL SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, OFTEN WORKING VERY LONG DAYS FOR AN EXTENDED TIME AND, IN GENERAL, UNDERPAID.

GUAM PATIENTS IN HAWAII:

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1986, THERE WERE AT LEAST 110 INPATIENT REFERRALS FROM GUAM IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. THE MAJORITY OF THESE REFERRALS WERE FOR SPECIALIZED CARE WHICH IS NOT FEASIBLE TO PROVIDE LOCALLY IN GUAM. THE RECORDS OF THE MAJOR PROVIDERS IN HONOLULU INDICATE THAT THIS NUMBER WILL REMAIN APPROXIMATELY THE SAME FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1987.

THE LEADING CATEGORIES OF DIAGNOSIS RECORDED FOR GUAM PATIENTS WERE CIRCULATORY, NERVOUS SYSTEM AND SENSE ORGANS, NEOPLASMS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL. THE LEADING CATEGORIES OF INPATIENT SERVICE RENDERED WERE CARDIOLOGY, NEUROSURGERY, ORTHOPEDICS, INFECTIOUS DISEASE, NEPHROLOGY, OPHTHALMOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY.

THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR GUAM MEDICAL REFERRAL SERVICE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1986 WAS LITTLE OVER A MILLION DOLLARS. OF THE TOTAL COST, \$760,000 WAS COVERED BY GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HEALTH PLAN, AND \$240,000 WAS PAID BY THE FEDERAL MEDICAID AND MEDICARE PROGRAMS. THE AVERAGE COST PER REFERRAL FROM GUAM WAS APPROXIMATELY \$10,000, OF WHICH ABOUT 20 PERCENT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO PHYSICIAN SERVICE.

MAJOR PROVIDERS OF MEDICAL REFERRAL IN HAWAII:

THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE GUAM PATIENTS REFERRED TO HAWAII ARE TREATED AT QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER IN HONOLULU. IN THE PAST YEARS, OTHER FACILITIES SUCH AS THE STRAUB CLINIC AND HOSPITAL, ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL, KAPIOLANI WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN MEDICAL CENTER AND REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF THE PACIFIC WERE UTILIZED.

THE ADDRESSES OF THESE PROVIDERS ARE:

QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER
1 PUNCHBOWL ST.

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

PHONE: (808) 538-9011

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL

2230 LILIHA ST.

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817

PHONE: (808) 547-6011

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STRAUB CLINIC AND HOSPITAL, INC.
888 SOUTH KING ST.
HONOLULU, HAWAII
PHONE: (808) 523-2311

KAPIOLANI WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN MEDICAL CENTER
1319 PUNAHOU ST.
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96826
PHONE: (808) 947-5811

REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF THE PACIFIC
226 NORTH KUAKANI ST.
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817
PHONE: (808) 531-3511

FACTORS: COST AND JURISDICTION:

BILL 172 PURPOSELY DID NOT ADDRESS THE GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION WHICH WOULD ADMINISTER THIS OFFICE AND THE COST OF FUNDING SUCH A MUCH NEEDED FACILITY. THE PRIME SPONSOR FELT THAT, AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND UPON CONSULTATION WITH DIFFERENT LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, THE BEST OPTION WILL BE ASCERTAINED. HOWEVER, THE PRIME SPONSOR WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS, PROVIDED THAT THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION CONCURS WITH THE

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A GUAM LIAISON/MEDICAL REFERRAL OFFICE
IN HAWAII.

AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS CURRENTLY NO LEGISLATIVE MANDATE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GUAM OFFICE IN THE STATE OF HAWAII. CHAPTER I, TITLE LXVII OF P.L. 15-66 (ENACTED SEPT. 30, 1979) ESTABLISHED THE GUAM LIAISON OFFICES TO BE LOCATED IN THE MAINLAND. THE LIAISON OFFICES ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE LT. GOVERNOR. UNDER THIS AUTHORITY, THE FIRST GUAM LIAISON OFFICE WAS MAINTAINED IN SAN FRANCISCO AND SUBSEQUENTLY MOVED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. THE D.C. OFFICE IS CURRENTLY SHUT DOWN PENDING A DECISION OF THE GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR CONCERNING ITS FUTURE DISPOSITION.

WHEN THE GUAM LIAISON OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN SAN FRANCISCO IN 1979, IT WAS FUNDED AT THE BUDGET LEVEL OF \$156,795.00. THIS AMOUNT WAS INCREASED TO \$196,674.00 FOR FY86 FOR THE WASHINGTON LIAISON OFFICE.

