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

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 477-30 (COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 2, §2907.2(a), RELATIVE TO PROVIDING ANNUAL MAMMOGRAMS FOR WOMEN FORTY (40) YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER WHO ARE CLIENTS OF THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM, WHEN MEDICALLY NECESSARY AND AS OTHERWISE STIPULATED", which I signed into law on December 30, 2010 as **Public Law 30-225**.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'låhen Guahan
Governor of Guahan

Attachment: copy of Bill

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Speaker

Attested:


Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this _____ day of _____, 2010, at _____ o'clock _____.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:


FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: _____

12/30/2010

Public Law No. 30-225

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 477-30 (COR)
As amended.

Introduced by:

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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
T. R. Muña Barnes
Telo Taitague
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5 (40,000) deaths from this dread disease will take place in 2010.

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2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: 12/22/10

VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 477-30(COR)

Resolution No. _____

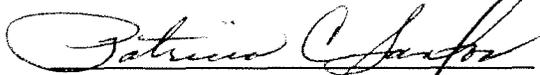
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ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
ADA, V. Anthony	✓				
AGUON, Frank B., Jr.					EA
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	✓				
CALVO, Edward J.B.	✓				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.	✓				
ESPALDON, James V. /	✓				
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	✓				
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose	✓				
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.	✓				
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera	✓				
RESPICIO, Rory J.	✓				
TAITAGUE, Telo	✓				
TENORIO, Ray	✓				
WON PAT, Judith T.	✓				

TOTAL

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



Clerk of the Legislature

* 3 Passes = No vote
EA = Excused Absence



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December 14, 2010

Honorable Thomas C. Ada
Acting Speaker
I Mina' Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Place
Hagatña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report - Bill No. 477-30 (COR)

2010 DEC 17 PM 5:07

Dear Speaker Ada:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on **Bill No. 477-30 (COR)** – “AN ACT TO PROVIDE ANNUAL MAMMOGRAMS FOR WOMEN AGED 40 AND OLDER WHO ARE CLIENTS OF THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM, WHEN MEDICALLY NECESSARY AND AS OTHERWISE STIPULATED, BY AMENDING TITLE 10 GCA, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 2, § 2907.2. (a).”, sponsored by Senator Rory J. Respicio, and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, and Judiciary. Bill No. 477-30 (COR) was publicly heard on Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>5</u>	TO PASS
_____	NOT TO PASS
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<u>1</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
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Respectfully,

SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
Chairman

Attachment



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by Senator Rory J. Respicio

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December 14, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL MEMBERS
Committee on Economic Development,
Health & Human Services, and Judiciary

FROM: SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
Committee Chairman

SUBJECT: Committee Report on Bill No. 477-30 (COR)

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This report includes the following:

- Committee Report Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 477-30 (COR)
- Public Hearing Sign-In Sheet
- Submitted Testimonies & Supporting Documents
- Copy of Fiscal Note Request
- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 477-30 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of Public Hearing Agenda

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention and cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Un dangkulo' na Si Yu'us Ma'ase'.

Attachment



COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

BILL NO. 477-30 (COR) – “AN ACT TO PROVIDE ANNUAL MAMMOGRAMS FOR WOMEN AGED 40 AND OLDER WHO ARE CLIENTS OF THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM, WHEN MEDICALLY NECESSARY AND AS OTHERWISE STIPULATED, BY AMENDING TITLE 10 GCA, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 2, § 2907.2 (a)”, sponsored by Senator Rory J. Respicio

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

BILL NO. 477-30 (COR), as Introduced

I. OVERVIEW:

The Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, and Judiciary conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of **BILL NO. 477-30 (COR) – “AN ACT TO PROVIDE ANNUAL MAMMOGRAMS FOR WOMEN AGED 40 AND OLDER WHO ARE CLIENTS OF THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM, WHEN MEDICALLY NECESSARY AND AS OTHERWISE STIPULATED, BY AMENDING TITLE 10 GCA, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 2, § 2907.2 (a).”**; sponsored by Senator Rory J. Respicio.

Public Notice Requirements:

Notices were disseminated via hand-delivery, fax and/or email to all Senators and to all main media outlets on November 08, 2010, and was published in *Marianas Variety* on November 09, 2010 (5-Day Notice), and again disseminated to all Senators and all main media outlets on November 13, 2010, and published in *Marianas Variety* on November 12, 2010 (48-Hours Notice).

Senators Present:

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.	Chairman
Senator Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.	Vice-Chairman
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat	Ex-Officio Member
Senator Judith P. Guthertz	Committee Member
Senator Vicente “Ben” Pangelinan	

CHAIRMAN FRANK B. AGUON, JR. convened the Public Hearing on Bill No. 455-30 (COR).

