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## VOTING SHEET

SBill No. 111-31(COR)

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

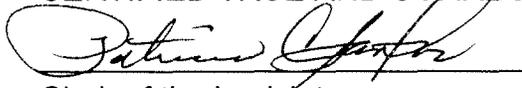
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ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
ADA, V. Anthony	✓				
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	✓				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.	✓				
DUENAS, Christopher M.	✓				
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	✓				
MABINI, Sam	✓				
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose	✓				
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.	✓				
PANGELINAN,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

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Clerk of the Legislature

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**SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO**  
**MAJORITY LEADER**

**CHAIRPERSON**  
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May 3, 2011

**The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.**  
Speaker  
I Mina' trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan  
155 Hesler Place  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 111-31 (COR) As Substituted**

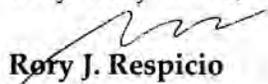
*Hafa Adai* Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesia Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources hereby reports out its findings and recommendations on **SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 111-31 (COR) – "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 70 TO DIVISION 6 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL; TO ESTABLISH THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTION FEE AND FUND; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A BIOSECURITY DIVISION,"** sponsored by Senator Christopher M. Dueñas.

Committee votes are as follows:

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Very Truly Yours,

  
**Rory J. Respicio**

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**COMMITTEE REPORT ON**  
**BILL NO.111-31 (COR) AS SUBSTITED**  
By the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian  
Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources

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**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator Christopher M. Dueñas**  
**Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D**

**SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO**  
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May 3, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: All Members**

**From: Senator Rory J. Respicio**

**Subject: Committee Report –Bill No. 111-31 (COR) As Substituted**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on **SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 111-31 (COR) – “AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 70 TO DIVISION 6 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL; TO ESTABLISH THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTION FEE AND FUND; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A BIOSECURITY DIVISION.”**

This report includes the following documents:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 111-31 (COR)
- Copy of Bill No. 111-31 (COR) As Substituted
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Written Testimony on Bill No. 111-31 (COR)
- Referral of Bill No. 111-31 (COR)
- Fiscal Note for Bill No. 111-31 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing Agenda

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!*

**SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO**  
**MAJORITY LEADER**

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**COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET**

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Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson		5/3/11 				
Senator Judith P. Guthertz Vice-Chairperson		5/3/11 				
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member		5/3/11 				
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member		5/3/11 				
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member		5/3/11				
Senator Thomas C. Ada Member		5/3/11 ✓				
Senator vicente c. pangelinan Member		5/3/11 ✓				
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, JR. Member		✓ 5/3/11				
Senator Adolpho B. Palacios Member		5/3/11 ✓				
Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D. Member		5/3/11				
Senator Christopher M. Duenas Member		5/3/11 ✓				

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**COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

**I. OVERVIEW**

**BILL NO. 111-31 (COR) - "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 70 TO DIVISION 6 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL; TO ESTABLISH THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTION FEE AND FUND; AND, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A BIOSECURITY DIVISION"** was introduced by Senator Christopher M. Duenas on March 14, 2011; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human and Natural Resources on the same day.

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human and Natural Resources convened a public hearing on Bill 111 on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 5:37 P.M. in the Legislature's Public Hearing Room to receive public testimony on the measure.

**Public Notice Requirements**

In accordance with the Open Government Law, notices were disseminated to all senators and to all main media broadcasting outlets on April 14, 2011 and April 19, 2011. Notices were also issued to various public and private entities.

**Senators Present**

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson  
Senator Judith P. Guthertz, Vice-Chairperson  
Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Member  
Senator Christopher M. Duenas, Member  
Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D, Member  
Senator Mana Silva-Taijeron

**II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION**

**Senator Respicio called the hearing to order at 5:35 PM**, stated that notices were properly made in accordance with the Open Government Laws and introduced Senator Chris Duenas and Senator Aline Yamashita, co-authors of the bill.

**Senator Respicio** explained that although Bill No. 111-31 was introduced on March 15, Senators Duenas, Respicio and Judith Guthertz had several meetings with UOG, CQA and Agriculture to look into ways to make sure the Invasive Species Council (contained in the bill) works to address Guam's growing invasive species problem. He wanted to ensure that there was no duplication of services and that there will be clear lines of authority to properly address the needs of the people and island.

**Senator Duenas** gave a brief introduction: in 2005 Gov Camacho promulgated Executive Order 2005-13 relative to invasive species control and interdiction. This gave birth to efforts to deal with invasive species and the need to stand up a bio-security division with emphasis on science and research, which in turn gave rise to Bill 111. The bill formulates a comprehensive approach to dealing with invasive species, creates the Guam Invasive Species Council under Agriculture: to include Prevention, Rapid Response, Eradication, and Education.

**Senator Duenas** noted the concern of the Department of the Interior regarding bio-security in the region, including Guam, CNMI and Micronesia. He said that invasive species are devastating Guam, especially inland, and we need all of the help we can get. One of the main objectives on which the military buildup is likely to focus is protection of their assets. The efforts made on behalf of the military could also help the people of Guam, he said. When prevention doesn't work, we have to take care of the eradication, and also pay more attention to the aquatic resources. Sen. Duenas said the bill mirrors what is done in Hawaii, where natural resources are the foundation of their economy, as it is in Guam.

**Senator Respicio** said he was pleased with the participation at the hearing and wanted to reiterate that the proposed Customs User Fee would not be held up by the process, but there needs to be assurance that there should not be duplication of effort by the agencies.

The first to testify were Agriculture Director Maraquita Taitague, Bill Mayfield, Ray Benavente, and Paul Bassler. **Director Taitague** said that Agriculture recognizes the need to prevent biological invasion threats and recognizes CQA's importance as the "first line of defense," and Agriculture's role inland. She said she was present at a one-hour CQA presentation on their efforts and future plans and felt that CQA should be co-chairs alongside Agriculture. She also asked for funding to be identified for an additional entomologist, botanist and plant pathologist, and that both agencies share resources.

**Director Taitague** added that they should try to secure funding first from federal funds and grants, to be shared by both agencies, before imposing the funding source in Section 4, the “Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund.”

**Mr. Mayfield** said he was in support of the bill, but as a small businessman in Guam for more than 20 years, he was concerned about the added costs. He said the fees were equal to the shipping costs and he has been absorbing the increases over the past four years. He was hoping there would be a way to implement the program without increasing fees.

**Ray Benavente**, an import specialist, said his background was with Guam Customs. He said he supported the bill and commended the Senators for its introduction. He said that prior notification was necessary, and that new federal laws were on their way to being implemented, including a new food safety act. He said that fees were necessary and should come from the importer and a bonding fee should be required. He said that eradication of “bugs” would be costly, Hawaii appropriated \$2 Million for snake eradication. He recommended that Homeland Security should be the umbrella agency.

**Senator Duenas** said that they would collect over \$2 Million per year at a dollar per ton. Also, the council could go after federal matching funds. He said there may be a blended solution regarding the fees.

**Former Department of Agriculture Director Paul Bassler** testified next, who is now with the UOG Rhino Beetle task force. He listed a number of invasive species problems: the brown tree snake, cycad scale, vines attacking the forests, etc. and believes this bill takes the first step. Some say the federal government should pay for this, but the problems we have currently are not caused by the buildup. We have to take care of our existing problems then turn to the military so they can pay for what they brought in.

**Mr. Bassler** said that funding is biggest challenge, and we can’t afford to stop. He said the funding source should be the cargo because that is what brings in the threats: people and cargo. The fee is a starting point. When the economy goes up there will be more funding; we may have a 600% increase in traffic during the buildup. He entered into the record a petition with nearly 900 signatures of people of Guam who do not want to see their resources destroyed.

**Senator Respicio** asked Ms Taitague if she had any meetings with Customs or the front office regarding this issue. She acknowledged that there was a meeting with Customs and she believed they have been doing a good job. No one's efforts should be discredited.

**Senator Duenas** asked if she felt that Agriculture should continue to take the lead; she said yes. He agreed that Agriculture is where invasive species eradication belongs.

**Senator Silva Taijeron** asked Mr. Mayfield about the fees and what they would be if the new fee were imposed. He said the cost would go up about \$600 per 40-foot container, including the new TSA fee and the additional \$1 per ton. Senator Duenas said the fee would not affect exports, only imports. Mr. Mayfield said he brought in an average of about 15 tons per month of fish products, which would equate to a fee of \$15.

**Senator Respicio** asked Ms Taitague if there had been any discussions with the front office about moving PPQ back to Agriculture. She said there had not.

Next to testify were Jessica Nangauta Angelita Mendiola, Bill McDonald, and Anthony Santos. Lou Stein, John Diego,

**Ms. Nangauta**, an agriculture major at UOG, said she was in support and believed that the task force was necessary to control the invasive species. She said her work with the Rhino Beetle has taken her around the island and people were always asking here about what can be done to deal with the invasive species. She said that the entire road to Ipan was lined with invasive weeds and hopes that this task force will take care of the problems.

**Ms. Lou Stein**, former president of the Guam Nurserymen's Association, testified that her concern was the plants and fruits they sell. Customers have been asking about the bugs, white flies, worms and other problems. She said she also buys Black Flag and soap and oil to protect plants from the white flies.

**Mr. Bill McDonald** from Agana Heights, a farmer, said he supported bringing Agriculture back to the front lines to inspect the plants. He said that we received \$2 Million to control the Rhino Beetle and it's still here. He said the same was true for the brown tree snake and the frogs that were everywhere. He mentioned the skunk that had been found and asked, "how does Customs pass a skunk?" He said the importers had to be made responsible for the invasive species. He said the penalty for introducing

invasive species should be increased. He repeated that there should be penalties for violators. He concluded by saying he supported the bill.

Next to testify was **Anthony Santos**, who thanked the Senators and CQA for what they were doing. He said that no one had talked about culture and his generation sees the culture dying, and he knows it's important to protect our island. He is a canine handler for the CRB. He said he goes out every day and he sees the damage that's been done. It's already here and time to do something about the invasive species. It's time to do something now. To not support the bill would be real foolish because the time is here, he said.

We're still not doing enough, he said, and added that if we don't do it now what's going to happen to our future generations? He said he was in full support of the bill and hoped that it would go through. Senator Respicio thanked him for his testimony.

**Senator Respicio** called up Tom Camacho, Ernie Wusstig, David C. Flores and Philip Taijeron from CQA. He noted that Vincent SN Perez had submitted written testimony. For the record Senator Respicio listed UOG students and workers in support of the bill: Vincent Benavente, Marty Hara, Carlo Nededog, Britteny Funes, Ken Leon Guerrero, Jackie Villagomez, Roy San Miguel, Iris San Miguel, and Hugo George.

**Ernie Wusstig** said he was in support of the bill. He thanked CQA for protecting borders. He said that he didn't want to point any fingers and that the bill should be amended because two heads is better than one. If two are looking, maybe we can catch everything that comes in. He said that he had called Roland Quitugua a few nights earlier when a rhino beetle flew into the room and landed on the table. There were lots of beetles at Batulo road in Dededo. He said that he planted lots of coconuts but they won't be having any coconuts because of the rhino beetle. There are all kinds of bugs in the field where we was working and he doesn't foresee any plants or fruit because of the bugs. He said that two agencies are looking, especially with federal money available, they should be able to take care of the issue.

**Major Vincent SN Perez**, acting director, read from his prepared testimony. He said that CQA recognizes the need for Agriculture to beef up their actions relative to invasive species, but their agency does not support the bill in its present form for the following reasons:

- The bill fails to recognize the importance of Customs on the borders and does not consider Customs as an equal co-chair for the invasive species council;

- The bill creates overlapping functions at the border; and
- The bill reestablishes another layer of bureaucracy relative to inspection of goods and merchandise at the borders.

**Major Perez** said that despite reduced funding, CQA has already established an Agriculture Security Task Force to focus on the threat of invasive species. The task force provides additional capacity for inspection and screening.

He said it would be more beneficial to improve Customs security at the borders and also improve DOAs capabilities for monitoring and combating terrestrial, marine and other invasive species inland. He said that Customs' core duties exist at the border and that their personnel specialize in reviewing and inspecting imported merchandise.

**Major Perez** noted that CQA focus on the detection and interdiction of contraband with canine and bio-security task force personnel. He noted that facility upgrades to further enhance detection and interdiction of agricultural violations through ports of entry, and CQA grant applications will help to solidify the Customs bio-security program.

**Major Perez** pointed out that by absorbing Plant Protection & Quarantine functions, CQA was able to reduce bureaucratic processes and delays. The PPQ officers were cross trained with customs officers. Major Perez hoped the bill would reinforce and expand core competencies in their own areas.

**Major Perez** made the following recommendations:

- Revise Bill 111-31 to include CQA alongside DoA while maintaining separate and distinct divisions;
- Incorporate language for shared communication, coordination and resources;
- Keep language within current statutory framework;
- Identify and delineate division of responsibilities and use of resources.

**Major David Flores**, acting chief of Customs was next to testify, stating that their funding has remained status quo since 9-11, and they continue to do more with less. They are actively seeking grants but it is a very competitive situation. He said that Agriculture and Customs needed to cooperate and work together to accomplish their goals, and that additional funding was important.

He pointed out that the rules and regulations of the agency also needed to be shored up, not just in the area of illicit drugs, but also relative to invasive species. He used

Hawaii as an example of a jurisdiction where their processes and rules and regulations were up to date and very useful.

**Senator Respicio** pointed out that when PPQ was assimilated into Customs, it was not just funding, but also the personnel. Flores said that it did. They started in 2000 with a \$9M budget but by 2003 their budget was reduced. The PPQ money was absorbed, but the funding did not show significantly in 2005.

**Senator Respicio** pointed out that the budget shortfall has been felt throughout the government, not just at Customs. He said that the overall GovGuam budget has fallen from well over \$600 Million to less than \$400 Million in just a few years. He said that it was his understanding that the \$2 Million that came over to CQA for PPQ was used to supplement Customs operations rather than for PPQ needs for border protection.

**Major Philip Taijeron**, Assistant Chief of CQA said the funds were used for various purposes from just 19 PPQ officers to over 100 officers covering all ports of entry with increased AQI capacity. Sen. Respicio asked about the fee schedule going through the Triple A process and if it would shore up the AQI capacity.

**Major Flores** said the funds were to pay for their current operations. He said that the bottom line is that we need to seek additional funding, and that they have a strategic plan put together by Major Taijeron, that shows what that plan is in addition to current operations.

**Major Taijeron** said that their testimony was already presented and their points were made, but because people spoke so passionately about bio-security, he wanted to share some information. Invasive species incursion management requires capacity building of resources above the current funding level absorbed when PPQ was transferred to CQA, he said. The bio-security posture required at borders internationally is a new concept. Since the PPQ acquisition, greater management and control of the borders has become necessary, by both Customs and Agriculture. The creation of the bio-security division took place over two years, he said, and added that it is impractical to check every container and piece of cargo that comes in through Guam's ports of entry, although all are screened before being released. Selective inspections must be accompanied by sufficient funding and training, as well as automation.

**Major Taijeron** said that, as of a few years ago, Australia, possibly one of the most strict of all countries, received incursions of 40 invasive species per year. Guam received just

5, so Guam was on a par with larger, better funded areas. He said that there is a mistaken belief that the sole responsibility for border control lies with Customs once it absorbed PPQ, which is not correct. He said that the Department of Agriculture also has responsibilities for providing technical support relating to invasive species, as well as providing assistance by way of the commodities inspectors. The PPQ officers still perform the same functions they performed when they were at Agriculture, and still send their reports to the same person, even though they have changed agencies.

**Major Taijeron** said that going back to the old structure would not solve Guam's problems. The law enforcement aspect is what the island needs to control invasive species because law enforcement seeks to stop and remove the problems it encounters. He suggested that bio-security divisions in both CQA and Department of Agriculture would be advantageous, and is also in opposition to Bill 111.

**Senator Respicio** asked about the fee schedule currently going through the Triple-A process. Major Taijeron said that the amount would be about \$3 Million per year. Sen. Respicio asked about a proposal that would take the former PPQ officers and establish an Agriculture Security Division. Major Taijeron asked which document Sen. Respicio was reading from. The Senator said it was a proposal to establish an Agriculture Security Division within CQA. Major Taijeron asked to see the document.

**Senator Respicio** pointed out that they still receive the funding that originally came from moving PPQ to Customs. Major Taijeron said that the funding is no longer looked at in that manner. Senator Respicio said that the proposal to create Agriculture Quarantine Inspectors is of concern to him because one of his regrets was his support of moving PPQ to Customs several years earlier, in an effort to have a unified border protection structure. PPQ was supposed to be a separate division with their dedicated source of funding, with oversight by CQA. Sen. Respicio said that the director of Agriculture at that time felt that the funds would end up being identified as for Customs, and PPQ would be absorbed, and he was correct.

**Major Perez** said that every CQA officer is also a PPQ officer. All officers have a blended skill set, and receive the training to accomplish the tasks of both Customs officers and PPQ officers. Sen. Respicio asked why they were proposing an additional agriculture division when they are still performing the PPQ tasks.

