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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker *Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan* 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 1 (5-S) "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 58A105, 58A108 AND 58A109 OF CHAPTER 58A OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," which I signed into law on August 3, 2010 as Public Law 30-178.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'låhen Guahan

Governor of Guahan

Attachment: copy of Bill

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## I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (FIFTH) Special Session

### CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 1 (5-S), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 58A105, 58A108 AND 58A109 OF CHAPTER 58A OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED", was on the 29th day of July, 2010, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes Acting Speaker

#### I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (FIFTH) Special Session

Bill No. 1 (5-S)
As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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Committee on Rules, Natural Resources, and Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs by request of *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam.

AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 58A105, 58A108 AND 58A109 OF CHAPTER 58A OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

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

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds 2 3 that in order to purchase the tax-exempt obligations or other financial instruments 4 to be sold to finance the Education Facility (a replacement high school to be 5 located on the existing site of John F. Kennedy High School in *Tumon*) pursuant to 6 Chapter 58A of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, investors require certainty that the 7 Lease, Lease-Back, Contract and other agreements relating to the design, 8 construction, maintenance and financing of the Education Facility will be valid and binding obligations when executed and delivered. I Liheslatura hereby finds and 9 determines that providing such certainty is in the best interest of Guam in 10 expeditiously providing safe and modern facilities for the education of its high 11 school population. I Liheslatura hereby declares pursuant to §702 of Chapter 7, 12 13 Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, that if and to the extent that Section 2 of this Act 14 must be given retroactive effect to enable the procurement process existing as of 15 the date of enactment of this Act to proceed to completion, such retroactive effect 16 is intended.

**Section 2.** §58A105 of Chapter 58A of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

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"§58A105. Procurement. (a) Subject to the approval of I Liheslaturan Guåhan, the government of Guam or an Education Agency may solicit Requests for Proposals ('RFP') through the Department of Public Works, in compliance with the Guam Procurement Law, for the financing, design and construction of the Education Facility, together with maintenance of the Education Facility over the term of the Lease-Back, according to the needs of the Education Agency and consistent with this Notwithstanding the foregoing, in connection with Chapter. amendments to an existing Lease or Lease-Back, the Contractor with respect to such amendments shall be the Contractor with respect to the existing Lease or Lease-Back. The RFP shall be issued within thirty (30) days of enactment of this Act for replacement of the John F. Kennedy High School Facility on the existing site; may include demolition of such portions of the existing facility as necessary; and shall include a requirement that occupancy of the JFK facility take place no later than nine (9) months after execution of the Contract.

(b) Upon the execution and delivery by the Education Agency of the Contract, the Lease, the Lease-Back and any other agreements relating to the design, construction, maintenance and financing of the Education Facility, the Contract, Lease, Lease-Back and such other agreements *shall* be valid and binding obligations of the Education Agency, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, and there shall be no power to terminate or declare null and void the Contract, Lease, Lease-back, or such other agreement pursuant to §5452 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.

(c) The Contractor selected through Subsection (a) of this Section shall be deemed disqualified if funding is not secured within ninety (90) calendar days from the enactment of this Act that adds this Subsection. If funding is not secured as required by this Subsection, the Department of Public Works shall proceed as provided in §3114(1) (4) of Chapter 3 of Division 4 of Title 2 of GAR."

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**Section 3.** §58A109 of Chapter 58A of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"§58A109. Pledge of Section 30 Revenue. Rental payments under the Lease and the Lease-Back may be secured by a pledge or other reservation of revenues received by or on behalf of the government of Guam from the United States of America pursuant to Section 30 of the Guam Organic Act (48 U.S.C.A. Section 1421h). Any pledge or reservation of Section 30 revenues authorized by the Act shall be subordinate only to the existing lien securing the Government of Guam Limited Obligation (Section 30) Bonds, Series 2001A. Any such pledge or reservation authorized hereunder shall be valid and binding from the time the pledge or reservation is made and shall be limited to Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,900,000) per year during the Lease-Back Period. The remainder of the funds from the existing lien, supra, shall be used for the expansion of Okkodo High School to fund the expansion of classrooms to accommodate the overcrowding, restroom facilities at all outdoor sports fields, additional restrooms required by public health due to the increase in student population, solar panels, the culinary arts building, signalization, the track and field track with proper turf, and other projects needed to facilitate the expansion to accommodate the increase in student population. The Section 30 revenues pledged or reserved and thereafter received by the government of Guam or by any trustee, depository or custodian *shall* be deposited in a separate account and *shall* be immediately subject to such reservation or the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and such reservation or the lien of such pledge *shall* be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the government of Guam or such trustee, depository or custodian, irrespective of whether the parties have notice thereof. The instrument by which such pledge or reservation is created need *not* be recorded."

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**Section 4.** §58A108 of Chapter 58A of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"§58A108. Use of Tax-Exempt Bonds for Financing. To minimize the financing cost to the Education Agency, financing utilized by the Contractor to fund the design and construction of an Education Facility shall be through tax-exempt obligations or other financial instruments provided such financing is available at an interest rate of no more than eight and a half Alternatively, the Contractor may use an alternative percent (8.50%). method of financing, including, but not limited to, a short term debt, mortgage, loan, federally guaranteed loan or loan by an instrumentality of the United States of America if such financing will better serve the needs of the people of Guam. Such alternative financing shall be approved by I Liheslaturan Guåhan. The purpose for the requirements of this Section is to assure the Education Agency pays the lowest possible interest rate so that the cost to the Education Agency of financing the design and construction of an Education Facility, amortized through the Lease-Back payments from the Education Agency to the Contractor, will be lower than regular commercial rates."