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION:

Senator Aguon: Bill No. 477- An Act to provide annual mammograms for women aged 40 and older who are clients of the Medically Indigent Program, when medically necessary and as otherwise stipulated, by amending Title 10 GCA, Division 1, Chapter 2 §2907.2 (a). I do know that the good sponsor is presently off-island at the moment on an official business trip. So I would like to invite the co-sponsor, Senator Guthertz, to speak in behalf of Bill No. 477-30.

Senator Guthertz: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, colleagues, Senator Palacios, ladies and gentlemen. I am very pleased to express full support for this Bill 477-30 (COR), on behalf of Senator Rory Respicio, the primary author and myself, and all the Members of the Legislature that have signed on to this Bill.

This is very important bill because it provides an opportunity for women who have received Health Care through the MIP Program to have annual mammogram starting at a lower age than normal, and the medical community has strongly recommended that this procedure be available to all women. And of course, we want to ensure that it is available to women who access government-supported health programs in particular because of their possible inability to afford this procedure without the help from our government.

We of course, believe that the screening will help us to save lives and to provide an opportunity to assist women who may need further assistance based on the screening that occurs through this mammogram examination. So on behalf of Senator Respicio and myself, and all the Senators who have co-sponsored the Bill, I would like to encourage full participation from our public hearing participants in discussing the full benefits of this bill to our community. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Senator Aguon: Thank you very much, Senator Guthertz, and on behalf of the good sponsor of this bill, Senator Rory Respicio; ladies and gentlemen being that there is no one who has signed up to testify on this particular legislation, this concludes our discussion and the hearing on Bill 477-30.

I'd like to highlight that, if by any chance the public would like to provide testimony on Bill 477-30, I would encourage you to send your email messages to aguon4guam@gmail.com, and because the sponsor of this legislation may want to entertain this in session, I'd like to request that all communication be sent and be forwarded to that particular email no later than Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, noon time this coming Monday.

Because there is a good doctor in the audience and he would like to request that we go back and reconsider and re-discuss Bill No. 477-30, I'm going to allow us to be able to accept and discuss this morning from Dr. Thomas Shieh because obviously he needs to continue to go save lives. So Dr. Shieh, please identify yourself for the record and proceed.

Dr. Thomas Shieh: Thank you Senator Aguon, Senator Palacios and Senator Guthertz. I think, a couple of things, I was notified by Public Health to come today; to take time off and to comment on the bill. I think the intent of the bill is very good regarding the mammograms for women. Although when we look at the mammogram aspect of it, I think we should do the screening.

The point I'm trying to make, although the intent of the bill is good, it doesn't go far enough. I think you need to probably look at the bill and instead of a piece-meal process, you have to look at the expending and perhaps look at the entire MIP program and see how to streamline and provide more efficient care for the indigent population.

If you were to detect a mammogram, a certain mass of a mammogram, sometimes you need to expend that. You need to add additional examinations, additional mammography. There is also an MRI mammography that is coming out as well, and those are new technologies. Whether or not we are going to pay for every single of those new technologies, of course early detection is what we want. But ultimately, if we find a mass, how do you follow up on that? Is MIP going to continue to pay for those services, biopsies, and late on radiation chemotherapies, etc.?

I'm not opposed to it. But I think perhaps in your next session or your 31st Legislature, perhaps we would like to tackle the entire MIP Program and look at the benefits. See how it can run the program more efficiently. And because I know that there's going to be a Medicaid Intervention coming out as well, you may want to take a look at that. Look at the parity and the disparity regarding the reimbursement rate for different professions and different cause.

But I think overall, it is a good bill, and I want to commend the good Senators for introducing this bill. I don't know if you're going to achieve what you want by just doing a piece-meal process.

Senator Aguon: Before you proceed, I just want to welcome the Speaker and Senator Ben Pangelinan. Thank you very much for joining us this morning. Senator Guthertz.

Senator Guthertz: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Back to Dr. Shieh, thank you for coming this morning. I know you are really busy in your clinic. We are happy you came. Your points were good ones. Actually the MIP needs overhauling, and the number of us are speaking about that. I know that Senator Frank Aguon has been looking at that carefully, and I think that would be a big focus in the next legislature. And I am certain that we will be contacting you for your valuable input and recommendations on how to approach that.

This particular initiative was done to begin the process of helping our women patients under that program be able to participate in the screening at a younger age. So that's really the purpose of this. But you certainly are correct in the overall MIP Program. This is a lot of work, and I think that many of the Senators here are the Senators of the next Legislature who will be devoting much time on them. Thank you.

Dr. Shieh: I think it is important to health care, to us right now, in the whole island probably; it should be top priority. It affects everybody; it affects education, tourism, and everything. So I think it's important that the 31st Legislature recognize that. I am glad that you will be there, too, to make sure you carry the ball through.