**Vice Speaker Cruz** asked what kind of training Customs Officers and PPQ officers received. Major Perez said both were cross-trained so they each were able to acquire

each others' skill sets. Vice Speaker Cruz asked if the PPQ officers had specialized training before being moved to Customs. The response was yes they had. Vice Speaker Cruz asked for a detailed breakdown on the training that each Customs and PPQ officer has received.

**Vice Speaker Cruz** asked about grants applied for and received, and whether training is ongoing, even with the drop in tourism and fees. He asked that CQA provide the chairman the information on education/training/certification of officers and grants applied for and received.

**Senator Yamashita** thanked Customs for caring and paying attention to their duties. The training efforts were kept up and yet there are still invasive species. Impressed that so many people are present at the hearing, and believes that what is really needed is communication and collaboration. Hopes to be able to further address the issues brought forth by customs. The tension isn't high, so people are not fighting but agreeing upon what is important.

**Senator Duenas** expressed his content at the progress that has been made. Happy that all the concerns are highlighted because Customs' concerns are that important. It was non-intentional to leave out Customs. Thinks the amendments are workable. Asked Customs a question that pertains to DOA, so he has to wait till DOA comes back on the panel. Asked Major Perez for his current rate of inspection. 100% of the containers do get screened at the port of entry. There are no figures for actually breaking the tag present.

**Major David Flores:** stated that there were 82,000 containers that came in last fiscal year. Invited the committee to come out and join Customs so that they can see exactly what Customs does.

**Senator Respicio** informs them that Senator Guthertz is really interested in the bill even though she wasn't able to be present, and how they were trying to find other ways in order to appropriate money to Customs. There are programs developed to take care of the invasive species problem beyond the border. This hearing was not an indictment on Customs.

**Major David Flores:** qualifies how invasive species can be easily bought online.

**Senator Respicio** asks Customs to stay back to listen to Roland Quitugua.

**Director Taitague** clarifies that she doesn't want to be the lead, she wants to work together with Customs because two heads are better than one.

**Senator Duenas** asks for clarification that the fee schedule, as had been testified, is for augmentation of current operations.

**Senator Respicio** asked about the status for the director of Customs and Quarantine cause he hasn't seen a packet for Sgambelluri. If Major Perez isn't the acting director he's the acting chief so they aren't sure what's going on. Calls on Mr. Quitugua to testify.

**Mr. Roland Quitugua** greets each of the senators present. He represents the Northern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District. He likes that bill 111 has finally been introduced because it's been a long time coming. Most of the hearing has been about money, whether or not it can be afforded. The reality is that we cannot afford not to do it. It is cheaper to keep it out than to fight it once it's crossed our borders. It's important to work together, but they are working on it in the corner of their desks because Guam hasn't put it at the forefront. Describes how he believes the whole system should work. It's probably best fit for the invasive species coordinator to be placed at the University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability.

**Senator Duenas** jokes that if the bill is a good bill, then it was his idea. If it gets messed up, then he doesn't know who drafted it. Should Department of Agriculture be the stewards for this program?

**Mr. Quitugua** thinks that Department of Agriculture should be the steward, but he doesn't care who the program goes to, all that matters is that they do a better job than what is being done now.

**Senator Duenas** says that if the bill gets passed, the farmers aren't going to go to Customs to ask for help, they are going to go to Department of Agriculture and ask for help.

**Mr. Quitugua** explains that the reason he doesn't care what department it goes to cause he asks himself the question "is it good for Guam?" cause if it's good for Guam, then it's good for him.

**Mr. Bill McDonald** wants every cargo that comes to Guam to come in a container and fumigate it. If we can't fumigate, then do 100% inspection. Customs and Quarantine are not agriculture specialists, so let Customs concentrate on their expertise, and let Agriculture deal with their specialties. Bill 111 deals with the financial side of what they are trying to do.

**Mr. Bassler** adds that Bill 111 does not take away AQI from Customs. He doesn't think it was an intent to create a controversy between agencies, but the controversy stems when more than one agency has to control the borders. There is clearly a suggestion of duplication in Customs' proposal and bill 111. The idea is that that specialized team receive specialize training all the time. Once again offers support to 111.

**Mr. Quitugua** says that people think that we aren't that bad cause Hawaii is catching 40 invasive species compared to our 2 to 5, but they find 40 is because they are LOOKING for 40. We could double ours if we were looking for it.

Discussions end and **Senator Respicio** then allows Customs to present a picture display depicting their current efforts at combating invasive species.

**Mr. Jason Paulino** makes a presentation of the plant inspection station, maritime inspection, biosecurity advisory threat, and airport interceptions using poster boards.

**Senator Respicio** adjourned the public hearing at approximately 8:05 PM.

### III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

After extensive discussions with the authors, Committee members, representatives of the Governor's Office, government agencies and community stakeholders, the introduced version of Bill 111-31 was revised to reflect various amendments requested and various amendments deemed necessary to strengthen the mandates and mechanisms put in place by the Bill, to meet the intent of the legislation. A mark-up copy of the Bill, reflecting all the changes made, is included with the Committee Report.

The Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and Human & Natural Resources hereby reports out **BILL NO. 111-31 (COR) AS SUBSTITUTED**, with the recommendation **TO DO PASS**.

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**Bill No. 111 -31 (COR)**

As Substituted by the Committee on Rules;  
Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; and  
Human & Natural Resources

**Introduced by:**

**C. Dueñas**  
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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 70 TO DIVISION 6 OF  
TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO  
ESTABLISHING THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL;  
TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES  
INSPECTION FEE AND FUND; AND TO AUTHORIZING THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A  
BIOSECURITY DIVISION.**

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

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that island ecosystems are particularly vulnerable to the destructive power of invasive pests. The unimpeded spread of invasive species is one of the greatest threats to Guam's economy, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of its people. Invasive pests can cause millions of dollars in crop losses, the extinction of native species, the destruction of native forests, and the spread of disease.

There is increasing traffic of cargo being transported into Guam without a high priority for inspection of invasive species. It is most notable that there is also a lack of aquatic monitoring, or rapid response measures, to handle incidences of invasive species discovered at our ports of entry and inland. Thus the growing potential threat increases each year that enforcement and monitoring is not mandated and, most importantly, carried out. This Act aims to combat terrestrial, marine and freshwater invasive species that have been introduced into Guam and caused widespread havoc on our island and aquatic ecosystems.

1 Currently, officers of the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency provide the "First Line of  
2 Defense" for the island by enforcing local and federal laws and regulations. They are also  
3 responsible for protecting our borders, securing ports of entry and facilitating trade, commerce and  
4 travel. These are many obligations for one department to enforce, and are certainly of utmost  
5 priority. However, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to put a higher priority on inspection and  
6 surveillance of invasive species by creating a Biosecurity Division under the Department of  
7 Agriculture for the protection of our natural resources from biological invasion and threats, and the  
8 protection of our geographical area from invasion by unwanted organisms.

9 The *I Liheslatura* further finds that nationally, invasive species councils have mobilized  
10 efforts to combat invasive species through funding sources generated by fees at all ports of entry,  
11 penalties for violations, eradication funding and government assisted grants.

12 Furthermore, this Act will place the value of our precious resources as a top priority in order  
13 to combat harmful invasive species that have the potential to devastate our environment, agriculture,  
14 and livelihood of our people.

15 **Section 2. A new Chapter 70 is added to Division 6 of Title 5, Guam Code**  
16 **Annotated to read:**

17 **“Chapter 70**

18 **Guam Invasive Species Council**

19 § 70101. Short Title.

20 § 70102. Guam Invasive Species Council, established.

21 § 70103. Duties of Council.

22 § 70104. Composition of Council.

23 § 70105. Government of Guam Agency Duties.

24 § 70106. Conduct of Meetings.

25 § 70107. Guam Invasive Species Management Plan (GISMP).

26 **§ 70101. Short Title.** This Chapter shall be known as the *Guam Invasive Species*  
27 *Council Act of 2011*.

28 **§ 70102. Guam Invasive Species Council, established.** The Guam Invasive Species  
29 Council (GISC) will be established for the special purposes of protecting Guam from alien species  
30 that threaten our economics, culture, ecosystem and human health and providing policy direction,

1 coordination, and planning among government of Guam departments and federal agencies to prevent  
2 the introduction of invasive species and the monitoring, control and eradication of invasive species  
3 throughout the island of Guam.

4 **§ 70103. Duties of Council.** The Council shall:

5 (a) Create a mission statement on invasive species for Guam;

6 (b) Develop a Guam Invasive Species Management Plan (GISMP);

7 (c) Act as the lead entity for Guam to include local regional, national and international  
8 invasive species efforts.

9 (d) Provide annual reports on the progress made in achieving the objectives of the  
10 GISMP to *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

11 (e) Coordinate and promote Guam's position with respect to federal issues concerning  
12 invasive species in Guam:

13 (f) Identify and record all invasive species present in Guam;

14 (g) Identify all needed resources for the purpose of working on invasive species  
15 prevention, suppression and eradication.

16 (h) Advise *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guahn* on budgetary and other issues  
17 concerning invasive species;

18 (i) Review the structure of fines and penalties to ensure maximum deterrence for  
19 invasive species-related crimes;

20 (j) Make appropriate recommendations for legislation to improve the management of  
21 invasive species programs and policies;

22 (k) The Council, in coordination with *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*, shall review the  
23 Interagency Biosecurity Task Force Work Plan adopted in 2009 (*see* Appendix A), and in  
24 accordance with the framework and recommendation detailed in the 2009 Plan, the Council shall  
25 formulate an updated version of such a plan, to include replacing the mentions of the USDA APHIS  
26 PPQ, with the 'Guam Invasive Species Council' or the 'Invasive Species Coordinator', as  
27 appropriate. Such plan shall be submitted to *I Liheslaturan Guahan* no later than sixty (60) calendar

1 days from the date of enactment of this Act, and shall be subject to legislative approval. Should *I*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guahan* fail to act within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of submittal, such plan  
3 shall be deemed approved; and

4 (l) Perform all functions necessary to effectuate the mission of the Council.  
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6 **§ 70104. Composition of Council.**

7 (a) The Council shall be composed of Department Directors or their representatives from  
8 the Guam Department of Agriculture (GDOA), Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA), the  
9 Department of Administration (DOA), the Bureau of Statistics and Plans (BSP); the Homeland  
10 Security Advisor; the Administrator of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency; the Executive  
11 Manager of the A. B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority; the General Managers of the  
12 Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority of Guam and the Guam Visitors Bureau; the University of  
13 Guam Associate Director of Extension and the Director of the the Western Pacific Tropical Research  
14 Center; and the Executive Director of the Mayors Council of Guam

15 (b) The Council may invite additional public and private sectors members to serve on  
16 sub-committees with significant responsibilities concerning invasive species, and may prescribe  
17 special procedures for their participation.

18 (c) The Council shall be chaired by a newly formed position called the Guam Invasive  
19 Species Coordinator, who will be hired out of the University of Guam under the University Center  
20 for Island Sustainability. Funding for the Guam Invasive Species Coordinator will come from the  
21 Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund.

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23 **§ 70105. Government of Guam Agency Duties.** (a) Each government of Guam  
24 agency whose actions may affect the status of invasive species shall, to the extent practicable and  
25 permitted by law: (1) identify such actions; (2) subject to the availability of appropriations, and  
26 within the Administration's budget limits, use relevant programs and authorities to: (i) prevent the  
27 introduction of invasive species; (ii) detect and respond rapidly to mitigate the population of such  
28 species in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner; (iii) monitor invasive species

1 populations accurately and reliably; (iv) provide for restoration of native species and habitat  
2 conditions in ecosystems that have been affected; (v) conduct research on invasive species and  
3 develop technologies to prevent introduction and provide for environmentally sound control of  
4 invasive species; and (vi) promote public education on invasive species and the means to address  
5 them; (3) not authorize, fund, or carry out actions that it believes are likely to cause or promote the  
6 introduction or spread of invasive species in Guam, the United States, or elsewhere, unless, pursuant  
7 to guidelines that it has prescribed and that have been approved by the Council, the agency has  
8 determined and made public its determination that the benefits of such actions clearly outweigh the  
9 potential harm caused by invasive species; and that all feasible and prudent measures to minimize  
10 risk of harm will be taken in conjunction with the actions.

11 (b) Government of Guam agencies shall pursue the duties set forth in this section in  
12 consultation with the Guam Invasive Species Council, consistent with the Guam Invasive Species  
13 Management Plan and in cooperation with stakeholders, as appropriate. The agencies shall report on  
14 their participation as detailed in § 70107(c) of this Chapter.

15 § 70106. **Conduct of Meetings.** The council shall meet *no less than* quarterly to  
16 discuss and assess progress, and to recommend changes to the invasive species programs based on  
17 the results of current risk assessments, performance standards, and other relevant data. A simple  
18 majority of voting members of the council shall constitute a quorum to do business; and any action  
19 taken by the council shall be by a simple majority of the voting members.

20 § 70107. **Guam Invasive Species Management Plan (GISMP).** (a) The Council shall  
21 prepare and issue the Guam Invasive Species Management Plan, which shall detail and recommend  
22 performance-oriented goals and objectives and specific measures of success for government of  
23 Guam agency efforts concerning invasive species. The Plan shall recommend specific objectives and  
24 measures for carrying out each of the government of Guam agency duties established in § 70105 of  
25 this Chapter, and shall set forth steps to be taken by the Council to carry out duties assigned to it  
26 under § 70103. The Plan shall be developed through a public process and in consultation with  
27 government of Guam agencies and stakeholders.

28 (b) The Plan shall include a review of rapid response protocols, existing and prospective  
29 approaches and authorities for preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species in Guam,

1 including those for identifying pathways by which invasive species are introduced and for  
2 minimizing the risk of introduction via those pathways, and shall identify research needs and  
3 recommend measures to minimize the risk that introductions will occur. Such recommended  
4 measures shall provide for a science-based process to evaluate risks associated with introduction and  
5 spread of invasive species and coordinate a systematic risk-based process to interdict, identify, and  
6 monitor pathways that may be involved in the introduction of invasive species. If recommended  
7 measures are not authorized by current law, the Council shall develop and recommend to the  
8 Governor through legislative proposals for necessary changes in authority.

9 (c) The Council shall update the Plan biennially and shall concurrently evaluate and  
10 report on the success in achieving the goals and objectives set forth. The Plan shall identify the  
11 personnel, other resources, and additional levels of cooperation needed to achieve the Plan's  
12 identified goals and objectives, and the Council shall provide each edition of the Plan and each  
13 report on it to the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR). Additionally, progress  
14 reports shall be submitted annually to the Office of the Governor. Within eighteen (18) months after  
15 measures have been recommended by the Council in any edition of the Plan, each government of  
16 Guam agency whose action is required to implement such measures shall either take the action  
17 recommended or shall provide the Council with an explanation as to why the action is not feasible.  
18 The Council shall assess the effectiveness of this plan no less than once every three (3) years after  
19 the Plan is issued and shall report to the BBMR on whether the Plan should be revised."

20 **Section 3. Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee, established.** (a) There is imposed a  
21 fee for the inspection, quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight,  
22 including, but not limited to, marine commercial container shipment, air freight, or any other means  
23 of transporting freight, foreign or domestic, that is brought into Guam. The fee shall be paid by the  
24 person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company, who shall collect  
25 the fee and forward the payment to the Department of Agriculture at the port of disembarkation;  
26 provided that the transportation company shall not be liable for any fee that is not paid by the person  
27 responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company.

28 (b) A fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) per ton, or any fraction thereof, shall be imposed on all  
29 freight brought into Guam.

1 (c) All fees collected shall be deposited in the Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee  
2 Fund.

3 **Section 4. Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund, created.** (a) There is hereby  
4 created, separate and apart from other funds of the government of Guam, a fund to be known as the  
5 “*Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund*” (hereinafter “the Fund”) ~~The Fund~~, which shall *not*  
6 be commingled with the General Fund. All payments shall be made payable to “*The Guam Invasive*  
7 *Species Inspection Fee Fund*” and monies shall be kept in a separate bank account established by the  
8 Director of the Department of Agriculture. All expenditures of the Fund shall be made exclusively  
9 by appropriation of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds  
10 appropriated to the Department of Agriculture pursuant to this Chapter shall be administered by the  
11 Director of the Department of Agriculture. The Director of the Department of Agriculture shall be  
12 the Certifying Officer of such funds. The Fund shall not be used as a pledge of security or as  
13 collateral for government loans. The Director of the Department of Agriculture shall make a  
14 quarterly report to *I Maga’lahen Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guahan* of the condition of, and activity  
15 within, the Fund.

16 (b) The fees collected shall be expended to: (i) provide for an invasive species coordinator  
17 and a Biosecurity Division within the Department of Agriculture to provide inspection, quarantine  
18 and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight brought to Guam; (ii) suppress and  
19 eradicate invasive species present in Guam; and (iii) develop the Guam Invasive Species  
20 Management Plan and its updates.