IF A DECISION IS FAVORABLE TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL REFERRAL OFFICE IN HONOLULU AND POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S LIAISON OFFICE IN HAWAII, THE BUDGET TO SUPPORT SUCH AN OPERATION WOULD REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING:

PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 83,250
OPERATING EXPENSES	27,000
OFFICE SPACE RENTAL	9,600

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VEHICLE (VAN/STATIONWAGON)	23,000
UTILITIES (TELEPHONE & COMMUNICATIONS)	8,200
CONTINGENCY	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 153,050

P.S. MR., CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR BEING THE FIRST CHAIRMAN
TO HEAR ANY OF MY BILLS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

T E S T I M O N Y
Bills No. 103 and No. 172

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee on Health, Education, Welfare and Ecology. My name is Dr. Leticia V. Espaldon, the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services. I am here today to present testimony on bills no. 103 and no. 172.

Bill No. 103 - An act to establish an AIDS Program in the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Division of Communicable Diseases.

The Department is in concurrence with the Legislative findings that AIDS is a very serious problem and that additional resources are needed for the Department to fulfill its responsibility in preventing widespread infection and identifying AIDS on Guam. Therefore, the Department is in support of Bill 103 with these recommended changes:

Section 16101. Since findings will change over time based on research, data gathering, and accepted medical practice, it is suggested that this section not be legislated but only serve as background information.

Section 16102. I suggest that this section not be legislated for the same reason as stated above and because the duties are again covered in Section 16105.

Section 16103. The definition of Department should be changed to read the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Communicable Disease Control Section. A definition for HIV, which means human immunodeficiency virus, should be added.

Section 16104. Organizationally, the AIDS program should be established within the Communicable Disease Control Section, Division of Public Health. To retain the proposed wording in this section would constitute a major organizational change and increase Department Administrative costs.

I suggest that the last two sentences of this Section ("The Director may designate an employee. . . The AIDS Program shall be under. . . necessary. be removed for the following reasons. The organizational placement of the program already identifies responsibility for direct supervision of the AIDS program and assignment of personnel duties must adhere to Government personnel rules and regulations.

Section 16105. Since reference to only Section 4110 of Title 10 may, by virtue of exclusion, lead to the inability of this Department to apply other sections of Title 10 as may be appropriate, it is recommended that this section be amended to read "Duties of the AIDS Program... prescribed in Title 10 G.C.A. Chapter 4 entitled Communicable Diseases." Further, we recommend that the description of additional duties be revised to state

- (1) Conduct screening services, counseling and education for high risk groups.
- (2) Refer individuals found to be positive for HIV antibody to appropriate medical and health care resources.

- (3) Provide a mechanism for epidemiological followup of reported AIDS cases or persons tested positive for HIV antibody.
- (4) Develop and make available health educational materials regarding AIDS.
- (5) Coordinate the formulation of policies, regulations or laws governing community or institutional practices with regards to AIDS cases or persons tested positive for HIV antibody.

Section 16106. The sum of \$34,870.00 is very much appreciated to initiate an AIDS program. However, it is requested that the operational funds not be itemized so as to provide the program with flexibility in the procurement of necessary services, supplies, and equipment. Allocating specific funds for "care" is not recommended since health insurers may use this as a basis for exclusion from coverage. As for salary and benefits, it appears that there is an amount of \$19,300 missing.

Please be advised that the Department has applied for a one-year AIDS grant that, if funded, will provide AIDS education and testing services. Should the grant be received, the local operational funds would still be needed since most of grant funds are for personnel.

I would also like for the Committee to consider another legislative need related to the reporting of blood tests which are positive for HIV antibody.

The Department has recently received a legal opinion that current statutes do not require that AIDS or HIV antibody positive test to be reported to the Department. Without a reporting requirement, the Department's efforts to conduct disease investigation and surveillance would be greatly impaired.

Therefore, I am requesting that Bill 103 also include a section that will amend 10 G.C.A., Chapter 4, Section 4101 to include in the list of communicable diseases the following: AIDS (including HIV antibody positive tests

Bill No. 172.

Patients and families traveling to Hawaii for medical treatment very definitely can benefit from the assistance of someone to help in obtaining housing, transport, and accessing the medical care system.

However, the Department does not have the resources to operate a Medical Referral Assistance Office in Hawaii.

According to Pacific Medical Referral Project Reports, it appears that about 18% of inpatient referrals are from Guam or about 9 per month.

To our understanding, the other Pacific Basin governments do not have a medical referral assistance office either.