Senator Aguon: I also want to comment on the bill. I think that, I don't know if you recall about 7 or 8 years ago, there was an amendment in the program under the Government Insurance Plan that incorporated the mammograms into the part of the testing requirements. So I think that this is really more or less consistent in terms of trying to reach out ever further and allow more of our people to apply the preventive care.

Dr. Shieh: and I think that the intent is very good, and if you are going to pass the bill, I would be there, maybe one step further, and follow-up care. Because you don't just want to make or add more finding and just leave the patients alone. There is no funding to provide the follow-up care for the particular patient.

Senator Aguon: Absolutely.

There being no other individuals who signed up or would like to testify, Bill No. 477-30 (COR) has been publicly heard, and the Committee will continue to receive testimony 10 days subsequent to this hearing. This hearing is adjourned.

*** The following individual also submitted written testimony on Bill 477-30 (COR):**

1. Senator Rory J. Respicio

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, and Judiciary, hereby reports out **BILL NO. 477-30 (COR) – “AN ACT TO PROVIDE ANNUAL MAMMOGRAMS FOR WOMEN AGED 40 AND OLDER WHO ARE CLIENTS OF THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM, WHEN MEDICALLY NECESSARY AND AS OTHERWISE STIPULATED, BY AMENDING TITLE 10 GCA, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 2, § 2907.2 (a)”**, as introduced, with the recommendation to PASS.

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (Second) Regular Session

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Bill No. 477-30 (COR)

Introduced by:

R.J. RESPICIO
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SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
MAJORITY LEADER

CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON RULES, NATURAL RESOURCES
AND FEDERAL, FOREIGN & MICRONESIAN AFFAIRS



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THIRTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE

November 16, 2010

The Honorable Frank B. Aguon, Jr.
Chairperson, Committee on Economic Development
Health & Human Services and the Judiciary
I Mina' Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Testimony on Bill No. 477-30 (COR)

Dear Chairman Aguon:

Please accept this testimony relative to Bill No. 477-30 (COR), which has been referred to your committee. As I am not able to be present for the hearing, I am submitting the following testimony for inclusion with your report.

Bill No. 477-30 (COR) seeks to amend existing law relative to the Medically Indigent Program (MIP) to include: "annual mammograms for women 40 years of age and over, or as recommended by the American Medical Association (AMA), and patients shall be advised about the benefits, limitations, and potential harms linked with regular screening."

The practice of conducting annual mammograms was usually reserved for women beginning at age 50, however the American Medical Association, the American Cancer Society, the American College of Surgeons, and Medicare are now all recommending annual mammograms for women aged 40 and older. The National Cancer Institute recommends mammograms every one-to-two years for women aged 40 and older.

The reasons for this policy change are quite startling. Science has shown that cancers grow more rapidly in women in their 40s than they do in older women. According to the American College of Surgeons, statistics indicate one in six breast cancer deaths are attributable to women diagnosed with breast cancer during their 40s. Statistics gathered in the United States show that about 12-13% of women will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of their lifetimes. That means about 12 to 13 women out of every 100 can expect to suffer from breast cancer.



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Early detection of this terrible disease is essential, and regular mammograms beginning at age 40 will help with early detection and cures.

Here are some statistics concerning this disease:

- This year, an estimated 207,090 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 54,010 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer.
- About 39,840 women in the U.S. are expected to die in 2010 from breast cancer, though death rates have been decreasing since 1991. These decreases are thought to be the result of treatment advances, earlier detection through screening, and increased awareness.
- For women in the U.S., breast cancer death rates are second only to the mortality rates for lung cancer.
- Among U.S. women, more than 1 in 4 cancers (about 28%) are breast cancer. Breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed, next to skin cancer.
- This year, there are more than 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S.
- A woman's risk of breast cancer approximately doubles if she has a first-degree relative (mother, sister, daughter) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. About 20-30% of women diagnosed with breast cancer have a family history of breast cancer.
- The most significant risk factors for breast cancer are being a woman and growing older.
- Less than 1% of all new breast cancer cases occur in men. About 1,970 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in men in the United States this year.

The Department of Public Health and Social Services provides free pap smear and mammogram testing for qualified women age 50 and older who do not have health insurance or cannot afford deductibles/co-payments. By working with this 100% federally funded program, MIP should be able to provide this important cancer detection treatment to female clients between 40 and 50 at little-to-no extra cost.

Very truly yours,


Rory J. Respicio



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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes – Bills No. 475-30 (COR) & 478-30 (COR)

Hafa Adai Ms. Duenas:

Transmitted herewith is a listing of *I Mina' Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan's* most recently introduced bills. Pursuant to 2 GCA §9103, I respectfully request the preparation of fiscal note for the referenced bill.

