

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 5/6/11

VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 170(COR)

Resolution No. _____

Question: _____

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ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
ADA, V. Anthony	✓				
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	✓				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.	✓				
DUENAS, Christopher M.	✓				
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	✓				
MABINI, Sam	✓				
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose	✓				
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.	✓				
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera	✓				
RESPICIO, Rory J.	✓				
RODRIGUEZ, Dennis G., Jr.	✓				
SILVA TAIJERON, Mana	✓				
WON PAT, Judith T.	✓				
YAMASHITA, Aline A.	✓				

TOTAL 15 _____

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

[Signature]
Clerk of the Legislature

* 3 Passes = No vote
EA = Excused Absence



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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.

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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SENIOR CITIZENS AND ELECTION REFORM

May 6, 2011

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Speaker

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155 Hesler Place

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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

RE: Committee Report – Bill No. 170-31 (COR)

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the **Committee Report** on **BILL NO. 170-31(COR)- An act to bridge the gaps in services for Guam cancer patients by creating a Guam Cancer Assistance and Treatment (GCAT) program, by amending § 81113 of Chapter 81 of Title 12 Guam Code Annotated item (b)(1).** Sponsored by Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr, and referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services, Economic Development, Senior Citizens and Election Reform. Bill No. 170-31(LS) was publicly heard on May 5, 2011.

Committee votes are as follows:

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Senseramente,


Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Chairman

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**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON**

BILL NO. 170-31 (COR)

Sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez Jr.

An act to bridge the gaps in services for Guam cancer patients by creating a Guam Cancer Assistance and Treatment (GCAT) program, by amending § 81113 of Chapter 81 of Title 12 Guam Code Annotated item (b)(1).



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May 6, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: ALL MEMBERS
Committee on Health & Human Services, Economic Development, Senior Citizens and Election Reform.

From: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. ✓
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill no. 170-31(COR)

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This report includes the following:

- Committee Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Narrative/Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 170-31(COR)
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 170-31(COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing (1st and 2nd)
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Articles (Public hearing publication of public notice)

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

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

Attachments



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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SENIOR CITIZENS AND ELECTION REFORM

COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

BILL NO. 170-31(COR)- An act to establish the Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Department of Public Health & Social Services relative to the issuance of sanitary permits, under Article 5 of Chapter 4, Division 1, Title 26, Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations.

	SIGNATURE	TO PASS	NOT TO PASS	ABSTAIN	REPORT OUT ONLY	PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr. Chairman		✓ 5/6/11				
ADOLPHO B. PALACIOS, Sr. Vice Chairman		✓ 5/6/11				
JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker					5/6/11 ✓	
BENJAMIN J. F. CRUZ Vice-Speaker		✓ 5/6/11				
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary		✓ 5/6/11				
THOMAS C. ADA					5/6/11 ✓	
VICENTE C. PANGELINAN		5/6/11 ✓				
RORY J. RESPICIO						
JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ, DPA						
FRANK F. BLAS, Jr.					5/6/11	
V. ANTHONY ADA						
ALINE A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.		4/6/11 ✓				
SAM MABINI, Ph.D.		5/6/11 ✓				
MANA SILVA TAJERON						
CHRISTOPHER M. DUENAS		4/6/11 ✓				



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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Bill No. 170-31 (COR)

I. OVERVIEW: The Committee on Health & Human Services, Economic Development, Senior Citizens, and Election Reform conducted a public hearing on May 5, 2011. The Hearing convened at 5:30 PM in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. The sole item on the agenda was the consideration of **Bill No. 170-31 (COR)**; "AN ACT TO BRIDGE THE GAPS IN SERVICES FOR GUAM CANCER PATIENTS BY CREATING A GUAM CANCER ASSISTANCE AND TREATMENT (GCAT) PROGRAM, BY AMENDING § 81113 OF CHAPTER 81 OF TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED ITEM (b)(1)"; sponsored by Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., and Vicente C. Pangelinan.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via hand-delivery/fax and/or e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on April 28, 2011 (5-Day Notice), and again on May 03, 2011 (48-Hour Notice). Notice was published *on-line* in the Pacific Daily News on May 28, 2011, and May 02, 2011.

Senators Present

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Chairperson
Speaker Judith Won Pat	Committee Member
Vice-Speaker B.J. Cruz	Committee Member
Senator Rory J. Respicio	Committee Member
Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan	Committee Member
Senator Tina Rose Muna-Barnes	Committee Member

The public hearing on agenda item Bill No. 170-31 (COR) was Called-to-Order at 5:40 P.M.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION.

CHAIRMAN DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR., convened the Public Hearing on Bill No. 170-31 (COR). Called for the persons signed up and wishing to testify on the bill to come forward to the panel.

Mr. Terry L. Cubao: Provided oral testimony and submitted written testimony **IN SUPPORT** of Bill No. 170-31 (COR) (Attached). Read written testimony.

Mr. Ryan Reyes: Provided oral testimony and submitted written testimony **IN SUPPORT** of Bill No. 170-31 (COR) (Attached). Read written testimony.

Ms. Christina Martini Clines, Island Cancer Center: Provided oral testimony and submitted written testimony **IN SUPPORT** of Bill No. 170-31 (COR) (Attached). Read written testimony.

Mr. Franky Espinosa: Provided oral testimony and submitted written testimony **IN SUPPORT** of Bill No. 170-31 (COR) (Attached). Read written testimony.

Mr. James Gillan, Acting Director, Department of Public Health & Social Services: Provided oral testimony and submitted written testimony **IN SUPPORT** of Bill No. 170-31 (COR) (Attached). Read written testimony.

CHAIRMAN DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.: Thanks James, I'm sorry and I apologize because in the beginning I should have given an overview of the whole intent of the Bill. You know you are right, this Bill here identifies \$2 million that we know is available now and you're right that \$2 million until we find a way to sustain this program should we pass it, that's going to be a challenge that we are going to need to face when we get there. You know just to be clear, this program is for those who've a part of those gaps where their under MIP/or any public assistance program, but for some reason that type of treatment and service that they need is not covered under public assistance. So that is when this kicks in and that is also as you being the director you need to know how to draw down from these funds and I know that we talked briefly about gaps and the only thing there is that, let's say we put a gap of under \$150 thousand for that treatment, but that treatment costs \$155 or \$160 thousand. What do we do? I completely understand the issue that we are very limited and we can't say because we're limited, we're only going to do this much. So that is something that we are going to have to deal with, and how we're going to sustain this. Have you or your department looked at some of the treatments now that are not covered under the public assistance and looked at maybe what the costs are for those treatments that come through your door?

Mr. James Gillan: No we haven't, you know we've been really concentrating on this particular mordacity. And again, I agree. Whatever the cap is, the cost is going to go up. Especially, if there are complications. And it would be up to you.

Chairman: And the other question I have is, you know how some services and some patients are referred to hospitals in the Philippines for example and they provide excellent care there. A

lot of our people go there. The cost maybe a little bit lower. So I don't know if you'll be able to make that call well you know with conjunction.

Mr. James Gillan: It is always looking at the outcomes

Chairman: Okay, I am going to now ask if Speaker Ben, do you have any questions.

Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan: Thank you very much, I think I have more of a comment than a question and I certainly appreciate Jim your concerns and definitely your suggestions on what we need to consider. I'm like you I take exception every time I read the Public Auditor Report or anybody says that the benefits are too rich, you know in a public assistance program. I mean it's just that they need the care and it's the program of the last resort. It's when there is no other option. So to say that we should cap something at \$100,000 you know as we have the caps in the private sector. It's the caps when they come to public health. And so what are you going to do, turn them away? I mean we just have an obligation as a society and as a government and so I do take exception to those reports, you know you can't give too much to somebody who has nobody left. The other thing is, is that there is some sustainable funding source that I think will come about. Thank you very much.

Chairman: Thank you Speaker Ben. Senator Barnes?

Senator Tina R. Muna-Barnes: Thank you Mr. Chair. Mr. Gillan, I just wanted to ask is in as far as documentation and processes between the different centers that you have or the public centers that you have, is there a standard and documentation that needs to be done, because in receiving some calls from constituents, there seems to be some documents that needs to be filled sometimes information is not properly given. Is there set standards of documentation that needs to be filled anytime somebody is confirmed with cancer or in needing treatment.