It is suggested that perhaps the Department of Interior, in consultation with the various government entities, could identify possible funding and/or personnel resources that could be jointly used to meet our common need in this regard.


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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

MUNICIPALITY OF PITI
P. O. Box 1999, Agana, Guam 96910
Tel: 472-1232

May 5, 1987

BERT S. HEDLEY
Municipal Commissioner

TESTIMONY: BILL 172

This testimony is being written in support of Bill 172, introduced by Senator Marilyn Manibusan. This bill, if passed, will create a Medical Referral Assistance Office in Honolulu, Hawaii for Guam residents. It would greatly benefit our Guam residents, since there is an increasing need for off-island treatment.

In our Community of Piti, I know of several families who have never been off-island, have no relatives in Hawaii, that required medical treatment. These families had difficulty finding housing and their way around the State. I myself, had first-hand experience when I accompanied my father in 1986 for medical treatment.

I am in total support of Bill 172 and I am sure that as the leader of the Community of Piti, the residents will be in total agreement.

BERT S. HEDLEY



HAWAII PACIFIC DIVISION, INC.
GUAM UNIT

Testimony on Bill No. 172,
AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL REFERRAL
ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII

The American Cancer Society, Guam Unit strongly supports the concept of a Medical Referral Assistance office in Honolulu. We are actively involved in providing assistance to cancer patients who must travel to Hawaii for treatment. We have already assisted 18 patients since September 1, 1986 and anticipate helping at least ten more before our fiscal year ends on August 31.

In some cases these patients and their accompanying family members are familiar with Honolulu or have relatives there. In too many cases, however, patients are not familiar with Honolulu and must negotiate unfamiliar territory as well as cope with the psychological stress of medical treatment for a serious illness.

The Cancer Society provides ground transportation arrangements and housing arrangements for those cancer patients who contact us, or our office in Honolulu. However, we have only informal and incomplete arrangements to provide the "friendly face" and patient advocate which is sometimes desperately needed. We have been in the uncomfortable position of sending elderly Guamanians to Hawaii with no one to greet them and help them find their way around. Although these people get the needed medical treatment, their stay in Honolulu is unnecessarily stressful.

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In almost all cases, Guam's physicians make prior arrangements for medical care in Hawaii. Most patients, whether cancer or not, have specific doctors appointments or check into a hospital upon arrival. In our view, the most critical needs for Guam patients in Hawaii are

1. being met at the airport,
2. assistance in reaching their first destination,
3. help in finding housing if arrangements have not already been made, and
4. help in locating needed resources, including such things as grocery stores, laundromats, etc.

A Medical Referral Assistance Office could definitely help to ease much stress placed on people who are already deeply concerned for their health.

We are concerned however that the bill does not address implementation or funding for the Assistance office. The Committee may wish to consider these areas when finalizing the Bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Bill No.172. We fully support the establishment of a Medical Referral Assistance office and hope that the implementation and funding issues can be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



Christie Anderson

Executive Director

CARLITOS C. SALLIVAR, M.D.

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Bill No. 172

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PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER
East Avenue, Quezon City

EXECUTIVE CHECK-UP
(48 Hours)

- A. COMPLETE HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION
- B. ADMISSION KIT AND OTHER CSR/PHARMACY ITEMS
- C. TEST/PROCEDURES
 - I. BLOOD
 - Complete Blood Count
 - Blood Chemistry:
 - FBS
 - Lipid Profile
 - Cholesterol
 - Triglycerides
 - HDL & LDL
 - Uric Acid
 - Creatinine
 - Serum Glutamic Pyruvic Transaminase
 - Total Protein & A/G ratio
 - Blood Typing (for 1st admission only)
 - FT4 only
 - II. Urinalysis
 - III. Stool Examination (routine)
 - IV. Chest x-ray PA
 - V. Electrocardiogram
 - VI. Stress test with Exercise Program
 - VII. 2-D Echocardiogram
 - VIII. Pulmonary Function Test
 - IX. Intravenous Pyelography or Renal Sonogram
 - X. Oral Cholecystogram
 - XI. Gastro-Intestinal X-rays
 - Upper (GI Series)
 - Lower (Barium Enema)
 - XII. Proctoscopy

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EXAMINATIONS BY SPECIALISTS:

- CARDIOLOGIST
- OPHTHALMOLOGIST
- ENT SPECIALIST
- GASTRO ENTEROLOGIST
- GYNECOLOGIST OR UROLOGIST
- DENTIST, NEUROLOGIST, DERMATOLOGIST OR OTHER
SPECIALIST.