Si Yu'os ma'åse' for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Rory J. Respicio

Attachments

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B478-30 (COR)	Frank B. Aguon, Jr.	AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE EXPEDITIOUS ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OPERATORS DRIVERS LICENSE, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF OFF-DUTY ROAD EXAMINATIONS FOR LICENSE ENDORSEMENT "A" CLASS LICENSES, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (uu) OF §1102 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.	10/15/10 7:57 a.m.						

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Si Yu'as ma'ise' for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Rory J. Respicio

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Certification of Waiver of Fiscal Note Requirement

This is to certify that the Committee on Rules submitted to the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) a request for a fiscal note, or applicable waiver, on **BILL NO. 477-30 (COR) – “AN ACT TO PROVIDE ANNUAL MAMMOGRAMS FOR WOMEN AGED 40 AND OLDER WHO ARE CLIENTS OF THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT PROGRAM, WHEN MEDICALLY NECESSARY AND AS OTHERWISE STIPULATED, BY AMENDING TITLE 10 GCA, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 2, §2907.2. (A).”** – on October 22, 2010. COR hereby certifies that BBMR confirmed receipt of this request on October 22, 2010.

COR further certifies that a response to this request was not received by 5:00 P.M. on November 15, 2010, the fourteenth day after the request was received by BBMR. **Therefore, pursuant to 2 GCA §9105, the requirement for a fiscal note, or waiver thereof, on Bill 477 to be included in the committee report on said bill, is hereby waived.**

Certified by:

Senator Judith P. Guthertz, DPA
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

12/16/10

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October 12, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To: Pat Santos
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
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From: Senator Rory J. Respicio *[Signature]*
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bills No. 475-30 (COR) through 477-30 (COR)

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bills No. 475-30 (COR) through 477-30 (COR).

Please ensure that the subject bills are referred, in my name, to the respective committees, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Mendiola or Elaine V. Tajalle at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

(1) Attachment

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November 8, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Senators/Committee Members
*Committee on Economic Development,
Health & Human Services, and Judiciary*

FROM: SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
Chairman

SUBJECT: FIRST NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OVERSIGHT HEARING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010, 9:00 AM

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

Please be advised that the Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, and Judiciary will be conducting a Public Hearing and Oversight Hearing on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010, 9:00 AM** in the Guam Legislature's Public Hearing.

Please see the attachment for agenda items. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ron Teehan from my office.

Un dangkulo' na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'.

Cc: Sergeant-at-Arms/Protocol/AV/MIS
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Hafa Adai Senators:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOVEMBER 8, 2010

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OVERSIGHT HEARING

In accordance with the Open Government Law 24-109, relative to notice for public meetings, please let this serve as 5-Days Notice for a Public Hearing and Oversight Hearing by the Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, and Judiciary, scheduled for

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: GUAM LEGISLATURE PUBLIC HEARING ROOM

Please see attached Agenda for listing of Bills that will be heard on this day. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations/services, or for more information, please contact Mr. Ron Teehan, Committee Director at 969-1495/6.

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Scientists and Administrators' Convention



The Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities (AAACU) held their biennial convention in Guam from Oct. 27 to 30. Dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences Lee Yudin is the AAACU president. The convention included scientists and administrators from universities and colleges from around Asia and the Pacific including Guam, Taiwan, Japan, Philippines, Malaysia, Korea, Palau, India, Thailand, Nepal, the CHMI and others. Pictured from left, front row, are: Dr. Israel Bau-Jen Jiang, National Chung-Hsing University, Taiwan; Dr. Victoria Alcala, Laguna State Polytechnic University, Philippines; Dr. Divina Chavez, Cavite State University, Philippines; Ms. Thelma Wagan, Laguna State Polytechnic University, Philippines; Ms. Annie Santos, University of Guam, Guam; Dr. Editha Cestic, SEAMEO - SEARCA, Philippines; Dr. Miriam Pascua, Mariano Marcos State University, Philippines; Dr. Aini Idem, Universiti Putra, Malaysia; Dr. Lee Yudin, President AAACU, University of Guam, Guam; Dr. Edralina Berrano, University of Philippines Los Banos, Philippines; Ms. Keunmi Kil, Seoul National University, Korea; Dr. Aurora Del Rosario, Palau Community College, Palau; Dr. Eun Woo Park, Seoul National University, Korea; Dr. Raksh Singh, Indian Agricultural Universities Assoc., India; Dr. Chawatt Hongrayoon, Kasetsart University, Thailand; Dr. Gi Saguguit Jr. Director of SEARCA, Philippines; Dr. Kunio Sato, Mie University, Japan. Pictured from left, back row, are: Mr. Ross Mangiona, Northern Marianas Community College, Saipan; Dr. Domingo Angeles, University of Philippines Los Banos, Philippines; Mr. Mike Ogo, Northern Marianas Community College, Saipan; Dr. Jang Ho Kim, Northern Marianas Community College, Saipan; Dr. Mad Nasir Shamsudin, Universiti Putra, Malaysia; Dr. Jose Bacusmo, Visayas State University, Philippines; Dr. Shigeaki Hattori, Nagoya University, Japan; Dr. Dainik Nepal Karki, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; Dr. Shiwach Hironobu, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan; Mr. James Curran, College of Micronesia, Federated States of Micronesia; Dr. N. Nopchai Chansipa, Rajamangala University of Technology, Thailand; and Dr. Ricardo Wagan, Laguna State Polytechnic University, Philippines. *Continued on page 10*