Mr. James Gillan: There is a standard form, but you also have to rely on documentation from physicians and also the medical records.

Senator Muna-Barnes: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that I support the efforts of this bill and if there is any opportunity we can do as policymakers to make our constituents out there know that as we look at how we were raised and our culture. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Senator Respicio?

Senator Rory J. Respicio: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that I support this bill and that I will also recognize the cancer warriors that are here Mr. Ryan Reyes and Mr. Espinosa, and although you are only two cancer warriors you do represent many who are in your situation and also to the patient advocates, Christina and Terry, its good on you to come forward and help these individuals. What is the status on the Catastrophic Illness Program? Is it still that the catastrophic illness fund will cover \$30,000 \$1 that amount and the patient will cover the other \$30,000.

Mr. James Gillan: Actually it is not even funded. \$30,000 does sound about right, but then again I haven't looked at it in awhile because it is not funded.

Senator Respicio: How did you get to the \$150,000 threshold?

Mr. James Gillan: We actually just put out a number but it also has to deal with the industry. But it is difficult because each case is different.

Chairman: Speaker Won Pat?

Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ph.D.: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I would like to find out if you could enlighten us with some types of treatments which then are not considered or FDA approved?

Mr. James Gillan: Not offhand. And I do not have it.

Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz: I definitely support it.

Chairman: I would like to call on Ms. Marisha Artero.

Ms. Marisha Artero, Community Manager – Health Initiatives, American Cancer Society: Provided oral testimony and submitted written testimony **IN SUPPORT** of Bill No. 170-31 (COR) (Attached). Read written testimony.

Chairman: Noted for the record, that:

Dr. J.S. Friedman, M.D. Cancer Center of Guam: Submitted written testimony **IN SUPPORT** of Bill No. 170-31 (COR) (Attached).

Mr. Charles “Chuck” Tanner, MHA, M.Ed.: Submitted written testimony **IN SUPPORT** of Bill No. 170-31 (COR) (Attached).

Mr. Peter R. Sgro, Jr.: Submitted written testimony **IN SUPPORT** of Bill No. 170-31 (COR) (Attached).

There being no other testimony, or comments by Senators, Chairman Rodriguez declared the bill as having been duly heard, and concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 170-31 (COR).

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on, Health & Human Services, Economic Development, Senior Citizens, and Election Reform, hereby **reports out Bill No. 170-31 (COR)**, with the recommendation to

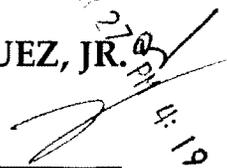
PASS.

MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular

Bill No. 170-31(cor)

Introduced by:

D.G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.
v.c. pangelinan

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**AN ACT TO BRIDGE THE GAPS IN SERVICES FOR GUAM
CANCER PATIENTS BY CREATING A GUAM CANCER
ASSISTANCE AND TREATMENT (GCAT) PROGRAM, BY
AMENDING § 81113 OF CHAPTER 81 OF TITLE 12 GUAM
CODE ANNOTATED ITEM (b)(1).**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent: *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

finds that Chapter IX, Section 1, Item (b) of Public Law 29-19 and codified as 12 GCA Chapter 81, Section 81113 , item (b)(1), sets aside \$2Million from bond proceeds to Refund the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) Tobacco Settlement Asset Backed Bonds, Series 2001A and Series 2001B, and for other purposes. According to Item (b) of this statute, \$2million dollars is appropriated for radiation therapy for cancer treatment through the Medically Indigent Program. These funds currently sit in account under the purview of GEDA waiting to be utilized pursuant to provisions set forth in Public Law 29-19. In order for these funds to be utilized the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority was to enter into a

1 contract or a public-private partnership agreement for the operation of a
2 Radiation Therapy Machine. Said contract or public-private partnership
3 agreement shall provide for the care of indigent patients under the
4 Medically Indigent Program (MIP) and Medicaid Program and shall
5 require that invoices for cancer treatment be paid within (60) days after
6 receipt. Over the past 3 and half years since the enactment of this law,
7 GMHA has failed to enter into the required contract or public-private
8 partnership agreement and no cancer patient on Guam has been able to
9 utilize these funds to cover their much needed care. Currently, MIP and
10 Medicaid is in fact covering radiation therapy for individuals under their
11 respective programs. The initial law that appropriated these funds was
12 done prior to the re-opening of the radiation therapy clinic in April of 2010.
13 The sole radiation therapy clinic on Guam does provide services to
14 residents under all insurance programs, both private and public, to include
15 the MIP and Medicaid program. Although these funds are only earmarked
16 for radiation therapy for cancer patients under the MIP and Medicaid
17 programs, through recent events it has been identified that there are gaps
18 in services under the MIP and Medicaid program as it relates to providing
19 of cancer care to Guam residents. It was identified that the current rules
20 and regulations within the Medicaid program excluded the treatment of
21 some cancer related services, such as an Allogeneic transplant, which may
22 be required care or treatment for cancer patients suffering from Hodgkin's
23 disease, also known as Lymphoma cancer. As MIP and Medicaid already
24 provides for radiation therapy, there is a need to bridge the gaps in services

1 in cancer care and cover cancer services not provided under the MIP and
2 Medicaid program. It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to
3 immediately make available the funds necessary to provide medical
4 treatment options for people under public assistance programs, but who
5 are currently limited by the available options for authorized treatments
6 that may be provided. It is the intent to use these funding to save lives of
7 our people.

8 **Section 2. Section 81113 of Chapter 81 of Title 12 Guam Code**
9 **Annotated (b) (1) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

10 “(b)(1) There is hereby created the Guam Cancer Assistance and
11 Treatment (GCAT) program, within the Guam Department of Public
12 Health and Social Services. (DPHSS). DPHSS shall use funds under
13 this program to supplement and/or cover direct cancer care services
14 not covered in other local public assistance programs under their
15 purview, such as the Medically Indigent Program (MIP) and
16 Medicaid program. In addition, DPHSS shall have discretionary
17 authority to utilize funds under this program to provide direct cancer
18 related services and treatment for cancer patients under public
19 assistance programs and who are otherwise unable to meet their
20 financial obligations for treatment.

21 Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) held in an account by the
22 Guam Economic Development Authority shall be made available for
23 the sole use of the Guam Cancer Assistance and Treatment Program
24 as established and authorized by Section 2 of this act. The Director of

1 the Department of Public Health and Social Services shall be the
2 certifying authority of these funds."

3 ~~[Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for radiation therapy for cancer~~
4 ~~treatment provided through the Medically Indigent Program (MIP).~~
5 ~~The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority shall enter into a contract or~~
6 ~~a public private partnership agreement for the operation of a~~
7 ~~Radiation Therapy Machine. Said contract or public private~~
8 ~~partnership agreement shall provide for the care of indigent patients~~
9 ~~under the Medically Indigent Program (MIP) and Medicaid Program~~
10 ~~and shall require that invoices for cancer treatment be paid within~~
11 ~~sixty (60) days after receipt.]~~

12 **Section 4. Reporting Requirement.** The Director of DPHSS shall
13 transmit a report outlining the detailed expenditures of this program to *I*
14 *Maga'lahaen Guahan* and to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* on a monthly
15 basis.

16 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application
17 to any person or circumstances is found to be invalid or contrary to law,
18 such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act
19 which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application,
20 and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

21 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon its
22 enactment.



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr., Chairman
 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
 SENIOR CITIZENS AND ELECTION REFORM
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PUBLIC HEARING DATE / TIME: Thursday, May 5, 2011 5:30pm

- AGENDA ITEM: Bill No. 170-31 (COR)- AN ACT TO BRIDGE THE GAPS IN SERVICES FOR GUAM CANCER PATIENTS BY CREATING A GUAM CANCER ASSISTANCE AND TREATMENT (GCAT) PROGRAM, BY AMENDING §81113 OF CHAPTER 81 OF TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED ITEM (b)(1). Introduced by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.**

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✓ Terry Cuabo	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓		✓		
✓ Ryan Reyes	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓		✓		
Christina Martini Clines	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓		✓		
✓ Franky Espinosa	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓		✓		
✓ Chuck Tanner	<i>[Signature]</i>			✓	✓		6878827
✓ JAMES GILLAN	<i>[Signature]</i>			✓	✓		

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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF BILL 170-31 BEFORE
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON HUMAN SERVICES, SENIOR CITIZENS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ELECTION REFORM.