- D. DIET INSTRUCTION
- E. COPIES OF EXAMINATION REPORTS
- F. SUMMARY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF ATTENDING
PHYSICIAN

GUIDELINES

Admission time is from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Sundays thru Fridays for all examinations except the ECG patients whose admission time is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sundays thru Thursdays. Discharge time is from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sundays.

Room reservations may be made 1 to 3 days prior to admission. Except for company-sponsored patients, a deposit is required upon checking in. For patients without private physicians, the hospital will assign attending physicians from a rotation list.

A resident physician is assigned to assist the attending physician. He does a medical interview and physical examination and works closely under the supervision of the attending physician in the work-up of the patient.

Examination rates include room and board and professional fees. Medications are not included.

The fourth floor suites are available for the Cardio-Pulmonary, Cardiovascular and Executive Check-ups.

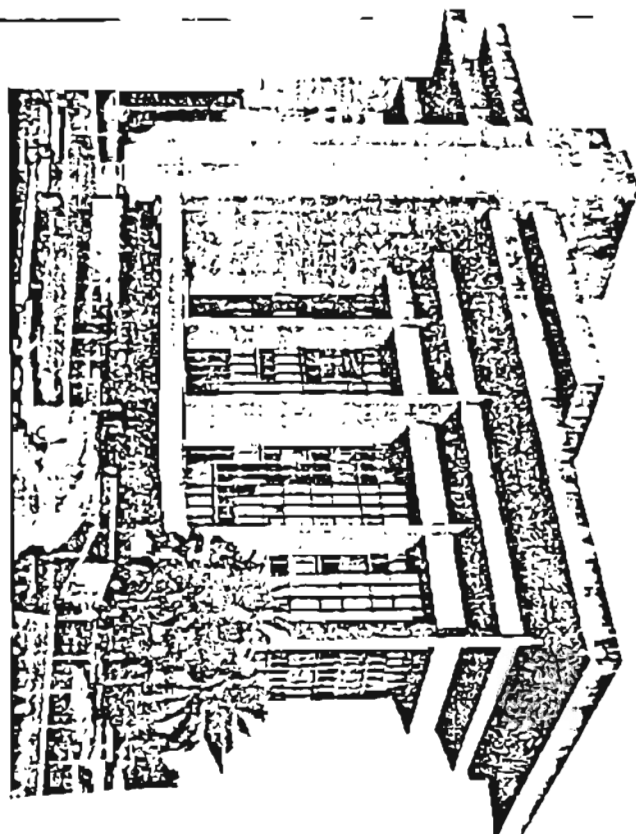
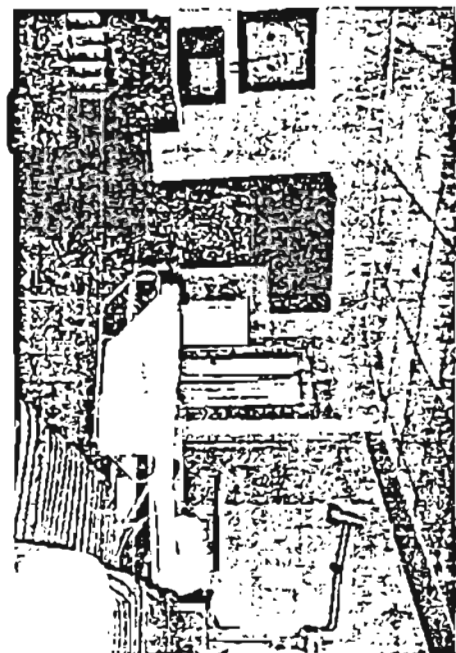
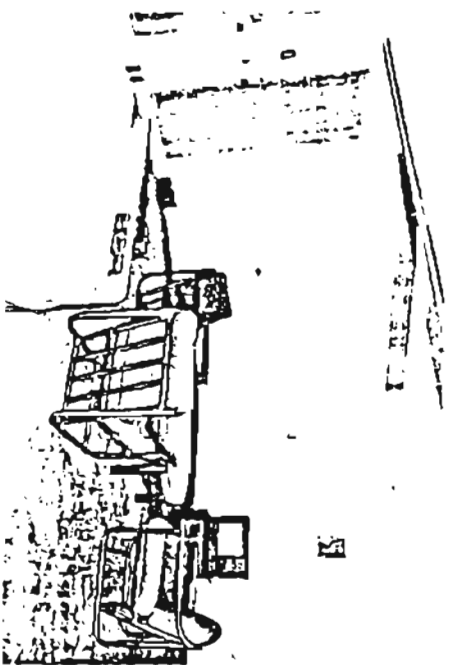
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Discounted tests/procedures, exclude specialized invasive procedures such as Coronary Angiography, MIBS Bundle Study etc. All tests/procedures in the Examination Program chosen are supposed to be done except if refused by the patient or ordered deleted by the attending physician.