Annual storytelling festival this Saturday

(HISTORIC Inalahan) — Gef Pa'go Chamorro Cultural Village in Historic Inalahan has hosted a storytelling festival every year since 2000 and this year, the event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The schedule of events includes a free narrated trolley ride through the Inalahan Historic District, stopping at five painted houses where the village youths will tell stories about the colorful scenes they helped to paint.

The painted history provides a nostalgic look into scenes of the 1950s, depicting families and relatives of many of today's youths going about their daily lives.

This on-going project, which began with painting the scenes drawn by artist Judy Flores from her childhood memories, helps engage the new generation in

STORYTELLING
Mark your calendars and bring the whole family for a day of fun in Historic Inalahan! For more information, contact Judy Flores, Historic Inalahan Special Projects Consultant 828-8040 judy-flores@guam.net or Barbara Mantanona, Executive Director 828-1671 bjman@guam.net, historic@teleguam.net.

learning about their heritage.

The storytelling festival will help them learn to share these stories as junior tour guides for Historic Inalahan.

After the Painted History Tour, village youths and the general public are invited to performances on stage at Gef Pa'go, featuring storytellers, dancers,

chanters, and poets.

While enjoying the stories, the audience can visit booths and huts in the park to sample delicious Chamorro foods and see how many of these delicacies are made. While admission to the stories and tours is free, food tasting tickets are being sold to raise funds to continue the youth programs in historic Inalahan.

Traditional folkways, arts, and crafts will be demonstrated and sold. Coconut candy, sea salt, and woven items are produced daily and sold at the Gef Pa'go Gift Shop. Other traditional and contemporary crafters will join the Gef Pa'go staff with their demonstrations for this special day. Local authors will be on hand to tell stories and sell their books just in time for Christmas gifts.

SBA opens nominations for small business awards

(SBA)—Each year during National Small Business Week, the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recognizes outstanding small business owners for their contribution to the American economy and society.

The President has declared May 15 to 22, 2011, as National Small Business Week.

As part of National Small Business Week, the U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and others from all 50 states and U.S. territories.

SBA is currently accepting nominations for several SBA award categories including the

2011 Small Business of the Year Award.

Last year's winner, Mr. Fong Wu of Sunny Wholesale, represented Guam in Washington DC at the National Small Business Week ceremonies. This year, another winner will be representing Guam in the national event.

In 2010, National Small Business Week honored an estimated 26.8 million small businesses in America.

Business entrepreneurs throughout the Pacific Region area will be honored during Small Business Week 2011 with many local events.

Through the work of entrepreneurs, jobs are created,

families are given a better life and whole communities are transformed. Please join us in the National Small Business Week celebration.

Nomination criteria and deadline dates for all award categories can be found by visiting the local SBA Guam Branch Office or by contacting Kenneth Lujan at (671) 472-7277.

This is an opportunity to recognize an individual or an organization dedicated to the support of the small business community. Please deliver all nominations to the U. S. Small Business Administration, 400 Route 8, FHB Bldg., Maite, Guam. Nominations are due on Friday, Nov. 12.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010
PUBLIC HEARING ROOM AND OVERSIGHT HEARING
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2:00 AM — PUBLIC HEARING:

- **BILL NO. 477-30 (ECON)** — To provide annual mammograms for women aged 40 and over who are clients of the Medically Indigent Program, when medically necessary and as otherwise stipulated, by amending Title 10 GCA, Div. 1, Chapter 2, § 2807.2 (a).
- **BILL NO. 479-30 (ECON)** — To expand the borrowing ability of GAMHA by including the authorization to also enter into revolving loan funds, and direct loans, by amending Subsection (a) of §80104, Ch. 30, Div. 4, 10GCA.
- **BILL NO. 482-30 (ECON)** — To add Sub items (1359932)383, amend Subsection (3029C) of Art. 3, Ch. 4, 40GCA to establish an open process in HEALTHCARE INSURANCE negotiations for employees and retirees of the Government of Guam and to add items (4030) and amend Subsection 15102 of Art. 1, Ch. 15, 27GCA. This Act shall be known as the "HealthCare Insurance Transparency Act of 2010".