Good afternoon Senator Rodriguez, Jr. and fellow members of the Committee on Health and Human Services, Senior Citizens, Economic Development, and Election Reform. I come before you today to testify in favor of bill 170.

My name is Terry Cuabo, patient advocate for Ryan Reyes, the 29-year old Chalan Pago resident who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 – Advanced Hodgkin's disease, a form of Lymphoma. First, let me begin by commending Senator Rodriguez for having the courage to introduce Bill 170, as it will help bridge the gaps in cancer care services for our Guam residents. I thank Senator Ben Pangelinan for co-sponsoring the bill, as well as Senator Respicio who expedited its referral out to committee and placing it on the session agenda.

Ryan was referred to me about 3 weeks ago needing only an airline ticket for travel to Los Angeles, as he thought his medical treatment was going to be covered by Medicaid. This was the same day Ryan was introduced to Senator Rodriguez, Jr. who, at the time, was only asked to help him get a plane ticket as the Ayuda foundation could not cover it because they only provide travel for MIP patients. Within 24 hours of meeting Ryan, we came to find out that what the current situation Ryan thought he was in, was far from the truth. Ryan DID NOT have a confirmed appointment with an off-island cancer specialist, and not only did he need his transportation to be covered, he also needed to have his cancer treatment to be covered as well.

Based on a referral from his oncologist on Guam, Ryan's prospective treatment plan requires high doses of chemotherapy and a Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT), which was also confirmed by the cancer specialist from the Good Samaritan Hospital, of which he was initially referred to by Public Health. Good Samaritan has now referred him to the City of Hope Hospital who specializes in Bone Marrow Transplant as they cannot provide that service within their hospital. As of Monday this week, Public Health has informed me that in order for the City of Hope to schedule and accept Ryan's referral they must receive a Letter of Agreement from Public Health to cover Ryan's treatment plan of receiving high doses of chemotherapy and a Bone Marrow Transplant. Public Health has informed me that they cannot issue this Letter of Agreement with the City of Hope because the Bone Marrow Transplant that Ryan needs is NOT covered under the Medicaid program. As of today, Ryan **does not** have an appointment with an off-island cancer specialist to get the much-needed treatment to save his life, at the same time, the baseball size tumor that grows in the back of his neck continues to grow and chip away at any chances for him to live.

Due to limitations on both the MIP and Medicaid programs, required treatment for patients such as Ryan are not covered. Instead of looking at ways to help these patients, Public Health can only say that there is nothing they can do, given the restrictions and limitations of their programs, to help patients like Ryan. Senators, this is UNACCEPTABLE!

If Ryan was your brother, sister, cousin, neighbor, or even a **son**, you would do whatever it takes to save him. Unfortunately, Ryan does not have the support of a parent to plead with you to save his life, as he buried his mom who died of cancer just 3 months ago.

Senators, looking at the language and merits of proposed Bill 170, all that the bill does is move \$2 million dollars that was initially earmarked for radiation therapy for cancer patients under the MIP and Medicaid program to cover cancer-related services NOT covered under MIP and Medicaid. Radiation therapy is currently being covered under both, the MIP and Medicaid program. Let me state for the record, Bill 170 does not change the intent of initial law that funded the \$2million dollars, as services will still be provided to MIP and Medicaid patients, and for cancer-related services.

Senators, this legislative body has introduced and passed a multitude of laws that has helped our people, ranging from laws excluding law enforcement personnel, employees, and positions from the application of the provision of "Safe Harbor" under the drug-free workplace program, laws to provide expanded transparency and public access relative to the finances of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, or a law relative to the encompassing internet safety in public education curricula. For problems affecting our people, you name it and legislature has introduced legislation to correct it!! The biggest different between the intent of Bill 170 compared to many laws enacted by the Legislature is that this potential law CAN and WILL save lives!!!

As this committee continues to hear additional testimony and prospectively discuss the merits of this proposed legislation, I humbly ask that you keep the following bible verse in mind:

Matthew 25:34-40 (New International Version, ©2011)

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Senators, for the sake of the many cancer patients who are clinging to their will to live and are hanging to their last hope for a solution in meeting their much-needed cancer care, I humbly ask you to vote in support of Bill 170 as it truly has the effect of saving the lives of many of our Guam residents.

Ryan Reyes
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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF BILL 170-31 BEFORE
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON HUMAN SERVICES, SENIOR CITIZENS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ELECTION REFORM.

Good afternoon Senators, my name is Ryan Reyes and as you may already know, I have been diagnosed with Advanced Hodgkins disease. The past 5 years have been a very difficult time as I have been dealing with the advance of my cancer, as well as the recent death of my mother to cancer just 3 months ago.

I have done everything anyone has told me. Whether it be to fill out the hundreds of applications, government forms, or going to the Northern regional facility to get another evaluation for a second opinion. Anything I can do to try and get the treatment I need, I have done. I honestly don't know where to turn to. Is this bill my last resort to save my life and the lives of other cancer patients? If so, I humbly ask that you to do what you can to save my life and the life of other cancer patients.

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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF BILL 170-31 BEFORE THE
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ELECTION REFORM.

Senator Rodriguez, Jr. and fellow members of the Committee on Health and Human Services, Senior Citizens, Economic Development, and Election Reform. I come before you today to present this testimony in favor of Bill 170.

My name is Christina Martini Cline, patient advocate and nurse for oncology (cancer) patients receiving radiation treatments. I come before you this evening as a patient advocate for many cancer patients whose voices may have not been heard publicly, yet, have been voiced and heard in my care. Fifteen months, two thousand four hundred hours ago, I was touched by many cancer warriors with their unending challenges that continues today of not getting the help they need where significant time has passes when they called for assistance, return phone calls or paperwork is still yet to be done and /or pending reviewed. I quote these are exact words going beyond my workplace, new names each day lays on a message sheet for me to return the call, I have become an avenue, a road map for many who calls HELP.

As a I have personally use that word at several times in my personal health trials, I can honestly say I have walked their shoes, called that very same word, HELP and indeed, through divine power of our Lord, He brought his answers through his people involved in my health care team at the time of my needs, and with all the gratitude, praise and glory, I have been blessed now for thirteen years of recovery to enjoy living each day without treatments, setbacks, medications, and most importantly the heavy burden that was freed during those challenges that I could not have solved myself. Yes, through the support of family, friends, health care team, but the vast amount of compassion given to find the resources, the unconditional, patient care, advocacy, navigation program that I received while residing in California during my times of health trials exemplifies the success to my roadmap to recovery. Where I am today, sharing those same care given to me unconditionally.

We all know, that this is global concern, it has been for many years and will continue to be a major problem for patient to receive assistance beyond their insurance coverage, public assistance program, and what assets and funds they may have. It is understated at times, but the cost for medical care is magnificent for a cancer patient, we are never prepared to save for this rainy day.

From the time of screening, to the diagnosis, while on treatment and during recovery, many of us, do not have enough dollars in our bank account to account for all the expense that each and every cancer patient will endure. Therefore, It is OK, to call for help. While we can't solve every one of the problems, we can go beyond, take a further step, an initiative to find, to seek improvement, to be creative to partner with numerous organizations, foundations locally and nationally addressing multicultural health disparities to begin to improve what we can afford, and provide to all cancer patient care and for their overall patient care in general.

We, as people, friends, family, representatives, health care team, coalition members, Cancer care researchers, foundations, donors, contributors, etc. beyond our time at work, are inhibited by nature to be humanitarians, Good Samaritans, we need to educate in order to understand the impact of diversity of our cancer patients here in this beautiful Island of Guam. We must continue fervently to find ways and efforts to better improve patient care resources and assistance to reach outcomes with the highest ultimate goal of whole-istic quality of care. It like a circle and it goes around for all to be a part of. When one can't find a solution, it passes to the next and to the next until we can find some answer.