21 **Section 5. Biosecurity Division, authorized.** The Department of Agriculture is  
22 authorized to create a Biosecurity Division to provide for the inspection, quarantine, and eradication  
23 of invasive species contained in any freight, including, but not limited to, marine commercial  
24 container shipments in efforts to address invasive species coming to, and already present in, Guam.  
25 The Biosecurity Division will take the lead role for the Government of Guam in efforts towards  
26 prevention, control, monitoring, rapid response, eradication, enforcement and education of invasive  
27 species in Guam. The Director of the Department of Agriculture shall prepare a budget plan,  
28 including projected personnel needs and other items, and submit it as part of the Fiscal Year 2012  
29 budget request for the Department of Agriculture.

1           **Section 6. Severability Clause.** If any provisions of this Act or the application thereof to  
2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such validity shall not affect other provisions or  
3 applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to  
4 this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

# **Interagency Biosecurity Task Force Work Plan**

**Guam**

**November 10, 2009**

## **Summary**

Industry stakeholders expressed concern to their representatives that there was a need to improve the biosecurity of Guam, especially port of entry inspections. Guam's Northern and Southern Soil and Water Conservation Districts established a committee with Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, Guam Department of Agriculture, Guam Department of Homeland Security, and USDA APHIS PPQ. Efforts of this committee resulted in a framework plan to provide a comprehensive biosecurity program. A key component of that plan is to create a partnership task force between USDA APHIS PPQ, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, and Guam Department of Agriculture that establishes a seamless connection between port of entry inspections, exotic pest surveys, and the ability to respond to a disease or pest introduction. Implementation and success of the plan is dependent upon legislative action to establish certain service fees and authorities.

## **Purpose and Need**

Biosecurity is a set of preventive measures designed to reduce the risk of intentional or unintentional establishment of diseases, pests, or agents that may cause harm to the environment or economy and to ensure that terrestrial and marine ecologies sustaining people, plants, or animals are maintained. Biosecurity requires the cooperation of scientists, technicians, policy makers, law makers, and enforcement officials.

Protection of terrestrial and marine ecosystems on Guam has a direct impact to food production, human health, and island aesthetics that industries (including tourism and military) and residents depend upon for their very existence.

The Interagency Biosecurity Task Force will provide a needed component of a comprehensive biosecurity system that has seamless coverage and enforcement, which will provide the level of protection necessary to maintain or enhance the valuable natural resources of Guam.

## **Background**

Biosecurity has been rapidly evolving on Guam as in other parts of the world. Guam Department of Agriculture and Customs and Quarantine Agency began providing biosecurity services in 1980 through port of entry agriculture inspections. Inland programs such as smuggling interdiction, pest surveys, and exotic pest control and eradication projects have evolved recently within the Department of Agriculture while the use of detector dogs and a plant inspection station augment both agencies functions.

Recent incursions of exotic pests into Guam such as the Papaya mealybug, Betel nut bud rot, and the Coconut rhinoceros beetle and knowledge of animal/human disease risks such as avian influenza, West Nile virus, and Swine flu have highlighted the importance of providing a comprehensive biosecurity program to avoid disasters with potentially unrecoverable economic consequences.

#### **Recent Plant Pathogens Introduced to Guam**

1. *Phytophthora palmivora* on *Areca catechu* (betel nut)
2. *Phytophthora palmivora* on *Dendrobium* sp. (orchids) – may be different subspecies from the one on betel nut
3. *Bipolaris* sp. on *Artocarpus altilis*
4. *Pseudocercospora dendrobii* on *Dendrobium* sp. (orchids)
5. Cymbidium Mosaic Virus (CyMV) on orchids
6. Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus (ORSV) on orchids

#### **Recent Vertebrates Introduced to Guam**

Eight new species of frogs detected on Guam between May 2003 and December 2005. Source: Christy et al. 2007, *Recent records of alien anurans on the Pacific Island of Guam*, Pacific Science 61(4) 469-483.

#### **Recent Insect Pests Introduced to Guam**

<i>Paracoccus marginatus</i>	papaya mealybug	2002
<i>Aulacaspis yasumatsui</i>	Asian cycad scale	2003
<i>Myllocerus</i> sp.	calamansi weevil	2004
<i>Pseudaulacaspis cockerelli</i>	false oleander scale	2004
<i>Metaleurodes cardini</i>	Cardin's whitefly	2004
<i>Nipaecoccus nipae</i>	coconut mealybug	2004
<i>Orthezia insignis</i>	greenhouse ensign coccid	2004
<i>Aleurotrachelus trachoides</i>	neotropical solanum whitefly	2004
<i>Chilades pandava</i>	cycad blue butterfly	2005
<i>Daphnis nerii</i>	oleander hawk moth	2005
<i>Quadrastichus erythrinae</i>	Erythrina gall wasp	2006
<i>Lepisiota frauenfeldi</i>	ant	2006
<i>Diaphorina citri</i>	Asian citrus psyllid	2007
<i>Tetraleurodes acaciae</i>	acacia whitefly	2007
<i>Henosepilachna</i> sp.	cucurbit lady beetle	2007
<i>Oryctes rhinoceros</i>	coconut rhinoceros beetle	2007

Guam established an invasive species committee and addresses regional issues through participation on the Regional Invasive Species Council. The University of Guam has

increasingly been working in cooperation with USDA APHIS PPQ and Guam Department of Agriculture on biosecurity issues and projects.

The Military buildup in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will result in a manifold increase in the amount of cargo and people arriving in Guam and the CNMI and will have similar regional effects. This increase of goods and people will significantly increase the risk of marine and terrestrial invasive species arriving in Guam and the CNMI as well as being transported throughout the region.

Industry stakeholders expressed concern to their representatives that there was a need to improve the biosecurity of Guam, especially port of entry inspections. Guam's Northern and Southern Soil and Water Conservation Districts, as a result of stakeholder concerns and with concurrence from the Administration, established a committee with members from the two districts, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, Guam Department of Agriculture, Guam Department of Homeland Security, and USDA APHIS PPQ. Efforts of this committee have resulted in a framework plan to provide a comprehensive biosecurity program. The program builds upon existing cooperative relationships between USDA APHIS PPQ, Guam Department of Agriculture, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, the University of Guam, and the Guam Invasive Species Advisory Committee. A key component of that plan is to create a partnership task force between USDA APHIS PPQ, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, and Guam Department of Agriculture that establishes a seamless connection between port of entry inspections, exotic pest surveys, and the ability to respond to a disease or pest introduction with immediate eradication or control strategies. Implementation and success of the plan is dependent upon legislative action to establish certain service fees and authorities.

### **Current Situation**

An agriculture inspection at the ports of entry is the responsibility of Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency and inland surveys, inspections, and mitigation work is the responsibility of Guam Department of Agriculture. Coordination of biosecurity functions is not optimum due to factors of independent missions. USDA APHIS PPQ provides guidance, training, and program oversight to both agencies with respect to Federal authorities. Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency lacks resources and scientific expertise to provide services at the level expected by stakeholders. Guam Department of Agriculture lacks the resources to carry out a comprehensive biosecurity program. There is a mix of functions conducted by regulatory officers under the authorities promulgated through legislation for Guam Department of Agriculture and USDA APHIS PPQ.

The principal barrier to carrying out an effective biosecurity program is funding at an appropriate level, commensurate with the service and protection provided, from the appropriate sources. Primary program funding should be collected through service fees from beneficiaries that present a biosecurity risk, such as cargo and passenger fees.

### **Benefits of a Task force**

Formation of the task force will respond to stakeholder concerns by unifying Customs and Quarantine Agency with Guam Department of Agriculture under the direction of USDA APHIS PPO. This realignment will cause less confusion to employees by having one point of direction focused on the specific mission of biosecurity. Permanent identifiers at the Inspection Facility will expedite release of imported material that is suspect of having an actionable exotic pest. All Customs Officers will continue to inspect and clear items of agriculture concern but will have highly knowledgeable specialists to assist in non-routine decisions and where specialized procedures for agriculture inspection are required.

The ability to provide training will be realized by concentrating higher level knowledge requirements to task force officers. APHIS leadership combined with dedicated trainers and a manageable number of officers to schedule for training will lead to the necessary level of competency throughout the agency that has been difficult to reach under past relationships.

Communication improvements will be realized by establishing a direct chain of command from task force supervisors to agency chiefs and providing daily interaction between task force officers and other Custom's officers. Improved communications will provide Guam Department of Agriculture with information necessary to improve program delivery and dependent services. Work accomplishment records will be maintained daily and summaries made available to stakeholders, while protecting personal or confidential information, through website access.

Task Force participants will primarily serve a support function to port of entry inspections and not an essential staffing element of Customs and Quarantine Agency to carry out its mission. As such, up to one-half of task force personnel may be available for temporary assignment to support an emergency operation without compromising the primary goal of the task force. Emergency operations may include, but are not limited to, providing startup resources to pest eradication projects, providing inspection personnel for refugee inspections or military maneuvers, and assisting Customs with special enforcement blitzes.

Overtime costs to importers associated with agriculture inspection should be reduced by having additional inspection staff to manage workloads within regular schedules.

### **Preliminary Budget – First Year**

<b>Personnel</b>	
GDA Biosecurity Officers including supervisor (13)	\$455,000
CQA Agriculture Specialists including supervisor (16)	\$580,000
CQA Canine Teams (4)	\$145,000
GDA Entomologist, Plant Pathologist, and Botanist (3 total)	\$165,822
Plant Inspection Facility Staff	\$360,000

Fringe benefits for personnel (34%)	\$573,179
<b>Equipment</b>	
2x4 pickup truck (4) needed to transport specimens for identification and seizures for destruction, perform inspections, and attend stakeholder meetings,	\$72,000
Radios (I-Connect 30)	\$1,500
Computers (4)	\$4,000
Stereo microscopes (4) for initial identification screening	\$2,800
<b>Supplies</b>	
Uniforms, lights, hand lens, attaches, accessories	\$13,500
Canine supplies and food	\$5,000
Fuel, vehicle	\$20,000
Office supplies: paper, pens, ink cartridges, toner, staples, garbage bags, recordable media, latex gloves, alcohol, disinfectant, cleaning supplies, goggles, stamps, misc.	\$10,000
<b>Services</b>	
Radio airtime (I-Connect)	\$14,000
Veterinary	\$4,000
Utilities (increase due to sterilizer)	\$2,400
<b>Other</b>	
Equipment maintenance	\$2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,410,701</b>

### **Objective**

The objective of the following is to identify the operational aspects of implementing an interagency biosecurity task force with USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (APHIS), Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA), and Guam Department of Agriculture (GDA) that will carry out specialized activities and oversight of all Agriculture Quarantine Inspection (AQI) work, which includes enforcement of both Guam Agriculture and APHIS regulations. The task force shall be referred to as the Interagency Biosecurity Task Force.

The task force will not remove the existing duties or responsibilities of CQA officers, but will enhance and strengthen the program by providing professional expertise to the daily decisions and specialized procedures involved in clearing means of conveyance and items of agricultural risk as a means of safeguarding against the introduction of exotic pests into Guam.

### **Role of APHIS**

APHIS will lead the task force by providing direct operational control of resources assigned to the task force by CQA and GDA. APHIS will continue to support CQA and GDA in other cooperative areas by providing advice and guidance on technical aspects of quarantine procedures, to define basic requirements of cooperator responsibilities, to provide clarification of APHIS policy and authority, and to facilitate processes.

### **Role of CQA and GDA**

CQA and GDA will make provisions for the necessary administrative, logistic, and funding aspects to provide the resources, including personnel, equipment, and supplies to form a functional task force. Administrative responsibility will remain with each individual agency.

CQA, GDA, or APHIS personnel assigned to the task force may be recalled to their respective agencies when deemed necessary by that agency.

### **Personnel Minimum Requirements**

Task force personnel need to possess a certain level of academic skill and interest in order to adequately research and interpret manual and regulatory direction. Participants assigned to the task force by CQA and GDA will have a minimum of three years prior experience as an APHIS cooperators or two years post high school education in a science or agriculture field of study. The Port Director will conduct a qualification and peer review before approval is granted for each individual nominated to participate as a task force member. While filling vacancies, if there are not enough applicants that meet the requirement, review and approval should be sought prior to job offering. CQA and GDA personnel preferably shall be permanently assigned to the task force but may be rotated after a period of 18 months; or less under special circumstances. All task force participants must have adequate security clearance to have access to ports of entry, military installations, and APHIS IT equipment,

### **Number of Personnel**

The goal of each agency is to provide personnel to the task force as soon as practical and obtain full task force staffing within one year. CQA will provide 1 supervisor and 15 agriculture specialists. CQA will also provide 4 canine teams, however these teams shall remain under the supervision of the CQA Canine Unit to ensure the welfare and proficiency of the dogs. Daily operational assignment of the canine teams will be coordinated between the task force supervisors and the Canine Unit. GDA will provide 1 supervisor, 12 biosecurity officers, 1 botanist, 1 plant pathologist, and 1 entomologist. These numbers are based upon an analysis of a minimum number of officers needed to staff each work shift at each location, taking into account the additional people needed to fill in for leave and training. APHIS will provide one Plant Health Safeguarding Specialist (PHSS) to the task force as Team Leader.

### **Chain of Command**

One permanent supervisor (STFO) from each CQA and GDA will report administratively to the Chief of their respective agency and functionally to the APHIS Port Director. The Team Leader will provide daily guidance and leadership to the supervisors. The

supervisors would be expected to work together in a unified manner in directing the work activities and training for the task force. If differences arise that can not be mutually agreed to then the APHIS Port Director will provide direction. In certain instances a meeting between the agency Chiefs, Supervisors, and APHIS may be called to resolve an issue; or a meeting between agency Directors, depending upon the nature of the issue. Task force officers (TFO) from each of the agencies would report administratively to their respective supervisor with the exception of the canine handlers (discussed later in the canine section). STFOs will be assigned functional areas on a rotating basis such as maritime and air. TFOs assigned to a functional group would take daily direction from that group supervisor irrespective of agency affiliation. An individual TFO may be selected as lead for a specific specialty such as outreach, civil penalties or an area requiring accountability to maintain program focus.

Agency supervisors and officers having other principle duties at domestic and port work locations shall abide by decisions made by a TFO regarding AQI dispositions. A TFO shall not have superseding authority over port of entry release conditions. TFOs shall have superseding hold or seize authority for AQI dispositions, however, if AQI dispositions are release and CQA dispositions require otherwise, then CQA dispositions shall supersede. In the event of a strong disagreement, the item should be placed on hold and the incident reported to the STFO at the earliest opportunity for resolution at the proper level.

### **Reports**

STFOs would share responsibility for the completion of monthly Work Accomplishment Data (WADS) reports and will be given access to enter data in the APHIS national database. STFOs and the PHSS will work collaboratively to develop and document Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that are agreeable and workable between all agencies. STFOs and PHSS will jointly investigate AQI related complaints and provide reports to the agency Directors. A web database will be created to provide stakeholders with interception information that does not contain personal or confidential business information. Assistance from the University of Guam will be requested to develop the database. CQA and GDA will identify any additional specific reporting requirements for their agency.

### **Training**

APHIS and GDA will provide AQI training directly to the task force on a regular and reoccurring basis. The TFOs will improve the proficiency of CQA officers' performance in AQI duties through on-job training and cooperative work. CQA will provide training to GDA task force participants to the extent that they can recognize when an item or circumstance needs referral to a Custom's officer.

## **Workspace**

Work space for the task force will be incorporated within existing APHIS, CQA, and Inspection Station space. An office located on the naval station is being pursued by APHIS. No additional office space is anticipated although there may be need for additional desks or equipment. Consideration for the task force should be incorporated into any future expansion plans at Guam International Airport, the Port of Guam, and the Plant Inspection Station.

## **Vehicles and Equipment**

Sharing of resources, where the division is fair and equitable to each agency needs to be defined. Additional needed resources need to be identified.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

The role of the task force is to supplement the existing work performed by CQA officers, fill existing gaps in program effectiveness, and generally be responsible for AQI activities. In order to work efficiently the task force will need to have the backing and support of all agencies. TFOs would be expected to pursue identification skill for arthropod families and plant pathogens found during routine interceptions. The following outline is a suggested starting point for defining specific duties and the division of work to provide optimal service. The outline below is presented by work locations with a separate description for the canine unit and is a general starting point for understanding how the task force will operate. Adjustments and refinements will be made collectively by the STFOs and APHIS and referred for interagency review.

### **General TFO Duties and Responsibilities**

- Review manifests and target inspections based upon risk analysis
- Provide oversight with regard to AQI inspections and decisions
- Complete data entry for AQI accomplishments
- Complete violation forms, maintain violation log book
- Provide oversight for garbage compliance monitoring
- Safeguard and dispose of seized material
- Increase the AQI knowledge of CQA officers
- Inspect seized fruits and vegetables for pests or symptoms of disease, prepare specimens, complete forms, and transport specimens for identification
- Complete agriculture disposition forms
- Transport held propagative material to the Plant Inspection Facility
- Attend AQI training and maintain proficiency in manual reference
- Ensure electronic manuals are current at work stations
- CQA Officers will perform clearance and inspections at the port or approved consignee locations. TFOs may provide agriculture inspection and clearance when a physical inspection is not required for other Custom's purposes and has been released by CQA except for an

agriculture hold. TFO authority to release is limited to the actual authority of the officer or delegated authority as an APHIS Officer and will not supersede nor circumvent CQA authority with regard to overall release of items or clearance of means of conveyance. Specific procedures shall be written to clarify release protocol.