3:30 PM — OVERSIGHT HEARING:

Overnight Hearing on the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

To view the bills' full content, visit the Guam Legislature's website at www.guamlegislature.com/30th_bills_intro. Individuals requiring special accommodations or services, or for further information, please contact Ron Teehan at 969-1495/6.

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GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING & INSURANCE

"UNION SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY"
Petitioner

In the matter of the Application for Withdrawal and to Permanently Discontinue the Transaction of Insurance Business in Guam Pursuant to Title 22 GCA §15113

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW

Notice is hereby given that UNION SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY of 2323 GRAND BOULEVARD, KANSAS CITY, MO 64108 intends to Withdraw and to Permanently Discontinue the Transaction of Insurance Business in Guam, as of December 1, 2010. All outstanding policies issued in Guam by UNION SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY have expired. All persons interested in this matter should write to THE COMPANY at the above address or call 1-800-214-2333, or the Office of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance at Hagåtña, Guam at 671-1843/45/6.



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November 13, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Senators/Committee Members
*Committee on Economic Development,
Health & Human Services, and Judiciary*

FROM: SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
Chairman

**SUBJECT: SECOND NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OVERSIGHT HEARING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010, 9:00 AM**

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

Please be advised that the Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, and Judiciary will be conducting a Public Hearing and Oversight Hearing on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010, 9:00 AM** in the Guam Legislature's Public Hearing.

Please see the attachment for agenda items. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ron Teehan from my office.

Un dangkulo' na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'.

Cc: Sergeant-at-Arms/Protocol/AV/MIS
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Please see attached Notice of Public Hearing from Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Also attached is the Agenda.
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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
NOVEMBER 13, 2010

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OVERSIGHT HEARING

In accordance with the Open Government Law 24-109, relative to notice for public meetings, please let this serve as 48 Hrs Notice for a Public Hearing and Oversight Hearing by the Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, and Judiciary, scheduled for

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: GUAM LEGISLATURE PUBLIC HEARING ROOM

Please see attached Agenda for listing of Bills that will be heard on this day. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations/services, or for more information, please contact Mr. Ron Teehan, Committee Director at 969-1495/6.

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Court orders GovGuam to pay \$16M

By Jennifer Naylor Gesick
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FEDERAL court visiting Judge Consuelo Marshall issued an order on Wednesday mandating the Government of Guam to deposit almost \$16 million over the next three years to come into compliance with the amended permanent injunction over the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities.

By Nov. 30, \$2 million must be

deposited and regular payments must be made, thereafter, every year.

The Federal Management Team appointed in March to oversee the two departments and former court monitors, Dr. James Kiffer and Attorney Jim Casey, submitted their Plan of Action to come into compliance within three years in September.

Key features of the \$21 million plan included building a new \$8.3 million service center, hiring 113 new employees and implementing a training program for personal care attendants.

The order to pay comes one day after Marshall met with the team, and approving its request for \$15,950,000 which represents implementing the Plan of Action and implementation of the amended permanent injunction minus the costs for the service center.

Marshall ordered GovGuam and parties to work cooperatively to prepare a funding schedule for the costs of the center.

Several individuals and groups submitted objections to the Federal Management Team's Plan of Action

soon after it was revealed in federal court, arguing the plan's cost, lack of data and input from patients make it inadequate to fulfill the 6-year-old permanent injunction.

Plaintiffs' attorney, Daniel Somerfleck, said the plan "unbelievably" excluded consumers' input making it a "deeply flawed instrument."

Somerfleck said instead of a "roadmap to completion" the team has provided a "plan to plan" which is "almost guaranteed to result in nothing being accomplished."

Volunteers needed to plant trees at Masso Reservoir

(GEA) - The Guam Environmental Alliance is seeking volunteers to help plant trees from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Masso Reservoir in Piti.

Volunteers should meet at the USO Beach across from the GPA Power Plant at 7:30 a.m.

"We hope to help make this area a showcase of native plants, and reforest one of Guam's most beautiful watersheds," stated Ann Marie Gawal, GEA board member. "By planting trees in the Masso watershed, we hope to reduce the erosion and the amount of soil filling the river. Roots help keep the soil in place and that helps the fish, plants and corals in the river and beach waters."

Volunteers should meet on

Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at Veteran's Cemetery. The project will be completed by 11 a.m. and refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

GEA is a nonprofit organization recently developed to create and facilitate projects that will enable the community to actively improve and learn about the environment of Guam.

GEA is currently seeking project proposals - should you have a project idea that requires further support and resources, please contact the organization

through the website or email guamEA@gmail.com.

GEA looks forward to working with the community to implement projects throughout the island.

For more information about this event please contact Jimmy T. Camacho at 486-9494 or Camacho.jimmy@gmail.com.



Tri-intersection traffic woes up for oversight hearing

By Zita Y. Tallario
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DEPARTMENT of Public Works officials are scheduled to appear at the Legislature tonight where an oversight hearing has been called to discuss ongoing traffic problems that emanated from the construction work at the tri-intersection area of Routes 8, 10, and 16.