Therefore, We are here tonight, because we care, we have that compassion for our Island people, we have taken the time to doing something, the first step might seem late for some but with hope for many in remission, in treatment, and just being diagnosed. Your votes can make a difference, it can have the greatest impact, the greatest stride of possible outcome for One or two or more cancer patients where their endless prayers have been lifted, who have been sleeplessly worrying, patiently hoping for help where help can no longer be sought. Truly the fact is, we have limited resources for financial assistance and the special medical care available to aid their needs when it goes beyond the coverage of insurance companies, government assistance programs, Financial assistance foundations and the remaining funds in their bank accounts. Where can they turn to? Where loans have already been used and new applications have been denied, personal property have been sold, utilities disconnected, they have moved in with family to cut the cost, piggy banks have been broken and used, family have loaned them money, endless fundraisers are still not enough for their indescribable co-payments, some are already on medical leave, or without job due to their condition. Not everyone is fortunate to have savings that will be sufficient for their treatment expense. My patient cancer jar fund in my clinic is not enough to cover the call for help, sometimes we have only enough to pay for the bare minimum of their prescription, or over the counter aids for their side effects, their telephone so we can get a hold of them, their public transport bus ride, Gas money to get to treatment and appointment, their utilities, their late fees to other doctors, their medical supplies when they have maxed out their funding for the year with organizations who assist them, And these are just to name a few that we encounter on a daily basis.

I, personally have set out on a quest to find assistance for so many that I have opened many doors available locally, and extend my heartfelt gratitude for all their assistance but it doesn't become the stopping ground. Therefore, we as one body, doing something right, for the good cause of helping our brothers and sisters in Christ must keep searching

for the many doors left to open that we know exist to help in some way or form. Expanding and relying nationally has been a great asset, however, because of our geographic locations, there are delays in processing which can be crucial to their needs. With the strength of my Faith, I have an obligation to do the will and the plans laid out for me to carry, to stand for what I believe is seek the help to bridge the gaps and services needed. I know all things are possible, I am shaped and molded with determination to find ways to access any resources, to try to detour from the substantial barriers for all patients equally. With being in the forefront of all this, I have built a personal relationship with my patients for them to know that at least we did something to help. This is just the beginning for growth in patient advocacy and patient care navigation, I am more passionately determined to help to the extent that is so desperately needed here for Guam. In order for a cancer patient to Succeed on their road to Recovery, the Awareness of their Emotional being and Financial Distress must be shared and acknowledged with respect, compassion and without discrimination, delay and neglect.

Tonight, a possible new door might have been found, we have yet to open and discover its hopeful possibilities of BILL 170. As a patient advocate and a nurse for cancer patients, I lift my prayer for all the members of the Committee on Health and Human Services, Senators, in hopes that it will have a sign for our patients to arrive at one day to read the words We are OPEN and Hafa Adai, How can we help you?

Bill 170, I hope its desire is to help patients not just survive Cancer but to Fight it to Overcome it. Lets make a difference as one body, what distinguishes us from many US Territories, and states is our welcoming, caring Island hospitality, our love that we have to hold families together, that beautiful Chamorro Culture that makes families stick together tied by heartstrings. We can continue that same value in helping the system find a doorway that can bridge the gaps and services. For everything we do, no matter how small, attaches itself to a greater whole. Be a part of a small possible hopeful solution, and take it one day at time as it grows.

Once I saw this acronym and found it to express exactly how to deliver patient cancer care to all who are involved.

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Thank you for your time, and God Bless.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF Bill No. 170-31 (COR)

Good Evening Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr., Chairman and members of the Committee on Health & Human Services, Senior Citizens, Economic Development and Election Reform. My name is Franky Espinosa and I am from the beautiful village of Santa Rita.

I come before you this evening to testify in support of Bill No. 170 for I am a living example of one of your constituents who can certainly benefit from this Bill should it become law.

Some of you know me for I was a hairdresser for 32 years. Although I enjoyed my career for it was an opportunity to make many friends and kept me in contact with my family and relatives, this experience resulted in my acquiring a skin disease from the years of working daily with many chemicals. This forced my retirement as a hairdresser for I will have this incurable condition for the rest of my life.

I currently receive a measly \$315.00 monthly allotment from Social Security. Although I worked for many years, I ended with this small amount for there were times no contribution was being made to Social Security. Government employees are not the only ones victimized by deductions for retirement that somehow never made its way to the retirement fund. There are private employees who suffer that same misfortune with the Social Security Program.

I am now a senior citizen and the small pension I receive, made me eligible for public benefit programs. I am a recipient of the Medically Indigent Program and SNAP or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program formerly known as Food Stamps.

I never made it my routine to get an annual physical examination. However, when I became eligible for the Medically Indigent Program, I finally decided that I will avail of all opportunities to get myself checked. This decision began my journey to that fateful day of February 18, 2011 when I was told I had Stage I--Prostate Cancer.

Being one of those who is not able to afford off-island medical treatment, I ended up becoming a patient of the Island Cancer Center and I am currently receiving radiation therapy for my medical condition. Thank God this service is being provided right here on Guam. I am assured there may still be hope for me.

I am not sure how much my treatment will cost but we all know it would be quite expensive.

Right now, the MIP is currently being billed for the treatment I receive. Please pass this bill so that I and the many others who may be in the same situation as me will be able to receive our medical treatment with the funds this Bill has identified. That way, the cost of our treatment currently being billed to MIP can free those funds to be used for others who may be suffering from other medical needs.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to the passage of Bill No. 170.

God Bless all of you and God Bless Guam! Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

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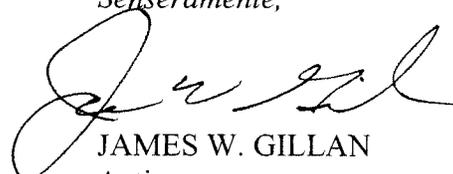
Buenas! Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee on Health and Human Services, Senior Citizens, Economic Development, and Election Reform. The Department of Public Health and Social Services does not oppose, but has concerns on Bill 170-31(COR) - AN ACT TO BRIDGE THE GAPS IN SERVICES FOR GUAM CANCER PATIENTS BY CREATING A GUMA CANCER ASSISTANCE AND TREATMENT (GCAT) PROGRAM, BY AMENDING SECTION 81113 OF CHAPTER 81 OF TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED ITEM (b)(1).

We agree with the concept of Bill 170-31(COR) to bridge the gaps in services of Guam cancer patients. However, the bill is only bridging the gaps of services for Medicaid and MIP patients. The recent audit findings of the Guam Office of the Public Auditor stated that the benefits of MIP are more generous than the government of Guam health care plans and federally funded Medicare Program. Passing the bill will provide additional benefits to the existing comprehensive benefits of Medicaid and MIP and making it more generous to this group of people. To better allocate scarce government resources and to provide an equal and more efficient health care benefits to a larger group of people, we strongly suggest that the following be included in the bill:

1. Cover direct cancer services of clients eligible under the Catastrophic Illness Assistance Program based on program's benefit criteria
2. A benefit maximum limitation of \$150,000
3. Apply the income liability of MIP clients to share in costs between 7% to 45% of covered services
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5. Benefit exclusion for experimental and palliative treatment
6. Treatment must be FDA approved
7. Treatment must be in a Medicare or JCAHO certified facility

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts.

Senseramente,



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Re: Bill No. 170-31 – An Act to Bridge Gaps in Services for Guam Cancer Patients by Creating
a Guam Cancer Assistance and Treatment (GCAT) Program

Hafa Adai Senator Rodriguez,

The American Cancer Society – Guam Field Office is pleased to offer testimony in response to
Bill No. 170-31, An Act to Bridge Gaps in Services for Guam Cancer Patients by Creating a
Guam Cancer Assistance and Treatment (GCAT) Program.

The American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific Inc., was founded in 1959, and the Guam Field
Office was established in 1969. The American Cancer Society is a community-based, voluntary
health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing
cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering caused from cancer, through research, education,
prevention, and access to treatment. This mission includes advocating that patients receive access
to new and existing treatments to save their lives.