No deduction in rates shall be made for procedures that are not done.

No change of program tests/procedures shall be allowed after an admission.

Company-sponsored patients must present an official authorization letter stating the type of check-up and specific charges to be shouldered by the company.



PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER
East Avenue, Quezon City
Philippines
Tel. no. 98-04-21

Check-up
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PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER

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PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER FOR ASIA
 East Avenue, QUEZON CITY

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 ROOM # : 411 LR # 47 DATE DISCHARGED : 04 APR 87
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 East Avenue, Quezon City

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 DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

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No. 94860

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April 5, 1967

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East Avenue, Quezon City

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, WELFARE & ECOLOGY
Registration of Witnesses for
Public Hearing on

BILL NO. 172

" AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN
HONOLULU, HAWAII. "

STATEMENT

(Written/Oral)

FAVOR

AGAINST

Name of Witness (PRINT)

Name of Witness (SIGNATURE)

Agency/Firm Representing

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HERMAN M Cruz

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Division Office

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Ronald F Taylor

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BILL NO. 172

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M.D.A. MANIBUSAN *[Signature]*
E. ESPALDON *[Signature]*
M.C. RUTH *[Signature]*
J.T. SAN AGUSTIN

A.C. LAMORENA *[Signature]*

AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL REFERRAL
ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII

J.C. MILES *[Signature]*
J. BAMBIA *[Signature]*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

Section 1. 10 GCA Section 1103 is added to read:

"Section 1103. The Department shall operate a Medical Referral Assistance Office in Honolulu, Hawaii. The office shall provide assistance to patients and their families who are sent from the Territory of Guam to the State of Hawaii for medical treatment. The office shall assist in obtaining appropriate medical treatment, as well as housing and transportation. The office shall be operated to serve all residents of Guam, not just the medically indigent.

FHP

A Health Maintenance Organization

May 5, 1987

Senator Joe T. San Agustin, Chairman
Committee on Health, Welfare, & Ecology
19th Guam Legislature

SUBJECT: Bill #103, establishing an AIDS program within
DPHSS' Division of Communicable diseases, and Bill #172,
creating a medical referral assistance office in Honolulu

Dear Senator San Agustin;

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on these
two proposals.

Bill #103: We concur with the objectives of this program, but
we wonder if this function isn't already within the purview
of PHSS' mandate. We aren't really familiar with their
resources and current potential for absorbing this function,
but possibly some revision of priorities should be considered
to make preventive education and AIDs testing more important
in the competition for funding.

Bill #172: Off-island medical referrals are undeniably a
financial and logistical hardship for the family in many
cases, whether they involve being sent to Honolulu,
California, or the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. But
there are already a variety of resources to help ease the
problems. Here on island, social workers are available to
help with travel arrangements for critically ill people.
Partly for competitive reasons, several hospitals in
Honolulu, most notably Queens Hospital, have active social
service departments which work to ease problems for the
family member(s) accompanying the patient.

The most useful help for the patient and the family,
aside from direct financial assistance, is generally with
finding affordable accommodations near the hospital, and
finding reliable transportation. I think it would be very
difficult to limit the type and amount of the assistance such
an office provides, and its scope (and public expectations)
could quickly grow to unmanageable proportions. It would

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require a considerable amount of money to provide service that is significantly better than what can already be arranged from here. GovGuam is hardly in a position to set up a hotel or a driver service in Honolulu.

Instead, it seems that it would be more practical and nearly as helpful to provide a list of the hotels that already offer special discounts for off-island medical referrals, and it should not be difficult to work through a travel agent or a social worker to make those arrangements from here. FHP, for example, has made arrangements with certain hotels in Honolulu and California for special rates for our patients. Likewise, car rentals can be arranged from here or from the airport in Honolulu. Patients could be provided with a guide to using the very excellent and low cost Honolulu bus system.

Ultimately, the money such an office would require to do the job significantly better than it could already be done from here would be better invested in reducing the need for off-island treatment by getting medical equipment that would improve our ability to provide more comprehensive specialized medical care here at home.

I apologize that I cannot be on hand to comment in person, but if I can provide you with any additional information or you have any questions, please direct them to me at FHP.