Re-elected Democrat Sen. Tom Ada, who chairs the Committee on Utilities, Transportation, Public Works, and Veterans Affairs, will preside at the oversight hearing, which starts at 6 p.m. tonight and is open to the public.

"The questions are what we have learned so far so that we can improve and minimize further the traffic congestion occurring there and the impact that it's having to the businesses and residences in the neighborhood," he said.

During the meeting, Ada expects to get more information about the impact of the \$400 million road projects Guam would see over the next few years.

Aside from DPW, Ada also expects Parsons Transportation Group to be present at the meeting.

"They'll be given a power point presentation and it will be televised so for those who cannot make it, certainly we're going to do our best to get the information to the living room," he said.

But the senator said they won't be bringing up the recent report by the Office of Public Accountability on DPW's selection of contractors who do shoddy work on projects.

"We really want to focus this on that tri-intersection project and how much we can improve our construction management," he said.

No Ka Oi Pest Control is among the businesses affected in the ongoing road construction in the area.

Its CEO, Joey Lopez, is wondering why the people responsible for the road construction couldn't have taken an alternative route citing the road way behind the Main Post Office in Barrigada.

The area is privately owned and also an environmental assessment may be needed because of the pipeline that leads up to Andersen Air Force Base. Lopez said there shouldn't be any excuses.

"There are certain things they can get waivers for. This is temporary. Why can't they put a bridge," he said.

He also criticized Parsons who he thought was brought here because of its expertise with road construction projects in the U.S. mainland.

Parsons could not be immediately reached for comment.

Marijuana...

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obtain marijuana and its distribution would be done under strict guidelines.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, marijuana is the most commonly abused illegal drug in the United States, impairing one's judgment and causing distorted perception.

Dr. Chris Dombrowski, Shieh, Dr. Arnold Wax, and Registered Nurse practitioner Mark Cain representing the medical community all weighed in on the issue.

UOG Professor Ron McNinch, Ph.D., acted as the moderator.

Questions were asked about the addictiveness of marijuana compared to alcohol and tobacco, the difference Guam's culture might make on the final legislation, the potential for the drug to fall into the wrong hands, and how patients might factor into the workplace.

Respcio made clear his bill's intent was to make cannabis available to patients who need it for medical purposes.

Cain commended Respcio for the restrictions in his legislation that would make it different from California's which he called a "failure," since there have been people getting prescriptions for marijuana quite easily.

On the addictiveness of marijuana, Dombrowski, a general practitioner said if at all marijuana is a "soft addiction" and that it does not cause people to lose their jobs or go out and commit crimes if their drug of choice is not available.

Cain responded by referencing the murder of Vincent Peredo earlier this year, where several perpetrators stole large bags of marijuana from his home.

However, he said that, "In its pure, use I do not see the body damage that we do with alcohol or tobacco, but the collateral damage is still there."

Dombroski does not believe in recreational use of drugs and that all use is medicinal in nature because people are trying to self medicate, whether it be to cure boredom, depression, anxiety stress, or tension.

In response to the question of whether legalizing Cannabis for medical use might possibly make it easier for minors or criminals to access it, Respcio said that in bill 423, "We are recognizing a Supreme Court decision that said doctors [must] certify patients who need to avail themselves of cannabis for medical purposes."

He said in no way were they trying to make it available for recreational purposes and under the bill they will only give out three types of licenses, and there are tighter controls than those in California.

"I just want the focus to be on the people who need this for medicinal purposes. You regulate it the same way you do prescription drugs," the senator said.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010
PUBLIC HEARING ROOM AND OVERSIGHT HEARING
GUAM LEGISLATURE PUBLIC HEARING ROOM

8:00 AM - PUBLIC HEARING:

- BILL NO. 477-30 (COR)** - To provide annual mammograms for women aged 40 and over who are clients of the Medically Indigent Program, when medically necessary and as otherwise stipulated, by amending Title 10 GCA, Div. 1, Chapter 2, § 2907.2(a).
- BILL NO. 479-30 (COR)** - To expand the borrowing ability of GMHA by including the authorization to also enter into Revolving Loan Funds, and Direct Loans, by amending Subsection (c) of §80104, Ch. 80, Div. 4, 10GCA.
- BILL NO. 482-30 (COR)** - To add Sub Items (1)(aa)(2)(3), amend Subsection 43029(c) of Art. 3, Ch. 4, 46GCA to establish an open process in HEALTHCARE INSURANCE negotiations for employees and retirees of the Government of Guam and to add items (a)(b) and amend Subsection 15102 of Art. 1, Ch. 15, 22GCA. This Act shall be known as the "HealthCare Insurance Transparency Act of 2010".