#### **Air Passenger**

- Two TFOs will be assigned per shift, one each from CQA and GDA and in addition to general responsibilities will perform the following duties:
  - Inspect and release propagative material meeting the baggage exemption rule
  - Provide support for Anderson AFB as needed
  - Assist canine handlers in interviews and escorting passengers to secondary inspection

#### **Air Cargo**

- Two TFOs will be assigned per shift, one each from CQA and GDA

#### **Port of Guam**

- Two TFOs, one each from CQA and GDA, will be assigned to the Port
- GDA TFO will do agriculture vessel clearance at the Naval Station when ship boarding by an unarmed officer is warranted.

#### **Plant Inspection Facility**

- Two TFOs per shift will be assigned to the Plant Inspection Facility and in addition to general responsibilities will perform the following duties:
  - Inspection of propagative material
  - Clearance of Phytosanitary Certificates and CITES documents
  - Ensure all requirements for entry are met for propagative material
  - Monitor treatments
  - Communicate status of shipments to consignee.

#### **Anderson AFB**

- One TFO may be assigned to Andersen Air Force Base.

#### **Post Office**

- One CQA Officer would continue to staff Guam Main Postal Facility. Support from TFOs would be made available upon notification of need.

#### **Canine Unit**

- Since the canine unit is a very specialized group the canine handlers would report to their CQA Canine Supervisor. The Canine Supervisor has received APHIS training for agriculture dogs and is responsible for maintaining the proficiency of the canine teams. The Canine Supervisor will work closely with the STFOs for scheduling work and addressing any problems.

- **GDA canine teams will be retrained to support domestic agriculture inspection work upon release from the CRB Program and will parallel CQA participation guidelines.**

#### **Action Items**

**APHIS to backfill the vacant PHSS position.**

**Stakeholders, GDA, with CQA support to pursue legislation to establish a Biosecurity Division and Biosecurity Officer series; being uniformed officers having authority to provide off-duty services and inspection services at any location on Guam.**

**Stakeholders, GDA with CQA support to pursue legislation to add off-duty service authority to other Plant Inspection Facility staff.**

**CQA to revisit airport service fee, adjust, and allocate an appropriate percentage to support the task force and Plant Inspection Facility as appropriate.**

**Stakeholders, GDA, and CQA to pursue legislation to establish a maritime cargo service fee to fund an appropriate percentage of the task force and an invasive species program with a portion of monies set aside for immediate response to new pest introductions.**

**GDA, APHIS, and CQA to pursue Farm Bill 10201 funding to cover a portion of the start up expenses. – done**

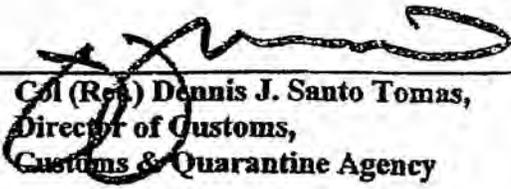
**Stakeholders and GDA to pursue legislation to establish civil penalties for violations relative to Guam Agriculture regulations.**

**CQA to pursue, through the Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, return to Guam of Federal civil penalties that have been and are collected into the U.S. general fund.**

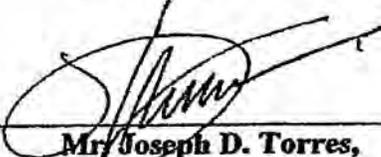
**Pursue any other possible funding sources to cover start up expenses.**

**CQA and GDA to pursue hiring personnel in order to provide qualified officers to the task force.**

**CQA and GDA to assign STFOs as soon as possible to further develop the work plan, operational procedures, and identify equipment and logistical needs.**

  
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Director of Customs,  
Customs & Quarantine Agency**

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3 surveillance of invasive species by creating a Biosecurity Division under the Department of  
4 Agriculture for the protection of our natural resources from biological invasion and threats, and the  
5 protection of our geographical area from invasion by unwanted organisms.

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26 coordination, and planning among government of Guam departments and federal government  
27 agencies; to provide local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species  
28 infestations throughout the island of Guam; and, to assist in preventing the introduction of other  
29 invasive species that may be potentially harmful to Guam..

1           **§ 70103.       Duties of Council.** The Council shall: (a) Draft a mission statement articulating

2 Guam's position against invasive species;

3           (b)     Coordinate the preparation and approval of an invasive species management plan;

4           (c)     Collaborate with the Mayors Council and residents to develop and implement a  
5 systematic approach to reduce and control infestations on public lands that are near or adjacent to  
6 communities;

7           (d)     Advise, consult, and coordinate invasive species-related efforts with all divisions of  
8 the Department of Agriculture, the University of Guam, local, federal, international, and privately  
9 organized programs and policies;

10          (e)     Consult with appropriate local agencies to create and implement a plan to include the  
11 prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and public education for invasive  
12 species;

13          (f)     Provide annual reports on the progress made in achieving the objectives of the  
14 Council;

15          (g)     Maintain a broad overview of the invasive species problem on Guam;

16          (h)     Coordinate and promote Guam's position with respect to federal issues, including:

17                   1 . Quarantine pre-emption;

18                   2 . International trade agreements that ignore the problem of invasive species  
19                   in Guam;

20                   3 . First class mail inspection prohibition;

21                   4 . Quarantine of domestic pests;

22                   5 . Coordinate efforts with federal and local agencies to maximize resources  
23                   and reduce or eliminate system gaps and leaks;

24                   6 . Promote the amendment of federal laws as necessary; including, but not  
25                   limited to, the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, Title 16 United States  
26                   Code sections 3371-3378; Public Law 97-79, and laws related to  
27                   inspection of domestic airline passengers, baggage, and cargo; and

28                   7 . Coordinate efforts and issues with the Federal Invasive Species Council  
29                   and its National Invasive Species Management Plan.

30          (i)     Identify and record all invasive species present on Guam;

1 (j) Designate the Department of Agriculture as the lead agency for each function of  
2 invasive species control, including prevention, rapid response, eradication, enforcement, and  
3 education;

4 (k) Identify all funds (both local and federal) expended for the purposes of the invasive  
5 species problem on Guam;

6 (l) Identify all federal and private funds available to Guam to fight invasive species and  
7 advise and assist local departments to obtain these funds;

8 (m) Advise the Governor and the Legislature on budgetary and other issues;

9 (n) Provide annual reports on budget and other related issues to the Legislature;

10 (o) Include and coordinate with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the  
11 Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands in  
12 the fight against invasive species in order to increase resources and funding, as well as to address  
13 activities that involve the education and prevention of invasive species in the region;

14 (p) Review local mandates and commercial interests that can call for the maintenance of  
15 potentially destructive alien species as resources for sport hunting, aesthetic resources, or other  
16 values;

17 (q) Review the structure of fines and penalties to ensure maximum deterrence for  
18 invasive species-related crimes;

19 (r) Suggest appropriate legislation to improve the management of invasive species  
20 programs and policies;

21 (s) Incorporate and expand the Department of Agriculture to the extent appropriate for  
22 the council's invasive species control and eradication efforts; and

23 (t) Perform all functions necessary to effectuate the mission of the Council.

24 **§ 70104. Composition of Council. (a)** The Council shall be composed of: the Directors  
25 of the Department of Administration, Agriculture, Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Customs and  
26 Quarantine Agency, or their designated representatives; the Homeland Security Advisor, or his  
27 designated representative; the Administrator of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, or his  
28 designated representative; the Executive Manager of the A. B. Won Pat Guam International Airport  
29 Authority, or his designated representative; the General Managers of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port

1 Authority of Guam and the Guam Visitors Bureau, or their designated representative; and, the  
2 President of the University of Guam or his designated representative.

3 (b) The Council shall be co-chaired by the Director of the Department of Agriculture and  
4 the President of the University of Guam.

5 (c) The Council may invite additional government of Guam agency representatives to be  
6 members from sub-cabinet bureaus or offices with significant responsibilities concerning invasive  
7 species, and may prescribe special procedures for their participation

8 (d) The Director of the Department of Agriculture shall establish an advisory committee  
9 to provide information and advice for consideration of the Council, and shall, after consultation with  
10 other members of the Council, appoint members to the advisory council representing stakeholders.  
11 Among other things, the advisory committee shall recommend goals and objectives of the invasive  
12 species management plan in § 70107 of this Chapter. The advisory committee shall act in  
13 cooperation with stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species. The  
14 Department of Agriculture shall provide the administrative support for the advisory committee.

15 (e) The Council shall be placed within the Department of Agriculture for administrative  
16 purposes only.

17 **§ 70105. Government of Guam Agency Duties.** (a) Each government of Guam  
18 agency whose actions may affect the status of invasive species shall, to the extent practicable and  
19 permitted by law: (1) identify such actions; (2) subject to the availability of appropriations, and  
20 within Administration's budget limits, use relevant programs and authorities to: (i) prevent the  
21 introduction of invasive species; (ii) detect and respond rapidly to mitigate the population of such  
22 species in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner; (iii) monitor invasive species  
23 populations accurately and reliably; (iv) provide for restoration of native species and habitat  
24 conditions in ecosystems that have been invaded; (v) conduct research on invasive species and  
25 develop technologies to prevent further introduction, and provide for environmentally sound control  
26 of invasive species already found on island; and (vi) promote public education on invasive species  
27 and the means to address them; (3) not authorize, fund, or carry out actions that it believes are likely  
28 to cause or promote the introduction or spread of invasive species in the United States or elsewhere  
29 unless, pursuant to guidelines that it has prescribed, the agency has determined and made public its  
30 determination that the benefits of such actions clearly outweigh the potential harm caused by

1 invasive species; and that all feasible and prudent measures to minimize risk of harm will be taken in  
2 conjunction with the actions.

3 (b) Government of Guam agencies shall pursue the duties set forth in this section in  
4 consultation with the Guam Invasive Species Council, consistent with the Guam Invasive Species  
5 Management Plan and in cooperation with stakeholders, as appropriate. The agencies shall report on  
6 their participation as detailed in § 70107(c) of this Chapter.

7 § 70106. **Conduct of Meetings.** The council shall meet *no less than* two times annually  
8 to discuss and assess progress, and to recommend changes to the invasive species programs based on  
9 the results of current risk assessments, performance standards, and other relevant data. A simple  
10 majority of voting members of the council shall constitute a quorum to do business; and any action  
11 taken by the council shall be by a simple majority of the voting members.

12 § 70107. **Invasive Species Management Plan.** (a) The Council shall prepare and issue  
13 the Guam Invasive Species Management Plan, which shall detail and recommend performance-  
14 oriented goals and objectives and specific measures of success for government of Guam agency  
15 efforts concerning invasive species. The Plan shall recommend specific objectives and measures for  
16 carrying out each of the government of Guam agency duties established in § 70105 of this Chapter  
17 and shall set forth steps to be taken by the Council to carry out duties assigned to it under § 70103.  
18 The Plan shall be developed through a public process and in consultation with government of Guam  
19 agencies and stakeholders.

20 (b) The first edition of the Plan shall include a review of existing and prospective  
21 approaches and authorities for preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species on Guam,  
22 including those for identifying pathways by which invasive species are introduced in order to  
23 diminish the risk of introduction. It shall identify research needs and recommend measures to  
24 minimize the risk where introductions might occur; such recommended measures shall provide a  
25 science-based process to evaluate risks associated with the introduction and spread of invasive  
26 species. It will coordinate a systematic risk-based process to identify, monitor, and interdict  
27 pathways that may be involved in the introduction of invasive species. If recommended measures  
28 are not authorized by current law, the Council shall develop and recommend to the Governor,  
29 through its Co-Chairs, legislative proposals for necessary changes in authority.

1           (c)     The Council shall update the Plan biennially and shall concurrently evaluate and  
2 report on the success in achieving the goals and objectives set forth. The Plan shall identify the  
3 personnel, other resources, and additional levels of cooperation needed to achieve the Plan’s  
4 identified goals and objectives, and the Council shall provide each edition of the Plan and each  
5 report on it to the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR). Additionally, progress  
6 reports shall be submitted annually to the Office of the Governor. Within 18 months after measures  
7 have been recommended by the Council in any edition of the Plan, each government of Guam  
8 agency whose action is required to implement such measures shall either take the action  
9 recommended or shall provide the Council with an explanation of why the action is not feasible. The  
10 Council shall assess the effectiveness of this order no less than once each 3 years after the order is  
11 issued and shall report to the BBMR on whether the order should be revised.”

12           **Section 3.     Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee, established.** (a) There is imposed a  
13 fee for the inspection, quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight,  
14 including but not limited to marine commercial container shipment, air freight, or any other means  
15 of transporting freight, foreign or domestic, that is brought into Guam. The fee shall be paid by the  
16 person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company, who shall collect  
17 the fee and forward the payment to the Department of Administration at the port of disembarkation;  
18 provided that the transportation company shall not be liable for any fee that is not paid by the person  
19 responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company.

20           (b)     A fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) per ton, or any fraction thereof, shall be imposed on all  
21 freight brought into Guam.

22           (c)     All fees collected shall be deposited in the Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee  
23 Fund.

24           **Section 4.     Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund, created.** (a) There is hereby  
25 created, separate and apart from other funds of the government of Guam, a fund to be known as the  
26 “*Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund*” (hereinafter “the Fund”). The Fund shall *not* be  
27 commingled with the General Fund and shall be kept in a separate bank account. All expenditures of  
28 the Fund shall be made exclusively by appropriation of *I Liheslaturan Guahân* (the Guam  
29 Legislature). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds appropriated to the Department  
30 of Agriculture pursuant to this Chapter shall be administered by the Director of Agriculture. The

1 Director of Agriculture shall be the Certifying Officer of such funds. The Fund shall not be used as a  
2 pledge of security or as collateral for government loans. The Director of Administration shall make a  
3 quarterly report to *I Maga'lahaen Guahån* (the Governor of Guam) and *I Liheslatura* (the Legislature)  
4 of the condition of, and activity within, the Fund.

5 (b) The fees collected shall be expended to: (i) support efforts to provide inspection,  
6 quarantine and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight brought to Guam; (ii) support  
7 efforts to eradicate invasive species present on Guam by means of a rapid response team; and (iii)  
8 develop the Guam Invasive Species Management Plan and its updates.

9 **Section 5. Biosecurity Division, authorized.** The Department of Agriculture is  
10 authorized to create a Biosecurity Division to function as its first responders in efforts to address  
11 invasive species coming to, and already present on, Guam. The Director of Agriculture shall prepare  
12 a budget plan, including projected personnel needs and other items, and submit it as part of the  
13 Fiscal Year 2012 budget request for the Department of Agriculture.

14 **Section 6. Severability Clause.** If any provisions of this Act or the application thereof to  
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such validity shall not affect other provisions or  
16 applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to  
17 this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

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**Human & Natural Resources**

**Introduced by:**

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22 § 70104. Composition of Council.

23 § 70105. ~~Conduct of Meetings. Government of Guam Agency Duties.~~

24 § 70106. ~~Invasive Species Management Plan. Conduct of Meetings.~~

25 **§ 70107. Guam Invasive Species Management Plan (GISMP).**

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**Comment [G11]:** invasive species that threaten our economy, culture, ecosystem and human health. Provide policy direction, coordination, and planning among government of Guam departments and federal agencies; to prevent the introduction of invasive species and the monitoring, control and eradication of invasive species throughout the island of Guam.

§ 70103. **Duties of Council.** The Council shall:

(a) Create a mission statement on invasive species for Guam;

(b) Develop a Guam Invasive Species Management Plan (GISMP);

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(e) Coordinate and promote Guam's position with respect to federal issues concerning invasive species in Guam;

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(g) Identify all needed resources for the purpose of working on invasive species prevention, suppression and eradication.

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(k) The Council, in coordination with I Maga'låhen Guåhan, shall review the Interagency Biosecurity Task Force Work Plan adopted in 2009 (see Appendix A), and in accordance with the framework and recommendation detailed in the 2009 Plan, the Council shall formulate an updated version of such a plan, to include replacing the mentions of the USDA APHIS

1 PPQ, with the 'Guam Invasive Species Council' or the 'Invasive Species Coordinator', as  
2 appropriate. Such plan shall be submitted to *Liheslaturan Guahan* no later than sixty (60) calendar  
3 days from the date of enactment of this Act, and shall be subject to legislative approval. Should *L*  
4 *Liheslaturan Guahan* fail to act within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of submittal, such plan  
5 shall be deemed approved; and

6 (l) Perform all functions necessary to effectuate the mission of the Council.

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8 **§ 70104. Composition of Council.**

9 (a) The Council shall be composed of Department Directors or their representatives from  
10 the Guam Department of Agriculture (GDOA), Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA), the  
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14 Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority of Guam and the Guam Visitors Bureau; the University of  
15 Guam Associate Director of Extension and the Director the Western Pacific Tropical Research  
16 Center; and the Executive Director of the Mayors Council of Guam Executive Director.

17 (b) The Council may invite additional public and private sectors members to serve on  
18 sub-committees with significant responsibilities concerning invasive species, and may prescribe  
19 special procedures for their participation.