Sincerely,

Melinda Coats

Melinda Coats LeonGuerrero
Advertising & Public/Govt Affairs



Nineteenth Guam Legislature

P.O. Box CB-1
Agaña, Guam U.S.A. 96910

Date: March 27, 1987

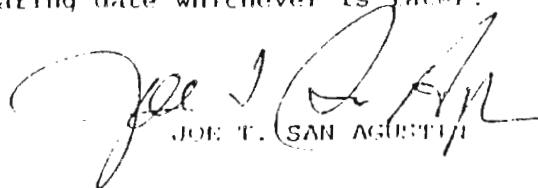
MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, Bureau of Budget & Management Research
FROM: Chairman, Committee on Health, Welfare & Ecology
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note

Pursuant to 2 GCA Chapter 9, a fiscal note is hereby requested from your office on:

Bill No: 95
103
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Please be advised that Subsection 9104 of 2 GCA Chapter 9 requires that the fiscal note be prepared within 14 days upon receipt of the bill or 3 days prior to the hearing date whichever is later.


JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN



Senator Ted S. Nelson

February 29, 1988

CHAIRMAN
Committee on General
Governmental Operations
Nineteenth
Guam Legislature

The Honorable Frank F. Blas
Acting Governor
Executive Offices
Adelup Complex, Guam 96910

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT

Received By Francis Poon
Time 4:25 pm
Date 3/2/88

Re: Committee Public Hearings: March 16 and 17, 1988

Dear Governor Blas:

This is to inform you that the Committee on General Governmental Operations has scheduled public hearings on Wednesday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 17, 1988 at 9:00 a.m. The hearings will be conducted in the Legislative Session Hall.

On Wednesday, the Committee will hear testimonies on the following measures:

Bill No. 687. An act to classify positions in the Commissioner Council and to authorize the Civil Service Commission to assign appropriate pay ranges.

Bill No. 697. An act to repeal and reenact Sections 3300, 3301 and 3302 of the Government Code relative to political activity of government employees.

Bill No. 692. An act to add a new Subsection (f) to Section 4706 of the Government Code and to amend Section 4103.1 of the Government Code relative to providing a yearly indexed cost of living allowance for government employees.

Bill No. 698. An act to add a new Subsection (g) to Section 5602 of the Government Code, relative to prohibiting the use of lie detector tests in employment.

Bill No. 703. An act to repeal and reenact Section 3 of P.L. 15-141 relative to restoring the Old Governor's Palace in Agaña.

Bill No. 705. An act relative to amending the title of Commissioners to Mayor.

Bill No. 704. An act to add a new 3 GCA Section 17204.1, relative to repealing initiatives.

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Senator Ted S. Nelson

February 29, 1988

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Ms. Eloise R. Baza
President
Guam Chamber of Commerce
107 Ada Plaza Center
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT
Received By Tom McGinnis
Time 9:25
Date 3/3/88

Re: Committee Public Hearings: March 16 and 17, 1988

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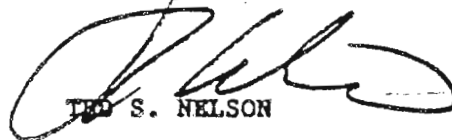
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Sincerely,



TED S. NELSON

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Received By J. M. Preser
Time 9:15 pm
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Mr. Jaime D.S. Paulino
President
Commissioners' Council
Agana, Guam 96910

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TED S. NELSON

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Mr. Wilfred Aflague
Director
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Agana, Guam 96910

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Received By K. Kern
Time 9:15
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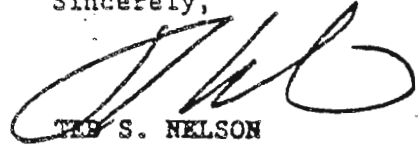
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Received By Rose Gumab
Time 9:30 am
Date 3/3/88

Ms. Norma J. Aflague
Executive Director
Civil Service Commission
Agana, Guam 96910

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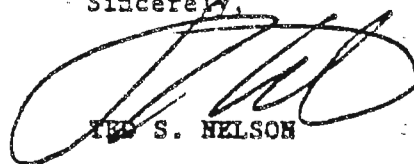
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Ms. Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson
Attorney General
Department of Law
Agana, Guam 96910

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Received By Yvonne Duran
Time 8:36 am
Date 3/3/88

Re: Committee Public Hearings: March 16 and 17, 1988

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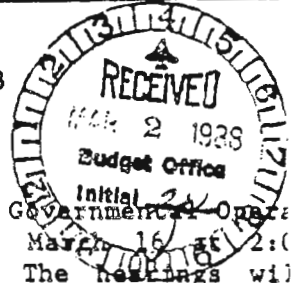
Mr. Michael J. Reidy
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Received By Reidy
Time 2:30 PM
Date 3-2-88