All individuals upon a cancer diagnosis need timely access to adequate cancer care to ensure
survival of the disease. Bill 170-31 ensures that the Government of Guam can provide life-
saving and comprehensive cancer care immediately to its most vulnerable residents without the
threat of their condition worsening or resulting in death and/or more expensive treatment costs.

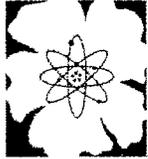
This bill also ensures that the Government of Guam is able to fulfill its obligation as a good
steward of resources by adequately covering cancer treatment for all low-income and cash-
strapped families who need access to care, instead of, allowing these funds to sit idly in a time of
extreme fiscal pressures.

Although the total amount of funds available is modest, it will be a start in providing necessary
solutions for those individuals who have very limited treatment options available to them. It is
our hope, however, that the push to address and respond to gaps in services not end here. Cancer
does not discriminate. It creates financial hardship for all patients who receive a diagnosis,
regardless of their income level or financial stability. We hope that as a result of the discussions
here this evening, lawmakers will use this as the impetus to make a positive and measurable
difference in the lives of all the members of our community who are impacted by cancer.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony here today.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marisha Artero".

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COMMENT ON BILL 170: AN ACT TO BRIDGE THE GAPS IN SERVICES FOR GUAM CANCER PATIENTS, BY CREATING A GUAM CANCER ASSISTANCE AND TREATMENT PROGRAM BY AMENDING 81113 OF CHAPTER 81 OF TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTED ITEM (b) (1)

As I understand there are funds that had been designated for a 'Comprehensive Cancer Clinic' to be defined by the GMHA. Since the GMHA has many more important problems at this time, it is clear that this is not a priority and hence these funds are locked away and not being used.

For the past 25 years, Bone Marrow (or more accurately now, Stem Cell) Transplants have been the standard of care in a number of Hematologic Diseases and this procedure can be life saving.

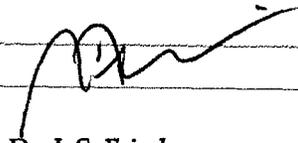
It has been very frustrating trying to treat such patients on Guam, since not only the Government of Guam run funds (MIP, Medicaid) but also the private Guam Insurances Companies do not authorize Stem Cell Transplants. Hence, only Medicare or Tricare insured patients have been able to get such coverage, and most Medicare patients have been too old to receive such therapy in any case.

In the past, when California was more generous, we would send patients to Los Angeles (without formal invitation) to appear on the doorstep (ER Department) of LA Children's Hospital or City of Hope (depending on age), and MediCal (the California equivalent of MIP) was very receptive in taking care of the patients. However, this has now stopped due to California's budgetary constraints and uninsured patients will be turned away to die.

There is a well-defined group of diseases with specific conditions that warrant Stem Cell Transplant and these patients should be selected carefully as should the institute where this would be accomplished. Therefore, as the cost of such therapy is very substantial, there should be a highly qualified individual that does the selection of these patients. In addition, these patients are often very critically ill and there should be no delay in such justified referrals. Finally, there is a tremendous difference in cost of similar procedures in different institutes; some often being multiples of others and this should be part of the selection consideration as well.

I would like to see not only the Medicaid/MIP patients qualify for this procedure, but also see such therapy covered by private Health Insurances, since this very often is the difference between life and death and many of these patients are either children or young adults. While, in the past, there had been clinical studies using Bone Marrow (Stem Cell) Transplants in a number of diseases where this procedure has now proven to be futile, and perhaps there was some justification in insurances having a blanket denial for such procedures, today this has long ceased to be the case and these transplants are now the treatment of choice in a number of well defined conditions.

As the only Hematologist on Guam as well as the only physician who has had training in Hematologic Transplant Therapy, I can certainly be instrumental in helping to set guidelines and instituting cost effective therapy at specific institutions. City of Hope has been selected in the past because of convenience, but is certainly far from the cheapest institute performing Stem Cell Transplants.



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May 5, 2011

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RE: Support of Bill 170-31

Dear Senator Rodriguez:

For purposes of the record, my name is Chuck Tanner and I submit this testimony in my personal capacity in support of the intent and purpose of Bill 170-31. My profession is in Health Care Administration and specifically in the surgical and cancer fields. I offer the following thoughts and comments for you to consider in the formation of the final law. The bottom line is that this bill is a matter life and death.

General. Simply, in any household budget it is wise to have insurance to cover unexpected occurrences and also a liquid cash contingency fund for emergencies. Many families on Guam have set aside money in their personal budgets to have them available for emergencies in addition to insurance. This is money that is immediately available in the shortest time possible. That is what this bill does for medical emergencies.

Time. Unfortunately we have a situation in front of us that requires immediate attention. Time is a critical factor for Mr. Reyes. In many ways Mr. Reye's has brought to our attention a need that not only affects him, but others as well. It has illuminated gaps, disparities and process problems within our health care system. We must first attend to the immediate needs and also look to the future.

Funds. The Government of Guam had such a line in the budget called the Catastrophic Illness Program (PL 18-8, 18-31, 23-76). The Catastrophic Illness Assistance Program (CIAP), to the best of my knowledge does not have liquid funds at this time. As the bill 170-31 states, there is 2.0 million dollars in funds available in the statutes for radiation oncology. So, there is money, it is not needed for the intended purpose back then. There is a related need. Seems like simple logic to normal people. For future funding I recommend verbiage that puts cash, not allocation, into this fund, permanently. This is a lesson learned. There was a fund, when someone needed it, it was not there. Media gets involved...seems like an insane way to run a government. Thresholds should be set and mandatory funding should be carried year to year based on historical usage.

Structure. To create the recommended Guam Cancer Assistance and Treatment program may take time we do not have. Two alternatives would be to form the GCAT under the existing CIAP structure or to not form the GCAT and place the funds directly into the CIAP. If you choose the later, I would recommend a thorough review of the CIAP program implementation rules by the Director DPHSS. This review should include focus on-

- Timeliness. Given our experience with Mr. Reyes it is obvious that the process is overwhelming bureaucratic, cumbersome and inefficient for timely treatment of patients. I recommend strict reportable timelines for processing the request.
- In addition, the burden is currently on the patient and not on public health staff. This is unacceptable in the complex field of healthcare. Patients facing life threatening illness are distracted and need a great deal of personal assistance.
- It is also obvious that there is a lack of credentialed medical providers in the process.
- Authority. Often times the process can be stopped or delayed by the administrative process and by staff without decision making authority. Thus, I highly recommend the establishment of a “fast track” that bypasses the normal administrative structure and is given to the senior management team in conjunction with credentialed medical professions. I recommend current medical professions in Public health or if not available that either the members of the Guam Board of Medical Examiners or the GMH Medical Executive Committee be an integral part of this process.
- I would make the program an auditable event from a financial and process standpoint.
- I would make the Director, DPHSS directly and personally responsible and answerable for the maintenance and process of this program.

I assume that these catastrophic cases are not frequent. An examination of historical use of the CIAP could be used in the evaluation of the process and the amount of funds needed. Given my assumption that these cases are infrequent, I do not believe this would be a great burden on the senior staff of DPHSS.

By placing the funds in the CIAP now, we can address the immediate need. The review of the CIAP could be accomplished after the immediacy is completed (though I would have the oversight committee maintain a watchful eye on completion.) I am also not supportive on limiting funds for only cancer patients. That does not make sense, only cancer patients need to live? I can't use cancer money so I can live? The CIAP seems to be broad enough in scope to cover all disease categories to include cancer.

In the bigger picture it is time to take action on reform in the MIP program and Public Health. I do not need to reiterate the numerous discussions and problems. This bill could be the catalyst and first stepping stone toward this major renovation.

In conclusion, bad systems cause frustration for the staff of DPHSS. The media, pundits and public want to place blame. Good people in bad situations take the heat. I have been in health care administration on Guam for the past 10 years. I have worked with caring people in the private, public and not-for-profit arena. I have seen the boxes of records crowding the halls of public health. I have heard the unfulfilled promises followed by the never ending excuses. It is time to take a stand and not only help patients, but also help those that help the patients.