20 (c) The Council shall be chaired by a newly formed position called the Guam Invasive  
21 Species Coordinator, who will be hired out of the University of Guam under the University Center  
22 for Island Sustainability. Funding for the Guam Invasive Species Coordinator will come from the  
23 Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund.

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26 **§ 70105. Government of Guam Agency Duties.** (a) Each government of Guam

27 agency whose actions may affect the status of invasive species shall, to the extent practicable and  
28 permitted by law: (1) identify such actions; (2) subject to the availability of appropriations, and

**Comment [GL2]:** (a) Draft a mission statement articulating Guam's position against invasive species;

-(b) Coordinate the preparation and approval of an invasive species management plan;  
-(c) Collaborate with the Mayors Council and residents to develop and implement a systematic approach to reduce and control infestations on public lands that are near or adjacent to communities;

-(d) Advise, consult, and coordinate invasive species-related efforts with all divisions of the Department of Agriculture, the University of Guam, local, federal, international, and privately organized programs and policies;

-(e) Consult with appropriate local agencies to create and implement a plan to include the prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and public education for invasive species;

-(f) Provide annual reports on the progress made in achieving the objectives of the Council;

-(g) Maintain a broad overview of the invasive species problem on Guam;

-(h) Coordinate and promote Guam's position with respect to federal issues, including:

- 1. Quarantine pre-emption;
- 2. International trade agreements that ignore the problem of invasive species in Guam;
- 3. First class mail inspection prohibition;
- 4. Quarantine of domestic ports;

5. Coordinate efforts with federal and local agencies to maximize resources and reduce or eliminate system gaps and leaks;

6. Promote the amendment of federal laws as necessary, including, but not limited to, the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, Title 16 United States Code sections 3371-3378; Public Law 97-70, and laws related to inspection of domestic airline passengers, baggage, and cargo; and

7. Coordinate efforts and issues with the Federal Invasive Species Council and its National Invasive Species Management Plan. ... [1]

**Comment [RG3]:** Newly formed Position

**Comment [GL4]:** : the Directors of the Department of Administration, Agriculture, Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Customs and Quarantine Agency, or their designated representatives; the Homeland Security Advisor, or his designated representative; the Administrator of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, or his designated representative; the Executive Manager of the A. B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority, or his designated representative; the General Managers of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority of Guam and the Guam Visitors Bureau, or their designated representative; and, the President of the University of Guam or his designated representative;

-(b) The Council shall be co-chaired by the Director of the Department of Agriculture and the President of the University of Guam.

-(c) The Council may invite additional government of Guam agency representatives to be members from sub-cabinet bureaus or offices with significant responsibilities concerning invasive species. ... [2]

1 | within ~~the~~ Administration's budget limits, use relevant programs and authorities to: (i) prevent the  
2 | introduction of invasive species; (ii) detect and respond rapidly to mitigate the population of such  
3 | species in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner; (iii) monitor invasive species  
4 | populations accurately and reliably; (iv) provide for restoration of native species and habitat  
5 | conditions in ecosystems that have been ~~invaded~~ affected; (v) conduct research on invasive species  
6 | and develop technologies to prevent ~~further~~ introduction; and provide for environmentally sound  
7 | control of invasive species ~~already found on island~~; and (vi) promote public education on invasive  
8 | species and the means to address them; (3) not authorize, fund, or carry out actions that it believes  
9 | are likely to cause or promote the introduction or spread of invasive species in Guam, the United  
10 | States, or elsewhere, unless, pursuant to guidelines that it has prescribed and that have been  
11 | approved by the Council, the agency has determined and made public its determination that the  
12 | benefits of such actions clearly outweigh the potential harm caused by invasive species; and that all  
13 | feasible and prudent measures to minimize risk of harm will be taken in conjunction with the  
14 | actions.

15 |       **(b)** Government of Guam agencies shall pursue the duties set forth in this section in  
16 | consultation with the Guam Invasive Species Council, consistent with the Guam Invasive Species  
17 | Management Plan and in cooperation with stakeholders, as appropriate. The agencies shall report on  
18 | their participation as detailed in § 70107(c) of this Chapter.

19 |       **§ 70106. Conduct of Meetings.** The council shall meet *no less than quarterly* ~~two~~  
20 | ~~times annually~~ to discuss and assess progress, and to recommend changes to the invasive species  
21 | programs based on the results of current risk assessments, performance standards, and other relevant  
22 | data. A simple majority of voting members of the council shall constitute a quorum to do business;  
23 | and any action taken by the council shall be by a simple majority of the voting members.

24 |       **§ 70107. Guam Invasive Species Management Plan (GISMP).** **(a)** The Council shall  
25 | prepare and issue the Guam Invasive Species Management Plan, which shall detail and recommend  
26 | performance-oriented goals and objectives and specific measures of success for government of  
27 | Guam agency efforts concerning invasive species. The Plan shall recommend specific objectives and  
28 | measures for carrying out each of the government of Guam agency duties established in § 70105 of  
29 | this Chapter, and shall set forth steps to be taken by the Council to carry out duties assigned to it

1 under § 70103. The Plan shall be developed through a public process and in consultation with  
2 government of Guam agencies and stakeholders.

3 (b) The Plan shall include a review of rapid response protocols, existing and prospective  
4 approaches and authorities for preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species on Guam,  
5 including those for identifying pathways by which invasive species are introduced and for  
6 minimizing the risk of introduction via those pathways, and shall identify research needs and  
7 recommend measures to minimize the risk that introductions will occur. Such recommended  
8 measures shall provide for a science-based process to evaluate risks associated with introduction and  
9 spread of invasive species and coordinate a systematic risk-based process to interdict, identify, and  
10 monitor pathways that may be involved in the introduction of invasive species. If recommended  
11 measures are not authorized by current law, the Council shall develop and recommend to the  
12 Governor through legislative proposals for necessary changes in authority.

13 (c) The Council shall update the Plan biennially and shall concurrently evaluate and  
14 report on the success in achieving the goals and objectives set forth. The Plan shall identify the  
15 personnel, other resources, and additional levels of cooperation needed to achieve the Plan's  
16 identified goals and objectives, and the Council shall provide each edition of the Plan and each  
17 report on it to the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR). Additionally, progress  
18 reports shall be submitted annually to the Office of the Governor. Within eighteen (18) months after  
19 measures have been recommended by the Council in any edition of the Plan, each government of  
20 Guam agency whose action is required to implement such measures shall either take the action  
21 recommended or shall provide the Council with an explanation of as to why the action is not  
22 feasible. The Council shall assess the effectiveness of this order+Plan no less than once each+every  
23 three (3) years after the order+plan is issued and shall report to the BBMR on whether the order+Plan  
24 should be revised."

25 **Section 3. Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee, established.** (a) There is imposed a  
26 fee for the inspection, quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight,  
27 including, but not limited to, marine commercial container shipment, air freight, or any other means  
28 of transporting freight, foreign or domestic, that is brought into Guam. The fee shall be paid by the  
29 person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company, who shall collect

**Comment [GL5]:** (b) The first edition of the Plan shall include a review of existing and prospective approaches and authorities for preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species on Guam, including those for identifying pathways by which invasive species are introduced in order to diminish the risk of introduction. It shall identify research needs and recommend measures to minimize the risk where introductions might occur; such recommended measures shall provide a science-based process to evaluate risks associated with the introduction and spread of invasive species. It will coordinate a systematic risk-based process to identify, monitor, and interdict pathways that may be involved in the introduction of invasive species. If recommended measures are not authorized by current law, the Council shall develop and recommend to the Governor, through its Co-Chairs, legislative proposals for necessary changes in authority.



1 the fee and forward the payment to the Department of ~~Administration~~ Agriculture at the port of  
2 disembarkation; provided that the transportation company shall not be liable for any fee that is not  
3 paid by the person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company.

4 (b) A fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) per ton, or any fraction thereof, shall be imposed on all  
5 freight brought into Guam.

6 (c) All fees collected shall be deposited in the Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee  
7 Fund.

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9 **Section 4. Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund, created.** (a) There is hereby  
10 created, separate and apart from other funds of the government of Guam, a fund to be known as the  
11 *"Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund"* (hereinafter "the Fund"); ~~The Fund, which shall not~~  
12 ~~be commingled with the General Fund. All payments shall be made payable to "The Guam Invasive~~  
13 ~~Species Inspection Fee Fund" and monies and shall be kept in a separate bank account established~~  
14 ~~by the Director of the Department of Agriculture.~~ All expenditures of the Fund shall be made  
15 exclusively by appropriation of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* ~~(the Guam Legislature)~~.  
16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds appropriated to the Department of  
17 Agriculture pursuant to this Chapter shall be administered by the Director of the Department of  
18 Agriculture. The Director of the Department of Agriculture shall be the Certifying Officer of such  
19 funds. The Fund shall not be used as a pledge of security or as collateral for government loans. The  
20 Director of ~~Administration~~ the Department of Agriculture shall make a quarterly report to *I*  
21 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan* ~~(the Governor of Guam)~~ and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* ~~(the Legislature)~~  
22 of the condition of, and activity within, the Fund.

23 (b) The fees collected shall be expended to: (i) ~~provide for an invasive species~~  
24 ~~coordinator and a Biosecurity dDivision within the Department of Agriculture to provide inspection,~~  
25 ~~quarantine and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight brought to Guam;~~ (ii)  
26 ~~suppress and eradicate invasive species present on Guam; and (iii) develop the Guam Invasive~~  
27 ~~Species Management Plan and its updates.~~

**Comment [GL6]:** (i) support efforts to provide inspection, quarantine and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight brought to Guam; (ii) support efforts to eradicate invasive species present on Guam by means of a rapid response team; and (iii) develop the Guam Invasive Species Management Plan and its updates.



1           **Section 5. Biosecurity Division, authorized.** The Department of Agriculture is  
2 authorized to create a Biosecurity Division to provide for the inspection, quarantine, and eradication  
3 of invasive species contained in any freight, including but not limited to, marine commercial  
4 container shipments in efforts to address invasive species coming to, and already present in, Guam.  
5 The Biosecurity Division will take the lead role for the Government of Guam in efforts towards  
6 prevention, control, monitoring, rapid response, eradication, enforcement and education of invasive  
7 species in Guam. The Director of the Department of Agriculture shall prepare a budget plan,  
8 including projected personnel needs and other items, and submit it as part of the Fiscal Year 2012  
9 budget request for the Department of Agriculture.

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11           **Section 6. Severability Clause.** If any provisions of this Act or the application thereof to  
12 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such validity shall not affect other provisions or  
13 applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to  
14 this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

**Comment [GL7]:** as its first responders in efforts to address invasive species coming to, and already present on, Guam. The Director of Agriculture shall prepare a budget plan, including projected personnel needs and other items, and submit it as part of the Fiscal Year 2012 budget request for the Department of Agriculture.

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~~—— (b) —— Coordinate the preparation and approval of an invasive species management plan;~~

~~—— (c) —— Collaborate with the Mayors Council and residents to develop and implement a systematic approach to reduce and control infestations on public lands that are near or adjacent to communities;~~

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~~7. —— Coordinate efforts and issues with the Federal Invasive Species Council and its National Invasive Species Management Plan.~~

- ~~—— (j) — Designate the Department of Agriculture as the lead agency for each function of invasive species control, including prevention, rapid response, eradication, enforcement, and education;~~
- ~~—— (k) — Identify all funds (both local and federal) expended for the purposes of the invasive species problem on Guam;~~
- ~~—— (l) — Identify all federal and private funds available to Guam to fight invasive species and advise and assist local departments to obtain these funds;~~
- ~~—— (m) — Advise the Governor and the Legislature on budgetary and other issues;~~
- ~~—— (n) — Provide annual reports on budget and other related issues to the Legislature;~~
- ~~—— (o) — Include and coordinate with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the fight against invasive species in order to increase resources and funding, as well as to address activities that involve the education and prevention of invasive species in the region;~~
- ~~—— (p) — Review local mandates and commercial interests that can call for the maintenance of potentially destructive alien species as resources for sport hunting, aesthetic resources, or other values;~~
- ~~—— (q) — Review the structure of fines and penalties to ensure maximum deterrence for invasive species-related crimes;~~
- ~~—— (r) — Suggest appropriate legislation to improve the management of invasive species programs and policies;~~
- ~~—— (s) — Incorporate and expand the Department of Agriculture to the extent appropriate for the council's invasive species control and eradication efforts; and~~
- ~~—— (t) — Perform all functions necessary to effectuate the mission of the Council.~~

~~: the Directors of the Department of Administration, Agriculture, Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Customs and Quarantine Agency, or their designated representatives; the Homeland Security Advisor, or his designated representative; the Administrator of the Guam Environmental~~

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~~—— (d) —— The Director of the Department of Agriculture shall establish an advisory committee to provide information and advice for consideration of the Council, and shall, after consultation with other members of the Council, appoint members to the advisory council representing stakeholders. Among other things, the advisory committee shall recommend goals and objectives of the invasive species management plan in § 70107 of this Chapter. The advisory committee shall act in cooperation with stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species. The Department of Agriculture shall provide the administrative support for the advisory committee.~~

~~—— (e) —— The Council shall be placed within the Department of Agriculture for administrative purposes only.~~

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April 21, 2011

Buenas Nochas Honorable Chairman, Senator Rory Respicio and Honorable Senators.

My name is Mariquita Taitague and I am the Director of the Department of Agriculture. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Bill 111 an act relative to establishing the Guam invasive species Council under the Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture recognizes the need to place a higher authority on inspection to prevent biological invasion and threats, however we also recognize the importance of Customs and Quarantines role in their efforts in providing the "First Line of Defense" as well as the Department of Agriculture's role for inland inspections and surveillance.

I had the opportunity along with other stake holders to a one (1) hour presentation given by Customs and Quarantine showing their efforts and future plans in protecting our borders. I was impressed by their efforts and feel it would be critical to include Customs and Quarantine as co chairs along side of the Department of Agriculture in this legislation.

We support the intent of Bill 111 but we are not in support of this Bill in its present form.

We humbly request the following amendments be made to reflect:

1. The inclusion of the Guam Customs and Quarantine as an equal co-chair to the Guam Invasive Species Advisory Council.
2. To identify funding for an additional entomologist, botanist and plant pathologist.
3. To insure both Agencies share resources.
4. To revisit Section 4 regarding funding source only after attempts have been made to secure funding through federal funds or grants, and that funding will be shared by both agencies whether awarded to Customs and Quarantine or Agriculture for the Bio Security Task Force.

We appreciate your support in these recommendations to allow both agencies to work together in protecting our island.

Thank you yan Si Yuus Maase

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Director of the Department of Agriculture

## **TESTIMONY on Bill 111-31**

Submitted by: Maj. Vincent S.N. Perez

Title: Acting Director, Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency

Hafa adai and good evening Senators. I am Major Vincent Perez. I am temporarily the Acting Director of the Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency while Col. Ralph Sgambelluri is currently off island attending a management conference.

I am here representing the views of the Agency as it relates to this Bill.

Customs recognizes the need to increase enforcement efforts relating to invasive species interdiction and response on Guam and is currently taking proactive steps in that direction. The Agency recognizes the need for Agriculture to increase its resources in the establishment of a Bio-security division, and invasive species council.

However- the Agency is not in support of this bill in its present form.

I will present the reasons for opposition to Bill 111-31 in its present form; then I will expand on those reasons; and finally I will present Recommendations to enhance and improve the capacities of the Bill.

The Agency is in opposition of this bill in its present form for the following reasons:

**First-** this bill as written fails to recognize the important and inherent role that Customs has regarding agriculture and the role it plays in the Bio-security program at the borders. No regard was given to identify Customs as an equal co-chair on the Guam Invasive Species Council that this bill addresses. The legislation provides no reference within the legislation on the role that Customs has at the border.

**Second-** the bill is aimed at creating overlapping functions and authorities at the border which are contrary to current statutes and is a significant departure from the bio-security program worked on between Customs and the Department of Agriculture.

**And finally- if enacted upon, it serves to re-establish another layer of bureaucracy** when it comes to the inspection and clearance of goods and merchandise at the borders.

## **CQA IS AN INHERENT PART OF THE BIO-SECURITY PROGRAM**

The Agency's inspection protocols ensure the inspection of all articles and people passing through Guam's borders. Although the Agency has reduced capabilities because of limited manpower, resources, and funding, the Agency has established an Agriculture Security Task Force to focus on this threat. This Task Force provides an additional capacity in the inspection and screening process further enhancing current capabilities at the Ports of entry.

As a collaborative effort, it is more beneficial to enhance current capabilities for Customs as well as build capacity for the Department of Agriculture. Improving Customs capabilities at the borders, in addition to building capacity for the Department of Agriculture will ensure that bio-security enforcement is done at the border and monitoring is done inland to combat potential and current terrestrial, marine and other invasive species into Guam. This allows all border related issues pertaining to invasive species to be handled by Customs. Any inland issues with regard to the monitoring and surveillance of invasive species will be handled by the Department of Agriculture. This synergistic approach allows much more protection against potential threats.