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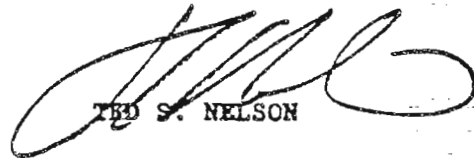
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Mr. Michael J. Reidy
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TED S. NELSON

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Memorandum

To: Members, Committee on General Governmental Operations
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Thursday, March 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.:

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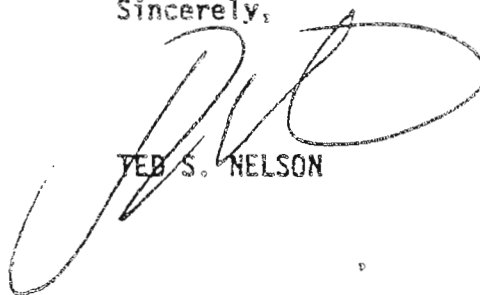
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Copies of the measures to be heard are attached for your information and perusal.

Your attendance and participation at these public hearings is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JEB S. NELSON', is written over the typed name.

JEB S. NELSON

Attachments



Senator Ted S. Nelson

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Date 3-1-88

Mr. John Rosario
Administrator
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority
Tamuning, Guam 96911

Re: Committee Public Hearing: March 17, 1988

Dear Mr. Rosario:

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Sincerely,



TED S. NELSON

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Dr. Leticia Espaldon
Director
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Mangilao, Guam 96910

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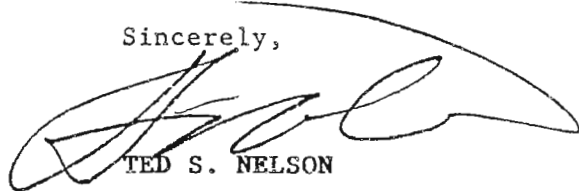
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TESTIMONY OF
SENATOR MARILYN MANIBUSAN

TO THE

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

19TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1988

MR. CHAIRMAN AND DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY TODAY ON BILL 363, AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL SERVICES ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN HONOLULU, HAWAII.

FIRST, I MUST COMMENT ON THE STRIKING SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THIS BILL, FILED ON APRIL 6, 1987, AND BILL 172, WHICH I INTRODUCED NEARLY THREE MONTHS EARLIER, ON JANUARY 15.

NOT TO MAKE LIGHT OF THE SITUATION, BUT BILL 363 COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BETTER WRITTEN THAN IF I HAD WRITTEN IT MYSELF - BECAUSE, AFTER COMPARING THE TWO BILLS, BILL 363 IS AN EXACT WORD-FOR-WORD COPY OF BILL 172.

HOWEVER, I AM NOT HERE TO MAKE ANY ACCUSATIONS. I AM NOT HERE EITHER TO ARGUE PRIORITIES OR PROPRIETY OR PROCEDURES. TO ME, FAR MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT THE BILL - WHETHER YOU WANT TO CALL IT TED NELSON'S BILL 363 OR MARILYN MANIBUSAN'S BILL 172 - IS GETTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT.

OBVIOUSLY, I SUPPORT THE BILL. I HAVE LONG BELIEVED IN THE NECESSITY OF A MEDICAL REFERRAL OFFICE IN HAWAII, IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT MANY OF GUAM'S PEOPLE FIND IT NECESSARY TO GO TO HAWAII FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

THIS IS VERY OFTEN A LONG, EXPENSIVE AND LONELY PROCESS; IN SOME CASES, A TERMINAL PROCESS. IDEALLY, WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO GO ELSEWHERE FOR OUR MEDICAL TREATMENT, BUT A REALISTIC APPRAISAL OF OUR LEVEL OF CARE ON GUAM IS THAT IT CANNOT BE AVOIDED.

STILL, OUR PEOPLE ARRIVE IN HAWAII, "STRANGERS IN A STRANGE LAND", OFTEN ALONE AND AFRAID. A DEBILITATING ILLNESS IS DEPRESSING ENOUGH, BUT TO HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND SEEK HELP FROM STRANGERS COMPOUNDS THE SITUATION AND MAKES IT FAR WORSE.