1:30 PM - OVERSIGHT HEARING:
Oversight Hearing on the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

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Dear Mr. Roberto:

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Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

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The following will be on the agenda:

JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ
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I would like to invite you and/or your representative for participation as you deem necessary. Testimonies may be submitted in advance to the Office of Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., 238 Archbishop F.C. Flores St., DNA Bldg., Suite 701A, Hagatna, Guam 96910, or emailed to aguon4guam@gmail.com no later than Monday, November 15, 2010. If you have any questions, you may call Mr. Ron Teehan from my office.

TELO TAITAGUE
SENATOR

RAY TENORIO
SENATOR

Un dangkulo' na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'.

Respectfully,


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Hafa Adai Frances!

This is to confirm receipt. I will be off-island attending next week attending the Bi-Annual Western Region Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Directors Meeting. I have already forwarded Notice to the division chiefs to prepare accordingly and to ensure presence and that the Board of Allied Health Examiners are notified about the oversight hearing.

Best regards,
 Pete

P.S. Please apprise the Chairman that Mr. Ben Pablo of Talofoto and CHC board member for many years passed away. Rosaries are nightly at 7:30 at the Talofoto church

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- **BILL NO. 482-30 (COR)**
AN ACT TO ADD SUB ITEMS (1)(aa)(2)(3) AMEND SUB SECTION 43029(C) OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 4, OF TITLE 4 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN PROCESS IN HEALTHCARE INSURANCE NEGOTIATIONS FOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND TO ADD ITEMS (a)(b) AND AMEND SUB SECTION 15102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 22 GCA. THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE 'HEALTHCARE INSURANCE TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2010'.

1:30 PM – OVERSIGHT HEARING:

- OVERSIGHT HEARING ON THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS

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Bill No. 477-30 (COR)

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 finds that recommendations for annual mammograms have become
4 common for all women over 40 as a preventive measure for breast
5 cancer. Breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in women,
6 and the second leading cause of cancer death in women in the United
7 States.

8 Over a quarter of a million women were diagnosed with breast
9 cancer in 2009, and the U.S. National Cancer Institute projects nearly
10 40,000 deaths from this dread disease will take place in 2010.

11 The National Cancer Institute recommends mammograms for
12 women over 40 every 1 to 2 years. Standard Medicare health
13 insurance coverage already includes annual mammograms for

1 women over 40. The American Cancer Society also recommends
2 annual mammograms for women age 40 and older. Support for
3 annual mammograms has grown stronger in recent years, and
4 evidence has confirmed that mammograms offer substantial benefit
5 for women in their 40s.

6 A yearly screening mammogram should become a standard
7 practice for as long as women are in good health. Women can feel
8 confident about the benefits associated with regular mammograms to
9 assist in early discovery of cancer.

10 Women should be advised about the benefits, limitations, and
11 potential harms linked with regular screening. Mammograms can
12 miss some cancers. But despite their limitations, they remain a very
13 effective and valuable tool for decreasing suffering and death from
14 breast cancer. Mammograms for older women should be based on
15 the individual, her health, and other serious illnesses, such as
16 congestive heart failure, end-stage renal disease, chronic obstructive
17 pulmonary disease, and moderate-to-severe dementia. Age alone
18 should not be the reason to stop having regular mammograms. As
19 long as a woman is in good health and would be a candidate for
20 treatment, she should continue to be screened with a mammogram.

21 In light of these stark facts, the Legislature finds that it is
22 imperative that the coverage provided under Medically Indigent

1 Program be updated to reflect the current standard for the use of
2 mammograms in the early detection of breast cancer.

3 **Section 2. Title 10 Guam Code Annotated, Divison 1, Chapter 2,**
4 **§ 2907.2 (a) is hereby amended to read:**

5 **“§ 2907.2. Out-Patient Services.**

6 (a) The following out-patient medical services shall be covered
7 when medically necessary and as otherwise stipulated:

8 (1) Physician Evaluation and Management Services;

9 (2) Laboratory Diagnostic Services;

10 (3) Diagnostic Radiology, Ultrasound and Mammography
11 Screening Services to include annual mammograms for women 40
12 years of age and older, or as recommended by the American Medical
13 Association (AMA), and patients shall be advised about the benefits,
14 limitations, and potential harms linked with regular screening;

15 (i) CT Scan or MRI services must be authorized by the
16 MIP Program prior to the rendering of services;

17 (4) Prescription Drugs;

18 (5) Ambulatory Surgical Services;

19 (6) Renal Dialysis;

20 (7) Physical and Occupational Therapy;

21 (8) Respiratory Therapy;

1 (9) Emergency Room Services. The use of the Guam Memorial
2 Hospital Emergency Room shall be limited to urgent and life
3 threatening situations as diagnosed by the emergency physician and
4 a Five Dollar (\$5.00) co-payment is required.”

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