As a collaborator for USDA and the Department of Agriculture, Customs' core competency exists in border management and enforcement and is comprised of personnel who specialize in the art and techniques of reviewing and inspecting imported merchandise for compliance with applicable import requirements;

The Agency utilizes as part of its enforcement capabilities functional programs that are specialized and geared towards heightening its effectiveness in the detection and interdiction of contraband in violation of agricultural laws through the utilization of Agricultural Detection Canine, and the Customs Bio-security Task Force personnel.

The Agency has established facility upgrades designed to further enhance its detection and interdiction of agricultural violations through our ports of entry. (i.e. PACAIR Facility, x-ray machines under DOI Grant, etc.)

In addition, the Agency is currently applying for a grant from the Department of the Interior that will help solidify the Customs Bio-security Program at the border. This proposal is currently under review by the Governor's Office.

## **CURRENT STATUTE AND ORIGINAL BIO-SECURITY PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

Current statutes empowered Customs with the enforcement of agricultural laws at our borders. Because of redundancies passengers, goods, and commodities were exposed to a longer, bureaucratic, and time consuming process.

These bureaucratic issues were reduced when statute enabled Customs to absorb the Plant Protection & Quarantine functions. This expanded Agriculture's capabilities. During this early period, 19 Plant Protection & Quarantine Inspectors were assimilated and cross trained as well as having 119 customs officers trained and certified in plant protection and quarantine enforcement- exponentially increasing the scope and effectiveness for protecting our borders;

This bill should reinforce the current framework of our core competencies and perhaps expand them within each of our own areas.

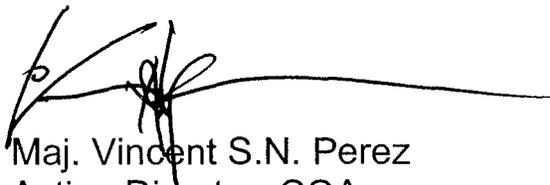
Rather than increasing the capabilities for one entity while reducing the other, expanding capabilities both at border and inland would be much more effective. Expanding both capacities will minimize bureaucracy and ensure timely delivery of services.

## **CQA RECOMMENDATIONS**

Customs recommends the following:

1. REVISE BILL 111-31- to Include the Customs & Quarantine Agency alongside the Department of Agriculture while maintaining separate and distinct divisions of enforcement at the border and in-land.
2. Incorporate language for shared communication, coordination, and sharing of resources;
3. Keep Bill within the current statutory framework;
4. Finally- Identify and delineate the division of responsibilities and explain how each entity will utilize its resources.

Thank you.

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April 21, 2011

To: Senator Rory J. Respicio  
Chairperson Committee on Rules, Natural Resources and Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs

Fr: Vicente S. Taitague  
Talofofu Mayor

Subject: Bill No. 111-31 Testimony

For the record my name is Vicente Taitague, Mayor of Talofofu. Let the record show that the residents of God's Country fully support the intent of Bill No. 111-31.

Mr. Chairman and members of this committee, I am sad to say that our beautiful island is infested with non-indigenous pests that are destroying the fabric of our island's agricultural industry. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, our island would not have these epidemic pest problems if quarantine measures had been properly supported and effectively carried out in the past. As we move forward to increase tourist numbers, pending military build-up and the economic benefits for our island society that flow from these efforts, we must continue to be mindful of the possibility to bringing in detrimental organism that hitchhike along with the many aircraft and ships that arrive on Guam. Our beautiful island, our agricultural industry, indeed the basis of our culture, must remain constantly guarded to prevent any additional organisms from arriving and taking roots here.

A successful agricultural industry is a multi-million dollar operation. Economic indicators project 1.5 million visitors will visit our island yearly. Assuming 1 in 50 Japanese tourists could purchase a gift carton of melon containing 4 fruits; this would represent an annual market of about 50 tons of premium quality fruits. Similar market may also be expected for fruits such as papaya, tangerine, star apple and guava. However, at present selling



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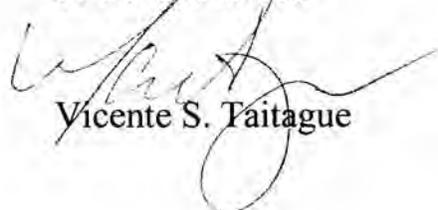
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fruits to returning Japanese tourists is out of the question while the destructive pest is present in the Marianas.

The presence of destructive pests on Guam and the surrounding islands is considered a major impediment to agricultural development for two reasons: Significant damage to cash crops and quarantine measures which prohibit shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to potential markets. In order for our island community to fully develop its agricultural industry, it is incumbent upon the leaders of Guam to look at various methods of eradicating this pest that is destroying the fabric of our agricultural industry. I firmly believe that the intent of Bill 111-31 will do the job.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase



Vicente S. Taitague



4/6/2011

To: Senator Chris Duenas  
Senator Ailene Yamashita

From: Kadalino Lorens  
Chairman of the Regional Invasive  
Species Council (RISC)

Re: Legislation for the Development of an  
Invasive Species Council and Bio-  
Security Task Force on Guam

Dear Honorable Senators:

On behalf of the Micronesia Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC), I extend to you our appreciation for your efforts to enhance bio-security on Guam. As you may be aware, similar efforts exist and are working in Palau, Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia. We, the members of RISC, are pleased to see rising awareness of our island leaders realizing the importance of developing strong bio-security measures to protect our culture, environment and economies. As the hub of Micronesia, and with the military build-up on the horizon, it is vital to the region that Guam stands as a first line of defense against the introduction and spread of invasive species.

If there is any information we may provide in order to assist you in your endeavors to strengthen Guam's bio-security defenses, please feel free to contact me or your Guam RISC members.

Sincerely,



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RISC Chairman

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The 31st Guam Legislature

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1.	Jessica Nangauta	Merizo, Guam	
2.	Jerome Perez	Pago Bay, GU	
3.	Kasteen Mafnas	Yona, Guam	
4.	Jon Bamba	Honolulu, HI	
5.	Amanda Bamba	Honolulu, HI	
6.	Alex Tan	Richmond, Canada	
7.	Iлга Sokolova	Sverdlovsk Region, Severouralsk, Russian Federation	
8.	leah jo hemling	yona, GU	
9.	Vivian Bryan	Grover Beach, CA	
10.	Sabina Perez	Barrigada, Guam	We need to end the onslaught of introduced species to our fragile island ecosystem. Micronesia is considered one of the biodiversity hotspots of the world, in which our endemic species are threatened by habitat loss, global warming, pollution, overpopulation that is exacerbated and catalyzed by the military buildup. We already lost so much, including, our native birds within a generation--we need to protect what we have (left). This includes our limestone forests that protects our major drinking water source.
11.	Pam Boland	Grovetown, GA	
12.	Andrew Butt	Port Glasgow, United Kingdom	
13.	Ellen Mccabe	Seattle, WA	
14.	Jackie Ramsden	Hertfordshire, United Kingdom	
15.	Shella segovia	dededo, GU	
16.	Gordon Forbes	Perthshire, United Kingdom	
17.	Evonnie Oplado	Yona, Guam	
18.	robert bourgeois	Barrigada, Guam	Save Guam!!!!!!!!!!!!
19.	Swadeep Reddy	Hyderabad, India	

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20.	Clarissa Flores	Barrigada, GU	There are too many pest like species that have somehow invaded our small but beautiful island. Some of these "bugs" have actually damaged some of our local plants & trees. I feel that we need a task force to help control and/or get rid of these creatures that have been ruining our natural resources.
21.	Bettina Lorenz	Rhede, Germany	
22.	Lee Yudin	Mangilao, Guam	
23.	melvin won pat-borja	malojloj, GU	
24.	june bullied	Toronto, Canada	
25.	DENA HARRIS	Woodstock, GA	
26.	Elena Vodianova	Sanct-petersburg, Russian Federation	
27.	James Nangauta	Merizo, GU	
28.	marta de la fuente	Aranjuez, Spain	
29.	Emma Spurgin Hussey	Truro, United Kingdom	
30.	RANA AZZAM	Beirut, Lebanon	
31.	Darini Suthasakul	Nonthaburi, Thailand	
32.	Eleanor Batuhan	Antioch, CA	I would like to keep our Island of Guam as natural as possible for our future generations. I took my children to Guam for our Thanksgiving vacation; I would like to take my grandchildren to Guam for a vacation thats why we must keep our Island of Guam protected for our future generations.
33.	Cathala Corine	Pierrelatte, France	
34.	Cheryl Brothers	Hammond, LA	
35.	Lauren Zanko	Macedonia, OH	
36.	Jerome Unpingco	Santa Rita, Guam	
37.	David Neiberger	Carmel, CA	
38.	Joshua Dunn	Yona, Guam	
39.	Angela Chamberlain	Mosinee, WI	
40.	Nicole Weber	Pasadena, MD	
41.	Anthony Santos	Sinajana, Guam	The Brown Tree Snake is believed to have taken many bird species away from Guam and has been named numerous times to have caused of power outages including Island wide outages. Let us not stand by and let the Rhino Beetle take away our coconut trees. What would our Tropical Island of Guam be without coconut trees? Any steps taken to strengthen and protect our boarders against <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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41.	Anthony Santos	Sinajana, Guam	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> the influx of invasive species are definitely beneficial and respectable.
42.	michael nededog	dededo, Guam	guam really needs to get this bill passed and protect our island from invasive species like the rhino beetles and the chain of love ! biba bill 111
43.	Kenneth Mesa	Asan, Guam	
44.	Alan Salas	Tamuning, GU	
45.	Alan Pisaro	Barrigada, Guam	
46.	Scott Delos Reyes	Barrigada, Guam	
47.	Geri B-Santos	Merizo, GU	
48.	Vanessa Santos	Sinajana, Guam	We can do this together Guam! Stop the influx of invasive species and protect Guam's natural resources!
49.	Nito Delos Reyes	Tamuning, Guam	It is culturally important to protect the coconut trees and fruit plants especially ones we currently have on our homestead. My children and grandchildren are actively involved in protecting the local lemon cheena fruit trees by smoking out invasive bugs and insects.
50.	Isaac Cruz	Dededo, Guam	
51.	Chelu Guam Rail	Mangilao, GU	Help stop invasive species from wiping out the last of Guam's native species. Asian cycad, Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, Brown treesnake..... did not originate on Guam. There are countless others that can still come here such as the Coqui frog. Please help Guam. Dial 475-PEST to report a strange or different plants, animals or bugs.
52.	Vicente Manibusan	Chalan Pago, Guam	
53.	Joni Borja	Sinajana, Guam	
54.	ann manglona	agana, Guam	Let's do this GUAM! I hate SNAKES! Let's get rid of this nuisance species!
55.	Susan Leiter	Nyack, NY	
56.	Jesse Fujikawa	Tamuning, Guam	
57.	Karen Vasily	Norristown, PA	
58.	Tracy Gogue	Barrigada, GU	
59.	Lydia Fausto	Malojloj, Guam	
60.	John Streck	Wimbledon, United Kingdom	
61.	luis cabral	Hagatna, GU	
62.	John Miller	Bloomington, IL	
63.	Royce- Jon Flores	Yona, Guam	We really need this, to protect our island.
64.	Anthony Garcia	Hagana, Guam	Protect our natural resources and best for Guam..

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65.	James Shimizu	Ipan Talofoto, Guam	
66.	Andrea Kahler	Buffalo, NY	
67.	Carmen Santos	Sinajana, GU	
68.	Shelley Ruble	Sunnyvale, CA	
69.	Carol Joan Patterson	Eureka Springs, AR	
70.	Claudia Prigge	Friedberg, Germany	
71.	Allen Sablan	Chalan Pago, Guam	I believe that this Task Force could be useful to the island of Guam. As well as to the upcoming generations of the future. Kudos to the creators. Good job
72.	Patrick Artero	Yigo, Guam	
73.	Elizabeth Santos	Sinajana, Guam	
74.	Thao Dinh	Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	
75.	ignacio Santos	tamuning, Guam	
76.	Sean Child	Southampton, United Kingdom	
77.	James Mulcare	Clarkston, WA	
78.	STEVE KLEIN	Montreal, Canada	
79.	Gloria Santos	Manteca, CA	It is imperative that Guam takes action to protect its environment and maintain its natural beauty. The influx of various invasive species is ruining our island home. We must protect it for generations to come.
80.	Mikaela Wilson	Nanaimo, Canada	
81.	Ewa Piasecka	Warsaw, Poland	
82.	Michelle Pier	Hagatna, Guam	
83.	Marianne Pontemayor	Dededo, GU	
84.	Celena Calvo-Story	Dededo, Guam	
85.	Kyle Martin	Baltimore, MD	
86.	shelly gibson	Barrigada, GU	
87.	STEVEN THOMAS	ORO VALLEY, AZ	

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Frank Blair Garcia	[Signature]	Yona	789-7572
Cecilia M. R. Perez	Cecilia M. R. Perez	Yona	789-9596
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RAMON AQUIVA	<i>Ramon Aquiva</i>	Dededo	977-2874
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Troy Kihleng	<i>Troy Kihleng</i>	Mangilao	
Lynn Meninger	<i>Lynn Meninger</i>	Chalan Pago	678-9799
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Bertha Diego	Bertha	Talofofu	789-2025
Alyssa Cruz	Alyssa	Miraflores	789-2025
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Derrick Reyes	Derrick	Talofofu	929-4340
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Jasmine Caspo		Talofoto	717-3525
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Nicholas Santos	<i>Nicholas</i>	Sinajana	686-6427
Krystyn Butler	<i>Krystyn Butler</i>	Santa Rita	565-9594
Catherine Lorio	<i>Catherine</i>	Santa Rita	929-3256
Stephanie Quitugua	<i>Stephanie Quitugua</i>	Mangilao	
Josephine Viera	<i>Josephine Viera</i>	Chalan Pago	472-0511
Christine Lorio	<i>Christine Lorio</i>	Santa Rita	865-2463
Aaron Tuquero	<i>Aaron Tuquero</i>	Dededo	627-3552
William T. Flores Jr.	<i>William T. Flores Jr.</i>	Chalan pago	4720511
James L. Salinas	<i>James L. Salinas</i>	Tiga	653-7650
Dylan Balsadic	<i>Dylan Balsadic</i>	Tona	789-2250
JOSEPH HERRANDEZ	<i>Joseph Hernandez</i>	Dededo	987-9285
DAVID MERCADO	<i>David Mercado</i>	YIGO	688-1008
Vanessa Malumay	<i>Vanessa Malumay</i>	Dededo	988-1444
Craig Tajaral	<i>Craig Tajaral</i>	Dededo	977-4415
<i>John Pineda</i>	<i>John Pineda</i>	Yigo	742-1035
Johnny F. Praisier	<i>Johnny F. Praisier</i>	Talofoto	789-4240
Ann S.A. Leon Guerrero	<i>Ann S.A. Leon Guerrero</i>	BANIADA	898-6141
MARSSA BARCINAS	<i>Marssa Barcinas</i>	ASAN	735-2204
MITCHELL BARCINAS	<i>Mitchell Barcinas</i>	MANGILAO	987-067



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Patrick Charquialaf	<del>Patrick Charquialaf</del>	Yona	797-2024
W J Ballard	W J Ballard	Yona	685-2481
Jeremy Mountain	Jeremy Mountain	Yona	6858-2460
Lizbeth M. Ada	Lizbeth M. Ada	Yona	988-7862
Dakota Sanchez	<del>Dakota Sanchez</del>	<del>Santa Rita</del>	777-2175
Lena P. Amuan	Lena P. Amuan	Yona	7897685
RENE AMUAN	Rene J. Amuan	YONA	689-4053
Ryan San Nicolas	<del>Ryan San Nicolas</del>	Yona	969-2868
James Johnson	James Johnson	YONA	789-3525
Juliana Cruz	Juliana Cruz	Yona	789-1947
KERRY M. RODRIGUEZ	Kerry M. Rodriguez	YONA	789-1180
Pinnie Margarilla	P. Margarilla	Yona	789-6873
Macrina Atoghe	Macrina Atoghe	Yal	789-4102
Johnny N Castro	<del>Johnny N Castro</del>	Talofoto	7298058
Steven Tago	Steven Tago	Yona	788-2039
Josephine Rosario	Josephine Rosario	Yona	788-5235
Juri Tago	Juri Tago	Yona	734-2164
Yasho Danny	Yasho Danny	YONA	789-7592
JAMES MANTANONA	J. Mantanona	YONA	647-7942
Jesse S. Aguilar	J. S. Aguilar	"	789-7992
Joseph T. Paulino	Joseph T. Paulino	Malojloj	789-7558
PATRICIA WELLSWORTH	Patricia Wellsworth	YONA	777-0513
JOSHUA AHN	J. Ahn	YONA	789-1826
THOMAS JESSE DIEGO	Thomas Jesse Diego	YONA MALOJLOJ	977-5072
CRISTO JOE	Cristo Joe	Santa	NW0
Bettajo C Charquialaf	BETTJO CHARQUIALAF	YONA	9611578
Tanya Manibacan	Tanya Manibacan	TALOFOTO	685-9809
Pauline Duran	Pauline Duran	YONA	685-9809
Matthew Wolford	Matthew Wolford	TALOFOTO	977-3360