THE MEDICAL REFERRAL OFFICE CAN HELP EASE THE PAIN. SUCH AN OFFICE CAN COORDINATE TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATIONS FOR THE PATIENT AND FOR HIS OR HER FAMILY, WORK WITH THE HOSPITALS IN HAWAII TO ENSURE OUR PEOPLE ARE RECEIVING THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE, AND ALSO JUST PROVIDE A "TOUCH OF HOME" THAT CAN PUT OUR PEOPLE'S MIND AT EASE. AFTER ALL, A PROPER RECOVERY FROM ILLNESS CAN BE AS MUCH IN THE MIND AS IN THE BODY.

THIS IS A NOBLE EFFORT. I'M GLAD SENATOR NELSON THOUGHT ENOUGH OF THE CONCEPT TO INTRODUCE THE BILL HIMSELF. I'M GLAD GOVERNOR ADA NOW THINKS ENOUGH OF THE CONCEPT TO PUBLICLY ENDORSE IT DURING HIS RECENT STOPOVER IN HAWAII. I REMAIN FULLY COMMITTED TO THIS BILL, REGARDLESS OF WHOSE NAME IS ON IT.

THANK YOU.

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Bill No. 363 (COR)

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AN ACT CREATING A MEDICAL REFERRAL
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COMMENTS ON BILL 363

An Act Creating a Medical Services Assistance Office in Honolulu, Hawaii

I am Dr. Leticia V. Espaldon, Director, Department of Public Health and Social Services, and I am here today to testify on Bill 363.

Bill 363 gives the Department of Public Health and Social Services responsibility for operating a medical services assistance office in Honolulu.

This matter was addressed in May 1987 at a public hearing for Bill 172. At that time the federally funded Pacific Medical Referral Project Reports showed that there were about 18% of inpatient referrals from Guam or about 9 per month.

The Department assumes that some families could benefit from having someone to contact in Honolulu to help them with arrangements for housing, transportation, and medical treatment.

The Medicaid/MIP Office routinely makes arrangements for the medical appointments of clients who are referred for off-island care. Clients have not reported difficulties in finding housing or transportation. The Office will be establishing a guide for housing (costs, location, proximity to medical facility) which will be given to clients being referred to Hawaii.

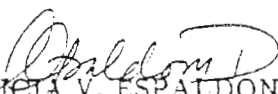
According to our information, CNMI, FSM, and the Marshalls operate medical referral offices in Hawaii. We are not aware of the operational cost to these respective governments.

The Bill does not appropriate funds for the operations of such an office, for Guam, and the Department does not have the resources to fund an office with the existing budget.

At last year's hearing the CNMI Liaison Office suggested that there could be a collaborative arrangement whereby the CNMI Medical Referral office in Hawaii could also serve persons from Guam who were referred to Hawaii for medical care.

Since several Pacific island governments have a medical referral office in Hawaii, it is again suggested that perhaps Department of Interior in consultation with various government entities could identify possible funding and/or personnel resources that could be jointly used to meet a common need.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on Bill 363.


LETICIA V. ESPALDON, M.D.
Director
Date: 3/14/88

Ada wants medical referral

By BRIAN PERRY
Daily News Staff

Because of the large number of Guam residents who need hospitalization in Hawaii, Gov. Joseph F. Ada is considering opening a medical referral office there, Ada spokesman Mark Forbes said yesterday.

When people here need medical attention in Hawaii now, local families have to send members there on a rotating basis to take care of details involving hospital stays for family members, he said.

Travel and other expenses amount to a great financial burden for families here, Forbes said.

The medical referral office could coordinate the arrival of patients from Guam, take care of the logistics of hospitalization in Hawaii and make sure family members here are kept informed of the patient's progress.

"The governor is very much concerned with this

Ada to soon establish liaison office in D.C.

By BRIAN PERRY
Daily News Staff

Gov. Joseph F. Ada is getting closer to establishing a territorial liaison office in Washington, D.C., Ada spokesman Mark Forbes said yesterday.

While in Washington last month to introduce the draft Guam Commonwealth Act to congressional leaders and Reagan administration officials, Ada inspected two possible office sites, Forbes said.

The office would coordinate Guam's executive branch activities with the federal government and would lobby for the draft act, said Ada special assistant Lou Pangelinan. Forbes said the opening of the office will be within the next few months. He said the Ada administration has not made a final decision on who will staff it.

problem," he said. "Now the governor is exploring ways to make it happen."

Forbes said Ada is looking into how the office could be designed and how it could be

funded. While Ada was in Hawaii earlier this week, he toured Queen's Medical Center and Kapiolani Children's Hospital, two major hospitals in Honolulu.

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March 17, 1988; 9:00 a.m.; Legislative Session Hall

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