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Fw: Testimony Supporting Bill 170 re Gaps for Cancer Patients w Suggested Changes in Managing \$2 Million

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Subject: Testimony Supporting Bill 170 re Gaps for Cancer Patients w Suggested Changes in Managing \$2 Million

May 5, 2011

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Committee on Health and Human Services,

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Election Reform

Re: Testimony Supporting Bill 170 with Suggested Changes to Managing \$2 Million for Cancer Care

Chairman Rodriguez, Vice-Chairman Palacios, Members of the Committee:

For purposes of the record, my name is Peter Sgro, Jr. and submit this testimony in my personal capacity in support of the intent and purpose Bill 130-31. I would however like to provide suggestions to make modifications to this Bill to insure access to care is provided to cancer patients as intended by the authors of this Bill. It is my hope that my testimony will also foster greater discussion on the need to have this Committee become the Champion for permanent change in the management of MIP and Medicaid funds. I am currently off-island and thus not able to attend the public hearing on this Bill and respectfully request the Committee accept my testimony by way of email.

I am especially sensitive to the needs of cancer patients of our island since I had to face the realities of being diagnosed with cancer, the realities of facing access to care issues associated with my cancer, the realities of the stress that individuals and their families face when diagnosed with cancer and having to make a multitude of decisions including un-planned financial decisions related to the requisite access to care associated with cancer. As a result of not just my personal experience with the realities of cancer, but being a patient advocate for a 23 year old cancer patient the past two years, I fully support the intent and purpose of Bill 130-31, but feel this Committee needs to seriously consider how millions of dollars over many years intended to help not just cancer patients, but all patients, has been handled by the MIP and Medicaid Financial Office of Public Health. Based on my personal experience, to say the manner in which these funds have been handled for years being "Unconscionable," is an understatement.

Senators, access to care is not a one dimension process that stops with funding. Access to care involves a multitude of factors with "Time" being the most critical in terms of not just access, but the delivery of care especially for patients facing life threatening diseases. What prevents either the delivery of care or the access to care is a total breakdown in the financial management system that funds the care. When life and death decisions relative to denying or approving of care is left to an antiquated system that has become complicit, it results in a system of procrastination which has no place in any health care system. It especially has no place in what the authors of this Bill are seeking to accomplish by creating a mechanism to help cancer patients of our community.

It is important that references made to one office in Public Health in my testimony be distinguished from any other office in this agency, especially the offices of social workers that serve as patient advocates. I applaud the social workers of Public Health that also serve as Patient Advocates since in seeing at least what two of them have done and continue to do, their passion to foster access to care has been a service we should all be proud of. I have seen such compassion and a willingness to take time to be with a patient and their family no matter the hour of the day to help them through

their suffering and worry. I cannot say the same for the MIP and Medicaid Financial Office of Public Health and maintain serious concerns if this particular office becomes responsible for even a penny of the \$2 Million that will result when this Bill becomes law.

About 10 months ago a Northern Public Health clinic licensed physician who embraced the value of telemedicine in the delivery of care, wanted to do a telemedicine consult in the case of the cancer patient I have advocated for. This same office not only treated a Telemedicine consult as an "Off-Island Referral" identical to treating a patient leaving island for care, but despite a licensed public health physician recommending the telemedicine consult, it was denied. The Foundation that my wife and I founded together with others in the private sector, donated the telemedicine equipment to the Northern Public Health Clinic which included the installation and training, since this particular licensed physician and the Administrator of the Clinic understood the value of telemedicine as a part of access to care. We did not even know the reason for the denial until we were presented with the reason for denying the telemedicine consult at a meeting I attended with the parents of the cancer patient which took EIGHT (8) months to have with the individual in charge of this office. Especially in cases involving cancer and other chronic diseases, patients and their families do not have time on their side. Delays in responding is one of many reasons for lack of access to care even if the money is there.

We all know the reason why time is of the essence to respond to patients especially with cancer and I cannot help but ask myself, how many other patients with cancer or other progressive chronic illnesses had to wait for months before being told whether care recommended by a licensed physician would be denied or not. At the meeting I attended after waiting EIGHT (8) months, I asked the representative of the MIP and Medicare Financial Office what medical credentials she had to deny or approve any care recommended by a licensed physician. I asked if like all health insurance companies within and most outside of Guam, whether there was a Medical Director or licensed physician that was involved in the decision making process of denying or approving access to funding and care. These decisions Senators have been left for years in the hands of non-medical professionals that are not licensed physicians and in my opinion, do not have the requisite qualifications to be denying or approving care.

With respect to the use of non-embryonic stem cells as a treatment option for some patients in an effort to fight cancer, this is a complex area of medicine that requires significant expertise that no one in the MIP and Medicaid Financial Office has any experience to even begin making any decisions about this treatment option. I have personally toured two hospitals' Regenerative Therapy Departments where use of the patients' own stem cells are harvested in a laboratory with molecular and DNA data used to identify the best course of action in an effort to save lives. Regenerative Therapy using non-embryonic stem cells is unfortunately very expensive and depending on each case can run anywhere between \$150,000 to as high as \$400,000. Unfortunately, unlike a few countries in Europe, stem cell therapy as a treatment option for cancer is not accepted by certain industries especially the pharmaceutical industries. It is a procedure that is not covered by any health insurance plan that I am aware of in the United States

and many countries and is also not covered under MIP, Medicaid or Medicare. But if this Bill is also intended to provide a chance at life by funding non-embryonic stem cell treatment of cancer, those currently responsible for the denial or approving of MIP and Medicaid dollars for care should not be involved in the decision process of whether any cancer patient is a candidate for such care. If leadership in this particular office demonstrates no sense of urgency and has no medical experience, I urge you not to place even a penny in their hands to carry out the important intent of this Bill.

My personal experience with this office did not end the day we finally got the meeting. The approval to get care off-island was finally approved and documents the family were told had to be completed were all tuned in already. But with less than 48 hours before a cancer patient and his parents were to board a plane, they had to endure another last minute call to come up and fill out more paperwork otherwise they would be stranded in Narita before catching a connecting flight to the state where they had an appointment to see a doctor.

Consider Senators if you, one of your family members or a close friend had cancer and you had to face the following situation less than 48 hours before boarding a confirmed flight to get to a doctor:

I spent most of the day running around between Public Health, Northern Clinic, the Dr's private clinic, medical supply companies looking for the items for the portable oxygen machine. They didn't give me the connection tubing that he wears and I couldn't get it without a prescription so I had to track the doctor down to get it. Then they had to have all these forms to be filled to get them to pay for it and the medical supply place closes at noon and when I was there it was already 11:45 a.m. so I said forget it I will just pay for it since there is not time to go back to Public Health to get the authorization and be back before they closed. I finally got home at about 3:30 in the afternoon. I was in getting ready to go pray a rosary when Public Health called and said there was one more form that needs to be sign by the doctor or else we won't get on the plane in Narita. Mind you it was already 4:10 pm, Public Health closes at 5pm, my husband was not home, I had no

ride, the

Northern Clinic closes at noon on Fridays and his doctor is not in on Fridays

anyway. So I had to call six people before I found someone who could run up to

Public Health before they closed to pick up the paper. Have to wait till morning

to try and track his doctor down to sign the paper so we can fax it to United Airlines.

Oh and then they tell me there is a \$200 charge with United to bring the oxygen machine

on board their aircraft. So here I thought we already filled out all the necessary

documents, which I have done yesterday and today. THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN AND WE ARE

GETTING ON THE PLANE COME SUNDAY!!!

The series of real life experiences of a cancer patient and family members of a cancer patient contained in my testimony, should not happen to anyone. The gaps in access to care for cancer patients includes assurances that this and many similar experiences of others are finally recognized to be unacceptable and unconscionable.

I ask that this Committee and all Senators seriously consider whose hands you place this \$2 Million in since the funds are one thing, the ability to properly and efficiently manage the funds with medical credentials to support decisions is another. In order for cancer patients to receive the care they need, more than funding is required. Having the funds managed by people that you can trust with your own lives and the lives of your own family members, will insure cancer patients have the access to the care this Bill intends to provide for them.

In closing, I want to say that this is an opportunity to sincerely help many in our community that face the realities of being told "You Have Cancer." I also feel it is an opportunity to begin greater discussions about how MIP and Medicaid funds have been managed for years, to call round table discussions with stakeholders in the communities and those in our medical community to share their own experiences so that our Legislature can begin the process of change when it comes to the handling of MIP and Medicaid dollars.