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CARBON, YOLANDA R.	Yolo	Mangilao	
Addemary Nameru	Addemary Nameru	Mangilao	
Iasi Angila Martinez	Iasi Angila Martinez	Mangilao	931-9188
Kasey Ann Dingus	Kasey Ann Dingus	Tamuning	
Joseph	Joseph	Mangilao	929-9248
Amanda Benavente	Amanda Benavente	Barrigada	
Ace Macalintal	Ace Macalintal	Mangilao	
Cristine Flores	Cristine Flores	Mangilao	
Rey-lynn L.G.	Rey-lynn L.G.	Mangilao	
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Diana Ruben	Diana Ruben	Mangilao	---
Chanelle Tinoso	Chanelle Tinoso	Chalan Pago	
Reivin Sato	Reivin Sato	Mangilao	
Anthony Ezra Jr.	Anthony Ezra Jr.	Toto	
Carlida Pirawla	Carlida Pirawla	Mangilao	
Scarlett Sablan	Scarlett Sablan	Sinajon	929-4899
Chanelle Tinoso	Chanelle Tinoso	(Chalan Pago)	
MARLIN JOE	MARLIN JOE	Barrigada	754-3006
LUISALIN DOANE	LUISALIN DOANE	Barrigada	456-2762
Peter C. Benavente	Peter C. Benavente	Dededo	989-0209
MONALISA BENAVENTE	MONALISA BENAVENTE	"	"
Kate Williams	Kate Williams	Pantarita	
BARBARA J. QUINATA	BARBARA J. QUINATA	DEDEDO	632-8354
Deyon Villagomez	Deyon Villagomez	Dededo	989-0309
CHERYL CANO	CHERYL CANO	DEDEDO	637-4882
Sophia Peggique	Sophia Peggique	Aringon	678-9549
RAYMUNDO L.B. SAN MIGUEL	RAYMUNDO L.B. SAN MIGUEL	PADAT	969-8126
Jackie Villagomez	Jackie Villagomez	Mangilao	"





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BRIANNO LUJAN	Brian	INDORJUN	N/A
Josefine Tanton	Josefine	Yigo	888-1148
Lilet Murolo	Lilet Murolo	Yigo	n/a
Karen Ramirez	Karen	Yigo	N/A
Rashia Juvenile	Rashia Juvenile	Tant	N/A
Chelced Santos	Chelced	Tamuning	488-2578
ARISTINA SISKI	Aristina	Tamuning	N/A
Alvan Perez	Alvan	Tamuning	N/A
KENNETH C. NAOTA	Kenneth C. Naota	DEDEDO	
JOE PALMIG	Joe	DEDEDO	929-5325
RUPY TORO C	Rupy	UMANGREN	N/A
Ramona C. Castro	Ramona Castro	Uyup	777-6016
Gonnie Durkin	Gonnie	CR	472-2295
Dasha Dakto	Dasha	Santa Rita	487-1250
Diana Maracay	Diana	Deededo	988-0971
M. J. Amador	M. J. Amador	Talofoto	788-7321
Christina Pablo	Christina Pablo	Talofoto	
Justin Sablon	Justin Sablon	Yona	N/A
Beverly Charonlat	Beverly Charonlat	INDORJUN	N/A
ANTHONY WIL TADACME	Anthony Wil Tadacme	TALOFOTO	N/A
Tanya Santos	Tanya Santos	TALOFOTO	N/A
DERRICK CHASORAN	Derrick Chasoran	TALOFOTO	N/A
Tanner Santos	Tanner Santos	Talofoto	N/A
Alvin Santos	Alvin Santos	Talofoto	N/A
MANLEEN R. CASTRO	Manleen R. Castro	TALOFOTO	N/A
Doris C. Santos	Doris C. Santos	Talofoto	785-7874
Lucy A. Santos	Lucy A. Santos	Talofoto	N/A
Vincente P. Atoiguel	Vincente P. Atoiguel	Talofoto	967-3324
Kollene C. Lopez	Kollene C. Lopez	Talofoto	980-6800
Joseph Samuel	Joseph Samuel	Talofoto	969-9282
Rosy Saz	Rosy Saz	Talofoto	969-9282
JEFF SANTO	Jeff Santo	TALOFOTO	450-1129







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PATRICK RAMBA	PTL	Barrigada	687-2870
ROO M. J. RAMOS	R	Barrigada	734-4768
Carmen Triante	C	Barr	734-4768
Quigley	Q	Tumon	929-0118
CLAYTON SMITH	C	ORDOT	925-2328
Mark Conel	M	Yigo	924-2060
Tom PARSON	Tom Pearson	Tumon	646-9180
Alison Hadley	Alison Hadley	Mangilao	685-5919
Phillip Cruz	Phillip Cruz	Chalan Pago	727-7445
LALI S. THUNDIYIL	L	Yigo	686-1097
Severina Koss	S	Mangilao	488-2689
DANILYN PEREZ	D	MANA HEIGHTS	777-6804
Charles Pinault	C	Monsieur	472-5878
Lisa Pinault	L	Mungmong	472-5472
JON ARILLO	J	DEDEDO	632-2701
Lisa Elanega	L	Dededo	632-2701
CATHERINE S. GUTIERRE	C	DEDEDO	632-6285
Crana Danganthy	C	Tumon	488-0258
MICHELLE TEDDOR	M	Yigo	977-6222
ANNE PEREZ	A	Yigo	482-2283
Roland Gutierrez	R	Dededo	632-1102
Annetette Quiambao	A	Mungmong	472-8768
Nicole Heath	N	Barrigada	482-0151
Katrina Untalan	K	Chalan Pago	797-1456
Jeffrey Muth	J	Dededo	632-0208
Tarsila T. Muth	T	"	"
Jaclyn Zapanta	J	ORDOT	988-9486
Sharon Gallinger	S	TUMON	646-8080
Michael Fuzimi	M	Tumuning	969-0071
Patrick Fuzilli	P	Yigo	310-3209
Jeremy L. Baccus	J	Mangilao	734-3032
Rosal Alvarez	R	USA	
Clinton Williams	C	USA	
Jessica Chan	J	Sinajana	797-1504
James O. Lopez	J	Mangilao	734-2388
Eric C. Panchinan	E	Mangilao	988-7228
Ignacio R. Carrasco	I	Dededo	688-9866

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JULIAN RESTIER-REYES	Julian Restier Reyes	TAMUNING	
Ramon Leon Guerrero	Ramon Leon Guerrero	Dededo	
Manuel Delosman	Manuel Delosman	Tamuning	
Lizki Henneey	Lizki Henneey	"	
USCAR BECARIA	Uscar Becaria	CALIFORNIA	
Mecedes McDaniel	Mecedes McDaniel	California	
GLENN DUNN	Glenn Dunn	CALIFORNIA	
JOHN RAINIER	John Rainier	ORdoT	
Betzio Alon	Betzio Alon	Yuen	
BERNIE CRUZ	Bernie Cruz	DEDEDO	
Allen Handrick	Allen Handrick	Tigo	
Kenneth Durnas	Kenneth Durnas	Mangilao	
Alexander Darn	Alexander Darn	Mangilao	
ANGELICA TENICO BARRA	Angelica Tenico Barra	Mangilao	
LIZA PAMA	Liza Pama	Mangilao	
STEVESO USAL	Stevesso Usal	MANGILAO	
Paul Alaisen	Paul Alaisen	A-H.	
Richme Lumbra	Richme Lumbra	Agat	
Primitiva Muna	Primitiva Muna	Inaragan	
Vilha Katge	Vilha Katge	Hadar	
BEEDY VICENTE	Beedy Vicente	Turkey	
Shawana M... <small>Luzon M... Shawana M...</small>	Shawana M...	TUMON	
Hazel Capuz	Hazel Capuz	Toto	
Jacqueline Sohmo	Jacqueline Sohmo	Chalan Pago	
Teresita Hagen	Teresita Hagen	Barro Hays	
Leila Uong	Leila Uong	MANGILAO	
FINA SIBAL	Fina Sibal	Tigo	
Kevin Brindock	Kevin Brindock	Santita	
Lauren Brindock	Lauren Brindock	Santa Rita	
April Quichocho	April Quichocho	Agat	
Anna Cruz	Anna Cruz	Dededo	
Dolores Tenaje	Dolores Tenaje	Agat	
Juliana Hilly	Juliana Hilly	Piti	
MARIL MARAVILLA	Maril Maravilla	Dededo	
Kate Olson	Kate Olson	Agat	
Bertha Herrera	Bertha Herrera	Agat	

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Donnell Ramirez	[Signature]	Yigo	488-9392
Michael Corner	[Signature]	Yigo	
Jack Cruzma	[Signature]	Ipan	
Christine S. Puer	[Signature]	Dededo	
Francisco Palacios	[Signature]	Mangilao	777-8087
Steven Hillman	[Signature]	Agat	
LINDA TATREAU	[Signature]	Ipan	789-7704
JOE JASMIN	[Signature]	DEDEDO	688-7400
Sonya Gordon	[Signature]	Santa Rita	488-8218
Carlo Unginaco	[Signature]	Santa Rita	565-2618
MARIA UNPUNTA	[Signature]	Santa Rita	5252-0558
Scott Hansen	[Signature]	RARRIGADA	10324002
Ryan Armistia	[Signature]	Tamuning	771-1122
CHRISTINE CLAVERA	[Signature]	SANTA RITA	727-0002
ANTONIO VILLEGAS	[Signature]	Yigo	683-4392
ELSA VILLEGAS	[Signature]	Yigo	"
OLIVER CASE	[Signature]	PAPP	488-2747
HENRY TILSON	[Signature]	Tamuning	685-2242
SABLAN, MICHAEL I.	[Signature]	YIGO	888-4362
Evelyn Guill	[Signature]	Yigo	683-4785
Reiniger Mercedes	[Signature]	Yigo	969-5415
ALONSO CHIA	[Signature]	ZARAGOZA	482-7889
Rolando Tibero	[Signature]	Bar.	
Diane Tenorio	[Signature]	Ch. Papp	734-3471/72
Jessamine Borada	[Signature]	Dededo	488-2203
Katharine Lotchin	[Signature]	Mangilao	734-3530
James Herb	[Signature]	Santa Rita	614-1871
Annie DeGuzman	[Signature]	Yigo	787-8262
Ryan Ramoleta	[Signature]	Yigo	787-0277
V. Pereira	[Signature]	Mangilao	
ADRIENE BERNARDO	[Signature]	AGANA PAGO	734-3892
ED JEFFERS	[Signature]	DEDEDO	
Arthur Munier	[Signature]	Maitte	488-8450
Anaela Moylan	[Signature]		
Ester Santos	[Signature]	YONA	
Tamika Atalig	[Signature]	Ordon Papp	688-8902

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DORIS ROYAL	Doris Royal	Barri	734-5514
RONALD LARREN	Ronald Larren	YIGO	653-5350
Janelle Larrow	Janelle Larrow	YIGO	"
John Munkz	John Munkz	Mangilao	7411015
John Munkz	John Munkz	Mangilao	7341415
Mandi Manioz	Mandi Manioz	Dededo	7341615
Edita Lopez	Edita Lopez	Yigo	657-4482
Sandy Keith	Sandy Keith	Mangilao	969-1267
Cassandra Reips	Cassandra Reips	YIGO	482-8171
Ann-Marie Duenas	Ann-Marie Duenas	Maite	645-8305
Dina Mesa-Cox	Dina Mesa-Cox	Agaña Hts	488-1689
EMILY D. ROSARIO	Emily D. Rosario	MANGILAO	797-9854
A.J. Rosario	A.J. Rosario	MANGILAO	6874266
Clara Sue Santos	Clara Sue Santos	DEDEDO	735-7371
Junilda Castro	Junilda Castro	SANAYAN	4779104
Maec Novwel	Maec Novwel	Barkibari	8985897
William Cruz	William Cruz	Agaña	
S. Sultan a	S. Sultan a	Dededo	967-1585
Oliver Lalain	Oliver Lalain	Chao Lora	
SHANE YATAR	Shane Yatar	SANTA RITA	686-3867
Stephen Vold	Stephen Vold	Tamuning	788-9187
Maruka Matsui	Maruka Matsui	Mongmong	497-3121
JOSEPH MATEO	Joseph Mateo	Mangilao	77-8026
Trinity Guzman	Trinity Guzman	Dededo	
DUCK CHY	Duck Chy	Dededo	
Joseph Zumbeler	Joseph Zumbeler	Yigo	6533693
CARL CUMAMORAO	Carl Cumamorao	Agaña Hts	676-3418
Demarion	Demarion	Saracoc	6860741
Priscilla Leon Guerrero	Priscilla Leon Guerrero	Dededo	
Karlson Teis	Karlson Teis	Parrigada	967-2025
Rosalinda Mori	Rosalinda Mori	"	685-4747
Cecille Cess	Cecille Cess	Dededo	6337072
Bernie Diaz	Bernie Diaz	Mangilao	687-1755
Janel Guzman	Janel Guzman	Yigo	653-7600
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Alex Perez	[Signature]	Agaña Heights	477-2705
Matthew Barcinas	[Signature]	Mongmong	472-2032
Ryan Barcinas	[Signature]	Agaña Heights	472-6685
PN Maramba	[Signature]	Anigua	
Theresa Fontana	[Signature]	Anigua	477-8820
Charles Fontana	[Signature]	Sinajana	482-5250
Lucas Fontana	[Signature]	SINAJANA	482-5276
Shane Santos	[Signature]	Barrigada	787-1150
Michaela King	[Signature]	Harmon	482-4715
Maed Hunt Rep	[Signature]	Tumon	678-4176
John W. T...	[Signature]	Anigua	477-6615
RYA BARCINAS	[Signature]	Agaña HTS	472-1829
Raina Perez	[Signature]	VIA	472-1021
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ANTHONY MANTANAN	[Signature]	MARAJAN	472-1021
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ROBERT J. STEFFY	[Signature]	PITI	477-7829
Cherrie C. Sampson	[Signature]	Mangilao	477-7829
MARIA AN RELEZ	[Signature]	AGANA HEIGHTS	472-6435
JENNIFER BARCINAS	[Signature]	AGANA HEIGHTS	
Joseph Barcinas	[Signature]	II	477-7532
Josephine P. Barcinas	[Signature]	II	II
Stevie C. Wason	[Signature]	SINAJANA	477-6688
Rose C. Barcinas	[Signature]	Mongmong	477-6658
Jared Wolfard	[Signature]	Mongmong	477-0718
Laura Quintanilla	[Signature]	Mangilao	721-5744
MUTHI SUKIAN	[Signature]	Anigua	477-7815
SWAN IV REP	[Signature]	ANIGUA	477-1804
FONSILLO	[Signature]	MARAJAN	
LEONARDO SUKIAN	[Signature]	A-HA-SUK	687-3321
Anthony Galas	[Signature]	Tumon	647-1700
Jared Barcinas	[Signature]	Mongmong	472-6658
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Victorina Mantanan	[Signature]	Mangilao	685-9088

**FISCAL NOTE ON  
BILL NO. 111-31 (COR)**

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Senator Rory J. Respicio  
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The 31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature  
155 Hesler Place  
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

*Hafa Adai* Senator Respicio:

Transmitted herewith are Fiscal Notes on the following Bill Nos.: 111-31(COR), 120-31(LS), 132-31(COR), 139-31(COR), 140-31(COR), 141-31(COR), 147-31(COR), 149-31(COR), 150-31(COR), 151-31(COR), 154-31(COR) and Fiscal Note Waiver on Bill No.: 161-31(COR).

If you have any question(s), please do not hesitate to call the office at 475-9412/9106.

Handwritten signature of Benita A. Manglona in black ink.  
BENITA A. MANGLONA  
Director

Enclosures

cc: Senator Vicente (ben) Pangelinan

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research**  
**Fiscal Note of Bill No. 111-31 (COR)**

**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 70 TO DIVISION 6 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL; TO ESTABLISH THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTION FEE AND FUND; AND, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A BIOSECURITY DIVISION.**

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected:	Department of Agriculture
Dept./Agency Head:	Mariquita F. Taitague, Acting Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	3,025,454
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	116,119
<b>Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:</b>	<b>\$3,141,573</b>

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2010 Unreserved Fund Balance <sup>1</sup>		\$0	\$0
FY 2011 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2011 Appro. (P.L. 30-196)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2011 (if applicable)	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? /X/ Yes      // No  
 If Yes, see attachment to Bill 111-31 (COR)
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? /X/ N/A      // Yes      // No  
 If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ // N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? /X/ Yes      // No  
 If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? // N/A      // Yes      /X/ No  
 Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? // Yes      /X/ No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? // Yes      /X/ No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: // Yes      // No  
 // Requested agency comments not received by due date      // Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Analyst:  Date: 4/12/11 Director:  Date: APR 27 2011  
 Jaclyn Tortate, BMA II      Benita Maglona, Director

**Footnotes:**  
 The Bill has potential funding impact to the Department of Agriculture as it establishes a Biosecurity Division and authorizes the Director Agriculture to submit a budget plan for the new division. This potential impact is undetermined at this time.

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research**  
**Attachment to Fiscal Note No. 111-31 (COR)**  
**(for revenue generating provisions)**

Projected Multi-Year Revenues					
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>

**Comments:**

**1/ The bill has a potential for additional revenues as there is a newly imposed fee for the inspection, quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in freight by container shipment, air freight or any other transportation freight brought into Guam. All fees shall be collected by the transportation company as part of their freight charges and then forwarded to the Department of Administration and deposited into the Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund. The potential revenues to be realized with the implementation of this Act cannot be determined at this time.**

Committee on Rules  
Referral of  
Bill No. 111-31 (COR)



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March 15, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Pat Santos  
*Clerk of the Legislature*

**Attorney Therese M. Terlaje**  
*Legislative Legal Counsel*

**From:** Senator Judith P. Guthertz, DPA  
*Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules*

**Subject:** Referral of Bill No. 111-31 (COR)

As Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bill No. 111-31 (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'åse!*

(1) Attachments

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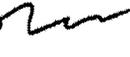


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**THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE**

April 14, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: All Members / All Senators**

**From: Senator Rory J. Respicio** 

**Subject: First Notice of Public Hearing – Thursday, April 21, 2011, 5:30 PM**

*Hafa Adai!* Please be advised that I will be conducting a public hearing on **Thursday, April 21, 2011** beginning at **5:30 PM** in the Legislature's Public Hearing Room. This hearing is scheduled to receive public testimony on **Bill No. 111-31 (COR) – "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 70 TO DIVISION 6 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL; TO ESTABLISH THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTION FEE AND FUND; AND, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A BIOSECURITY DIVISION."**

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cc: Clerk of the Legislature  
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## First Notice of Public Hearing on B111: Thu, 4/21, 5:30 PM

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Senator Rory J. Respicio <cor@guamlegislature.org>

Thu, Apr 14, 2011 at 2:25 PM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Hafa Adai All:

Please see attached notice regarding the public hearing on Bill No. 111-31 (COR), to be held on Thursday, April 21st at 5:30 PM.

Thank you,  
Rory

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**Rory J. Respicio**  
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**THIRTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE**

**April 14, 2011**  
**For Immediate Release**

**First Notice of Public Hearing**  
**April 21, 2011 – 5:30 PM**

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Senator Rory J. Respicio &lt;cor@guamlegislature.org&gt;

Thu, Apr 14, 2011 at 2:28 PM

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Thank you,  
Rory

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April 19, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Members / All Senators

**From:** Senator Rory J. Respicio 

**Subject:** Second Notice of Public Hearing – Thursday, April 21, 2011, 5:30 PM

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Senator Rory J. Respicio <cor@guamlegislature.org>  
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Tue, Apr 19, 2011 at 9:38 AM

Hafa Adai, All:

Please see attached (second) notice of the public hearing on Bill No. 111-31 (COR), which is scheduled for this Thursday, April 21, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Public Hearing Room.

Thank you,  
Rory

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Thursday, April 21, 2011 • 5:30 PM**

**Legislature's Public Hearing Room • Hagåtña, Guam**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Announcements**
- III. Items for Public Consideration**
  - **Bill No. 111-31 (COR) – "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 70 TO DIVISION 6 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL; TO ESTABLISH THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTION FEE AND FUND; AND, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A BIOSECURITY DIVISION."** – Sponsored by C. Duenas.
- IV. Remarks**
- V. Adjournment**

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2011 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

Bill No. 111-31 (d.o.r.)

Introduced by:

C. Duenas *SD*  
A.A. Yamashita, Ph.D. *AY*

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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 70 TO DIVISION 6 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL; TO ESTABLISH THE GUAM INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTION FEE AND FUND; AND, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A BIOSECURITY DIVISION.**

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

**Section 1. Legislative Statement.** *I Liheslatura* finds that island ecosystems are particularly vulnerable to the destructive power of invasive pests. The unimpeded spread of invasive species is one of the greatest threats to Guam's economy, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of its people. Invasive pests can cause millions of dollars in crop losses, the extinction of native species, the destruction of native forests, and the spread of disease.

There is increasing traffic of cargo being transported into Guam without a high priority for inspection of invasive species. It is most notable that there is also a lack of aquatic monitoring, or rapid response measures, to handle incidences of invasive species discovered at our ports of entry and inland. Thus the growing potential threat increases each year that enforcement and monitoring is not mandated and, most importantly, carried out. This Act aims to combat terrestrial, marine and freshwater invasive species that have been introduced into Guam and caused widespread havoc on our island and aquatic ecosystems.

Currently, officers of the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency provide the "First Line of Defense" for the island by enforcing local and federal laws and regulations. They are also responsible for protecting our borders, securing ports of entry and facilitating trade, commerce and

1 travel. These are many obligations for one department to enforce, and are certainly of utmost  
2 priority. However, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to put a higher priority on inspection and  
3 surveillance of invasive species by creating a Biosecurity Division under the Department of  
4 Agriculture for the protection of our natural resources from biological invasion and threats, and the  
5 protection of our geographical area from invasion by unwanted organisms.

6 The Guam Legislature further finds that nationally, invasive species councils have mobilized  
7 efforts to combat invasive species through funding sources generated by fees at all ports of entry,  
8 penalties for violations, eradication funding and government assisted grants.

9 Furthermore, this Act will place the value of our precious resources as a top priority in order  
10 to combat harmful invasive species that have the potential to devastate our environment, agriculture,  
11 and livelihood of our people.

12 **Section 2. A new Chapter 70 is added to Division 6 of Title 5, Guam Code**  
13 **Annotated to read:**

14 **“Chapter 70**

15 **Guam Invasive Species Council**

16 § 70101. Short Title.

17 § 70102. Guam Invasive Species Council, established.

18 § 70103. Duties of Council.

19 § 70104. Composition of Council.

20 § 70105. Conduct of Meetings.

21 § 70106. Invasive Species Management Plan.

22 **§ 70101. Short Title.** This Chapter shall be known as the *Guam Invasive Species*  
23 *Council Act of 2011*.

24 **§ 70102. Guam Invasive Species Council, established.** The Guam Invasive Species  
25 Council (GISC) will be established for the special purpose of providing policy direction,  
26 coordination, and planning among government of Guam departments and federal government  
27 agencies; to provide local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species  
28 infestations throughout the island of Guam; and, to assist in preventing the introduction of other  
29 invasive species that may be potentially harmful to Guam..

1           **§ 70103.       Duties of Council.** The Council shall: (a) Draft a mission statement articulating

2 Guam's position against invasive species;

3           (b)     Coordinate the preparation and approval of an invasive species management plan;

4           (c)     Collaborate with the Mayors Council and residents to develop and implement a  
5 systematic approach to reduce and control infestations on public lands that are near or adjacent to  
6 communities;

7           (d)     Advise, consult, and coordinate invasive species-related efforts with all divisions of  
8 the Department of Agriculture, the University of Guam, local, federal, international, and privately  
9 organized programs and policies;

10          (e)     Consult with appropriate local agencies to create and implement a plan to include the  
11 prevention, early detection, rapid response, control, enforcement, and public education for invasive  
12 species;

13          (f)     Provide annual reports on the progress made in achieving the objectives of the  
14 Council;

15          (g)     Maintain a broad overview of the invasive species problem on Guam;

16          (h)     Coordinate and promote Guam's position with respect to federal issues, including:

- 17                   1. Quarantine pre-emption;
- 18                   2. International trade agreements that ignore the problem of invasive species  
19                   in Guam;
- 20                   3. First class mail inspection prohibition;
- 21                   4. Quarantine of domestic pests;
- 22                   5. Coordinate efforts with federal and local agencies to maximize resources  
23                   and reduce or eliminate system gaps and leaks;
- 24                   6. Promote the amendment of federal laws as necessary; including, but not  
25                   limited to, the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, Title 16 United States  
26                   Code sections 3371-3378; Public Law 97-79, and laws related to  
27                   inspection of domestic airline passengers, baggage, and cargo; and
- 28                   7. Coordinate efforts and issues with the Federal Invasive Species Council  
29                   and its National Invasive Species Management Plan.

30          (i)     Identify and record all invasive species present on Guam;

1 (j) Designate the Department of Agriculture as the lead agency for each function of  
2 invasive species control, including prevention, rapid response, eradication, enforcement, and  
3 education;

4 (k) Identify all funds (both local and federal) expended for the purposes of the invasive  
5 species problem on Guam;

6 (l) Identify all federal and private funds available to Guam to fight invasive species and  
7 advise and assist local departments to obtain these funds;

8 (m) Advise the Governor and the Legislature on budgetary and other issues;

9 (n) Provide annual reports on budget and other related issues to the Legislature;

10 (o) Include and coordinate with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the  
11 Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands in  
12 the fight against invasive species in order to increase resources and funding, as well as to address  
13 activities that involve the education and prevention of invasive species in the region;

14 (p) Review local mandates and commercial interests that can call for the maintenance of  
15 potentially destructive alien species as resources for sport hunting, aesthetic resources, or other  
16 values;

17 (q) Review the structure of fines and penalties to ensure maximum deterrence for  
18 invasive species-related crimes;

19 (r) Suggest appropriate legislation to improve the management of invasive species  
20 programs and policies;

21 (s) Incorporate and expand the Department of Agriculture to the extent appropriate for  
22 the council's invasive species control and eradication efforts; and

23 (t) Perform all functions necessary to effectuate the mission of the Council.

24 **§ 70104. Composition of Council.** (a) The Council shall be composed of: the Directors  
25 of the Department of Administration, Agriculture, Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Customs and  
26 Quarantine Agency, or their designated representatives; the Homeland Security Advisor, or his  
27 designated representative; the Administrator of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, or his  
28 designated representative; the Executive Manager of the A. B. Won Pat Guam International Airport  
29 Authority, or his designated representative; the General Managers of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port

1 Authority of Guam and the Guam Visitors Bureau, or their designated representative; and, the  
2 President of the University of Guam or his designated representative.

3 (b) The Council shall be co-chaired by the Director of the Department of Agriculture and  
4 the President of the University of Guam.

5 (c) The Council may invite additional government of Guam agency representatives to be  
6 members from sub-cabinet bureaus or offices with significant responsibilities concerning invasive  
7 species, and may prescribe special procedures for their participation

8 (d) The Director of the Department of Agriculture shall establish an advisory committee  
9 to provide information and advice for consideration of the Council, and shall, after consultation with  
10 other members of the Council, appoint members to the advisory council representing stakeholders.  
11 Among other things, the advisory committee shall recommend goals and objectives of the invasive  
12 species management plan in § 70107 of this Chapter. The advisory committee shall act in  
13 cooperation with stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species. The  
14 Department of Agriculture shall provide the administrative support for the advisory committee.

15 (e) The Council shall be placed within the Department of Agriculture for administrative  
16 purposes only.

17 **§ 70105. Government of Guam Agency Duties.** (a) Each government of Guam  
18 agency whose actions may affect the status of invasive species shall, to the extent practicable and  
19 permitted by law: (1) identify such actions; (2) subject to the availability of appropriations, and  
20 within Administration's budget limits, use relevant programs and authorities to: (i) prevent the  
21 introduction of invasive species; (ii) detect and respond rapidly to mitigate the population of such  
22 species in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner; (iii) monitor invasive species  
23 populations accurately and reliably; (iv) provide for restoration of native species and habitat  
24 conditions in ecosystems that have been invaded; (v) conduct research on invasive species and  
25 develop technologies to prevent further introduction, and provide for environmentally sound control  
26 of invasive species already found on island; and (vi) promote public education on invasive species  
27 and the means to address them; (3) not authorize, fund, or carry out actions that it believes are likely  
28 to cause or promote the introduction or spread of invasive species in the United States or elsewhere  
29 unless, pursuant to guidelines that it has prescribed, the agency has determined and made public its  
30 determination that the benefits of such actions clearly outweigh the potential harm caused by

1 invasive species; and that all feasible and prudent measures to minimize risk of harm will be taken in  
2 conjunction with the actions.

3 (b) Government of Guam agencies shall pursue the duties set forth in this section in  
4 consultation with the Guam Invasive Species Council, consistent with the Guam Invasive Species  
5 Management Plan and in cooperation with stakeholders, as appropriate. The agencies shall report on  
6 their participation as detailed in § 70107(c) of this Chapter.

7 § 70106. **Conduct of Meetings.** The council shall meet *no less than* two times annually  
8 to discuss and assess progress, and to recommend changes to the invasive species programs based on  
9 the results of current risk assessments, performance standards, and other relevant data. A simple  
10 majority of voting members of the council shall constitute a quorum to do business; and any action  
11 taken by the council shall be by a simple majority of the voting members.

12 § 70107. **Invasive Species Management Plan.** (a) The Council shall prepare and issue  
13 the Guam Invasive Species Management Plan, which shall detail and recommend performance-  
14 oriented goals and objectives and specific measures of success for government of Guam agency  
15 efforts concerning invasive species. The Plan shall recommend specific objectives and measures for  
16 carrying out each of the government of Guam agency duties established in § 70105 of this Chapter  
17 and shall set forth steps to be taken by the Council to carry out duties assigned to it under § 70103.  
18 The Plan shall be developed through a public process and in consultation with government of Guam  
19 agencies and stakeholders.

20 (b) The first edition of the Plan shall include a review of existing and prospective  
21 approaches and authorities for preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species on Guam,  
22 including those for identifying pathways by which invasive species are introduced in order to  
23 diminish the risk of introduction. It shall identify research needs and recommend measures to  
24 minimize the risk where introductions might occur; such recommended measures shall provide a  
25 science-based process to evaluate risks associated with the introduction and spread of invasive  
26 species. It will coordinate a systematic risk-based process to identify, monitor, and interdict  
27 pathways that may be involved in the introduction of invasive species. If recommended measures  
28 are not authorized by current law, the Council shall develop and recommend to the Governor,  
29 through its Co-Chairs, legislative proposals for necessary changes in authority.

1           (c)     The Council shall update the Plan biennially and shall concurrently evaluate and  
2 report on the success in achieving the goals and objectives set forth. The Plan shall identify the  
3 personnel, other resources, and additional levels of cooperation needed to achieve the Plan's  
4 identified goals and objectives, and the Council shall provide each edition of the Plan and each  
5 report on it to the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR). Additionally, progress  
6 reports shall be submitted annually to the Office of the Governor. Within 18 months after measures  
7 have been recommended by the Council in any edition of the Plan, each government of Guam  
8 agency whose action is required to implement such measures shall either take the action  
9 recommended or shall provide the Council with an explanation of why the action is not feasible. The  
10 Council shall assess the effectiveness of this order no less than once each 3 years after the order is  
11 issued and shall report to the BBMR on whether the order should be revised."

12           **Section 3.     Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee, established.** (a) There is imposed a  
13 fee for the inspection, quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight,  
14 including but not limited to marine commercial container shipment, air freight, or any other means  
15 of transporting freight, foreign or domestic, that is brought into Guam. The fee shall be paid by the  
16 person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company, who shall collect  
17 the fee and forward the payment to the Department of Administration at the port of disembarkation;  
18 provided that the transportation company shall not be liable for any fee that is not paid by the person  
19 responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company.

20           (b)     A fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) per ton, or any fraction thereof, shall be imposed on all  
21 freight brought into Guam.

22           (c)     All fees collected shall be deposited in the Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee  
23 Fund.

24           **Section 4.     Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund, created.** (a) There is hereby  
25 created, separate and apart from other funds of the government of Guam, a fund to be known as the  
26 "*Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund*" (hereinafter "the Fund"). The Fund shall *not* be  
27 commingled with the General Fund and shall be kept in a separate bank account. All expenditures of  
28 the Fund shall be made exclusively by appropriation of *I Liheslaturan Guahån* (the Guam  
29 Legislature). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds appropriated to the Department  
30 of Agriculture pursuant to this Chapter shall be administered by the Director of Agriculture. The

1 Director of Agriculture shall be the Certifying Officer of such funds. The Fund shall not be used as a  
2 pledge of security or as collateral for government loans. The Director of Administration shall make a  
3 quarterly report to *I Maga'lahaen Guahån* (the Governor of Guam) and *I Liheslatura* (the Legislature)  
4 of the condition of, and activity within, the Fund.

5 (b) The fees collected shall be expended to: (i) support efforts to provide inspection,  
6 quarantine and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight brought to Guam; (ii) support  
7 efforts to eradicate invasive species present on Guam by means of a rapid response team; and (iii)  
8 develop the Guam Invasive Species Management Plan and its updates.

9 **Section 5. Biosecurity Division, authorized.** The Department of Agriculture is  
10 authorized to create a Biosecurity Division to function as its first responders in efforts to address  
11 invasive species coming to, and already present on, Guam. The Director of Agriculture shall prepare  
12 a budget plan, including projected personnel needs and other items, and submit it as part of the  
13 Fiscal Year 2012 budget request for the Department of Agriculture.

14 **Section 6. Severability Clause.** If any provisions of this Act or the application thereof to  
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such validity shall not affect other provisions or  
16 applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to  
17 this end the provisions of this Act are severable.