Thank you very much.

Peter R. Sgro, Jr.

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VIA FACSIMILE
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Director
Bureau of Budget & Management Research
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Request for Fiscal Note -
Bill Nos. 168-31 (COR) through 170-31 (COR)

Hafa Adai Ms. Manglona:

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

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

Very Truly Yours,

Rory J. Respicio

Attachments

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

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MEMORANDUM

To: Pat Santos
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Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 170-31 (COR)

As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bill No. 170-31(COR).

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os ma'åsel!

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Bill Log Sheet

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170-31 (COR)	D. G. Rodriguez, Jr., v. c. pangelinan	AN ACT TO BRIDGE THE GAPS IN SERVICES FOR GUAM CANCER PATIENTS BY CREATING A GUAM CANCER ASSISTANCE AND TREATMENT (GCAT) PROGRAM, BY AMENDING § 81113 OF CHAPTER 81 OF TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED ITEM (b)(1).	4/27/11 4:19 p.m.	4/28/11		Committee on Health & Human Services, Senior Citizens, Economic Development and Election Reform			



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FROM: SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. CHAIRPERSON

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Laura,

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Thanks,
Clifton

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May 2

Guam Board of Barbering and Cosmetology: Regular meeting 9 a.m., Health Professional Licensing Office, Suite 9, Legacy Square Complex, Route 10, Mangilao. For special accommodations, call 735-67405/7.

May 4

Mayors Council of Guam: Regular meeting 10 a.m., J&G Commercial Center, Suite 111F, Hagåtña. Call Elaine Schaaf, 472-6940 or 477-8461.

May 5

Civil Service Commission: Board meeting 5:45 p.m., seventh-floor conference room, ITC Building,

Tamuning. Signing, judgments of dismissal: Angelica F. Shinohara vs. Guam Memorial Hospital, Sharon L. Castro vs. Department of dismissal; GovGuam Retirement notices of personnel action numbers RF-150; hearings on merits: Raymond M. Perez vs. Guam Waterworks Authority; signing, decision and order: Timothy N. McDow vs. Guam Public School System; bills and laws relating to CSC. For special accommodations, call Tillie at 647-1855/7 or TDD 647-1872.

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Guam Community College:

Board of Trustees' monthly meeting 6 p.m., president's conference room, building 2000, Mangilao. For special accommodations, call 735-5597.

May 12

Guam Board of Nurse Examiners: Rescheduled regular

meeting 4 p.m., Health Professional Licensing Office, Suite 9, Legacy Square Complex, Route 10, Mangilao. For special accommodations, call 735-67405/7.

May 16

Guam Environmental Protection Agency: Board of directors' regular meeting 4 p.m., GEPA main office conference room, Mariner Ave., Tiyan. Public invited. For special accommodations, call 475-1658/9.

May 18

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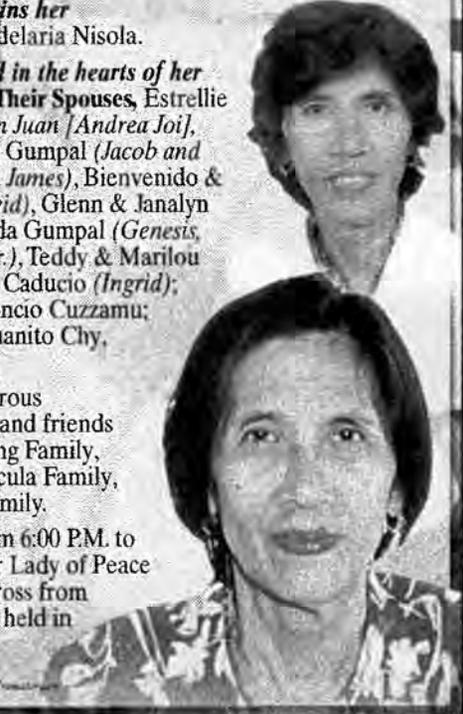
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FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS
We, the family of the late



Toshiko G. & Leonardo A. Viejo

Would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate *Mom's 1st and Dad's 29th Anniversaries* into Eternal life.

Mass of Intention is being offered at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church in Sinajana as follows:

Date	Mass Time
Saturday, April 30	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 1	10:30 a.m.
Monday, May 2	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 5	No Mass
Friday, May 6	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 7	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 8	10:30 a.m.

Please join us.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Chris, Leo, Nancy and Family

OBITUARY

ZACHERY JOHN EVARISTO LEONEN

Zachery John Evaristo Leonen, fondly known as "Zac," of Ordot, died April 23. He was 16.

Rosary at 7 p.m. at 145 Telofofo St., Ordot. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

TO: ALL SENATORS
FROM: SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. *DR*
CHAIRPERSON
SUBJECT: SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, MAY 5, 2011 5:30PM

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Senators 2nd Notice of Public Hearing May 5, 2011

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Mon, May 2, 2011 at 9:56 AM

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Her love and memories will always be treasured in the hearts of her Children, Their Spouses and Grandchildren: Chata, Rafael III, Richard, & Charyne Cartaciano (Children of Rafael Jr. deceased), Marcelo V. & Rian Joyce Cartaciano (Liam & Ariana), Australiz & Ulrich Lenckowski (Audrey Kingery, Daniel Bratcher), Michael V. & Bennett Cartaciano (McHale & Kayla), Philipps V. Cartaciano, Love V. Cartaciano (Doulton & Christian Schweizer), Christina C. Cartaciano **Siblings and Their Families:** Bernardino O. & Vilma Valera (Byron, Lily Mae & Bernard), Patricio O. & Shirley Valera (Dave, Val, Aries, & Sheryl), Arturo O. & Jojie Valera (Kristine, Christian, Pamela & Arthur John), **Nephews and Nieces:** Larry, Annabelle, Felix Jr. & Romel Valera; Eric Escalera & Eileen Escalera.

She will also be missed by numerous relatives and friends.

Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday and Monday, May 1 and 2, 2011 at 182 Laguina Ct., Windward Hills, Yona. **Viewing & Last Respects** may be paid from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at St. Francis Church, Yona. **Mass of Christian Burial** will be offered at 1:00 P.M. **Interment Services** will immediately follow at Our Lady of Peace Memorial Gardens, Windward Hills.

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In Loving Memory

Jose Quichocho Castro

"Papa" - "Uncle Ling" - "Josem Cecilian Emma" - "Josem Dalalai"
 Familian "Payesyas, Semmon, Dalalai"
September 26, 1939 - April 23, 2011

Of Tamuning, was called home by our heavenly Father at the age of 71.

Rosary is being prayed each evening at 8 p.m. at the residence of John and Seph Evangelista, 239A Tai Road in Chalan Pago.

As he rests, he now joins his:
Sons: Ray Reyes Castro, Joey Junior Castro
Parents: Lucas Rosario and Teresa Quidachay Quichocho Castro; Isabel Cruz Castro;
Brothers/Sisters and Spouses: Jose and Angustia C. Concepcion; Juan Q. and Romana T. Castro; Vicente Q. Castro; Francisco Q. and Guadalupe D. Castro; Juan S. and Josefa C. Taitingfong; Jesus Q. Sanchez; **Parents-In-Law:** Juan Mantanona and Emma Taijeron Reyes; **Brothers/Sisters-In-Law and Spouses:** Ana T. Maunderville; Jose S.N. Barcinas; William T. Reyes



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Civil Service Commission: Board meeting 5:45 p.m., seventh-floor conference room, ITC Building, Tamuning. Signing, judgments of dismissal: Angelica F. Shinohara vs. Guam Memorial Hospital, Sharon L. Castro vs. Department of Education; Gov-Guam Retirement notices of personnel action numbers RF-150; hearings on merits: Raymond M. Perez vs. Guam Waterworks Authority; signing, decision and order: Timothy N. McDow vs. Guam Public School System; bills and laws relating to CSC. For special accommodations, call Tillie at 647-1855/7 or TDD 647-1872.

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May 11
Guahan Ancestral Lands Commission: Regular monthly meeting 2 p.m., GALC office, Suite 103, Anigua commercial building. For special accommodations, call 473-5263.

May 12
Guam Board of Nurse Examiners: Rescheduled regular meeting 4 p.m., Health Professional Licensing Office, Suite 9, Lega-

May 16

Guam Environmental Protection Agency: Board of directors regular meeting 4 p.m., GEPA main office conference room, Mariner Ave., Tiyan. Public invited. For special accommodations, call 475-1658/9.

May 18

Mayors Council of Guam: Special meeting 10 a.m., J&G Commercial Center, Suite 111F, Hagåtña. Call Elaine Schaaf, 472-6940 or 477-8461.

May 26

Guam Parole Board: Regular hearing 8:30 a.m., Parole Services Division, Suite 505, DNA building, Hagåtña. For special accommodations, call 473-7001.

May 27

Department of Public Health and Social Services: Public hearing on proposed biennial Guam State Plan for Child Care Development Fund program for Oct. 1, 2012, to Sept. 30, 2013, 9 to 11 a.m., RJB complex large conference room, Adelup. Copies of proposed state plan available at Bureau of Economic Security Office, Suite 4, Legacy Square building, Route 10, Mangilao. Call Carmelita Babauta at 735-7192 or Elsa Perez, 735-7279.

Government of Guam Retirement Fund: Board of Trustees regular meeting noon, Retirement Fund conference room, Route 8, Maite. For special accommodations, call 475-8900/1.

June 1

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June 15

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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Announcements
- III. Items for Public Consideration

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- IV. Announcements
- V. Adjournment

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As of 7:45 p.m., April 29

Local News

Public hearing on cancer services bill

The Committee on Health & Human Services will conduct a public hearing on Bill 170 at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Legislature. The bill is looking to close the gap in services for Guam's cancer patients. To do this, it will require the creation of a Guam Cancer Assistance and Treatment program at the Department of Public Health. Additionally, \$2 million from a previous bond will be go to supplementing the care for those under the program.

Power outage today in Harmon

Areas of Harmon will be affected by a scheduled power outage today, according to a press release issued by Guam Power Authority. The outage will take place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., and affect businesses including E Star building, Castro Lane, H & A Store, Pyramid Recycling, Guam Chief Auto, Pepsi Cola, Rojas Drive, IT & E, Proline, Black Construction and Mascot.

Buildup project to bro

By Gaynor Dumat-ol Daleno

Pacific Daily News
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An \$86 million project related to the relocation of thousands of U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam will start with a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for Friday, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas announced yesterday.

The project to improve Apra Harbor wharves is key to enhancing berthing capacities for the Navy,

and to facilitate efficient loading and unloading of transient ships that directly support the Marines who are relocating from Okinawa to Guam, according to NAVFAC.

NAVFAC Pacific awarded the \$86 million task order in September 2010 to Guam MACC Builders, a Honolulu joint venture.

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for design and constr for the pending Marine



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Bill aims to shift cancer care funds

Written by

Laura Matthews
Pacific Daily News

2:00 PM, Apr. 28, 2011

Cancer patients on Guam could get additional help with their care if a bill introduced by the chairman for the Committee on Health and Human Services yesterday becomes law.

Sen. Dennis Rodriguez Jr. introduced Bill 170 to amend Guam law for the creation of a Guam Cancer Assistance Program in an effort to bridge any gaps in services for cancer patients.

The bill will enable funds under the program to be used to supplement or cover cancer-care services that aren't covered under Medicaid or the Medically Indigent Program.

The bill states there is \$2 million from bond proceeds that have been appropriated for radiation therapy for cancer treatment through the Medically Indigent Program. However, these funds are waiting to be used according to the provision of Public Law 29-19. For these funds to be used, Guam Memorial Hospital was to enter into a contract or a public-private partnership agreement for the operation of a radiation therapy machine.

But there has been no contract in more than three years and no patients have benefited from the funds, the bill states.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent: *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

finds that Chapter IX, Section 1, Item (b) of Public Law 29-19 and codified as 12 GCA Chapter 81, Section 81113 , item (b)(1), sets aside \$2Million from bond proceeds to Refund the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) Tobacco Settlement Asset Backed Bonds, Series 2001A and Series 2001B, and for other purposes. According to Item (b) of this statute, \$2million dollars is appropriated for radiation therapy for cancer treatment through the Medically Indigent Program. These funds currently sit in account under the purview of GEDA waiting to be utilized pursuant to provisions set forth in Public Law 29-19. In order for these funds to be utilized the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority was to enter into a

1 contract or a public-private partnership agreement for the operation of a
2 Radiation Therapy Machine. Said contract or public-private partnership
3 agreement shall provide for the care of indigent patients under the
4 Medically Indigent Program (MIP) and Medicaid Program and shall
5 require that invoices for cancer treatment be paid within (60) days after
6 receipt. Over the past 3 and half years since the enactment of this law,
7 GMHA has failed to enter into the required contract or public-private
8 partnership agreement and no cancer patient on Guam has been able to
9 utilize these funds to cover their much needed care. Currently, MIP and
10 Medicaid is in fact covering radiation therapy for individuals under their
11 respective programs. The initial law that appropriated these funds was
12 done prior to the re-opening of the radiation therapy clinic in April of 2010.
13 The sole radiation therapy clinic on Guam does provide services to
14 residents under all insurance programs, both private and public, to include
15 the MIP and Medicaid program. Although these funds are only earmarked
16 for radiation therapy for cancer patients under the MIP and Medicaid
17 programs, through recent events it has been identified that there are gaps
18 in services under the MIP and Medicaid program as it relates to providing
19 of cancer care to Guam residents. It was identified that the current rules
20 and regulations within the Medicaid program excluded the treatment of
21 some cancer related services, such as an Allogeneic transplant, which may
22 be required care or treatment for cancer patients suffering from Hodgkin's
23 disease, also known as Lymphoma cancer. As MIP and Medicaid already
24 provides for radiation therapy, there is a need to bridge the gaps in services

1 in cancer care and cover cancer services not provided under the MIP and
2 Medicaid program. It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to
3 immediately make available the funds necessary to provide medical
4 treatment options for people under public assistance programs, but who
5 are currently limited by the available options for authorized treatments
6 that may be provided. It is the intent to use these funding to save lives of
7 our people.

8 **Section 2. Section 81113 of Chapter 81 of Title 12 Guam Code**
9 **Annotated (b) (1) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

10 “(b)(1) There is hereby created the Guam Cancer Assistance and
11 Treatment (GCAT) program, within the Guam Department of Public
12 Health and Social Services. (DPHSS). DPHSS shall use funds under
13 this program to supplement and/or cover direct cancer care services
14 not covered in other local public assistance programs under their
15 purview, such as the Medically Indigent Program (MIP) and
16 Medicaid program. In addition, DPHSS shall have discretionary
17 authority to utilize funds under this program to provide direct cancer
18 related services and treatment for cancer patients under public
19 assistance programs and who are otherwise unable to meet their
20 financial obligations for treatment.

21 Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) held in an account by the
22 Guam Economic Development Authority shall be made available for
23 the sole use of the Guam Cancer Assistance and Treatment Program
24 as established and authorized by Section 2 of this act. The Director of

1 the Department of Public Health and Social Services shall be the
2 certifying authority of these funds."

3 [~~Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for radiation therapy for cancer~~
4 ~~treatment provided through the Medically Indigent Program (MIP).~~
5 ~~The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority shall enter into a contract or~~
6 ~~a public private partnership agreement for the operation of a~~
7 ~~Radiation Therapy Machine. Said contract or public private~~
8 ~~partnership agreement shall provide for the care of indigent patients~~
9 ~~under the Medically Indigent Program (MIP) and Medicaid Program~~
10 ~~and shall require that invoices for cancer treatment be paid within~~
11 ~~sixty (60) days after receipt.]~~

12 **Section 4. Reporting Requirement.** The Director of DPHSS shall
13 transmit a report outlining the detailed expenditures of this program to *I*
14 *Maga'lahen Guahan* and to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* on a monthly
15 basis.

16 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application
17 to any person or circumstances is found to be invalid or contrary to law,
18 such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act
19 which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application,
20 and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

21 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon its
22 enactment.