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Governor

**RAY TENORIO**  
Lieutenant Governor

*Office of the Governor of Guam*

May 25, 2011

31-11-573

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

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11:30 AM

Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Substitute Bill No. 89-31 (LS) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL FOR GUAM'S EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM", which I signed into law on May 24, 2011 as Public Law 31-62.

*Senseramente,*

**EDDIE BAZA CALVO**

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Attachment: copy of Bill

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

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

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 89-31 (LS)**, "AN ACT TO *ADD A NEW ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL FOR GUAM'S EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM*", was on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, duly and regularly passed.



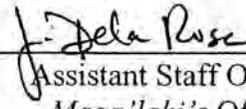
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker

Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga 'lahen Guåhan* this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, at 10:30 o'clock A.M.



Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga 'lahi's Office*

APPROVED:



EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
*I Maga 'lahen Guåhan*

**MAY 24 2011'**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Law No. 31-62

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

**Bill No. 89-31 (LS)**

As substituted by Committee on Health and Human Services,  
Senior Citizens, Economic Development, and Election Reform,  
and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.  
T. C. Ada  
V. Anthony Ada  
F. F. Blas, Jr.  
B. J.F. Cruz  
Chris M. Dueñas  
Judith P. Guthertz, DPA  
Sam Mabini, Ph.D.  
T. R. Muña Barnes  
Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.  
v. c. pangelinan  
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.  
R. J. Respicio  
M. Silva Taijeron  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 3  
OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE  
TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM EARLY LEARNING  
COUNCIL FOR GUAM'S EARLY CHILDHOOD  
COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM.**

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

2        **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that Executive Order No. 2008-03, signed on April 9, 2008, established the Early  
4 Learning Council (hereinafter “Council”) for Guam's Early Childhood  
5 Comprehensive System. The Guam Early Learning Council’s composition, goals

1 and objectives, and roles and responsibilities focus upon the efficient and effective  
2 delivery of services and supports to young children, birth to five (5), and their  
3 families. Early Childhood Education, however, is defined as birth through eight  
4 (8) and will be the age frame referred to in this Act.

5 Executive Order No. 2008-03 states that the Council was created because  
6 there exists a need to establish an Early Learning Council to support the  
7 coordination and collaboration of agencies and organizations, both public and  
8 private, serving young children (ages birth through eight (8)) and their families.

9 *I Liheslatura* finds that it is scientifically established that positive social  
10 emotional, physical, language, intellectual, and spiritual/moral experiences for  
11 young children, most especially between birth to eight (8) years of age, are  
12 necessary and critical for promoting and nurturing the overall developmental needs  
13 of a child.

14 Research on brain development has clearly indicated that the first years of  
15 life are particularly critical to a child's healthy development, readiness to enter  
16 school, read at grade level, graduate from high school and succeed.

17 There is strong, scientific evidence that quality health care and education-  
18 services during neonatal to eight (8) years of age has a direct impact on economic  
19 development - saving communities money by preventing future expenses for  
20 remedial education, incarceration, and cash assistance.

21 The responsibility for providing quality health care and education-services  
22 has traditionally been the responsibility of organizations at the state/local level  
23 requiring definitive vision, clear mission, strong partnerships, and collaboration.

24 *I Liheslatura* further finds that programs that address the early health care  
25 and education of Guam's youngest children are fragmented, lack coordinated  
26 planning, overlap in some instances, and leave substantive gaps in other instances.  
27 Programs providing early health care and education-services should be coordinated

1 and structured to maximize efficiency, simplify and expand accessibility to quality  
2 health care and educational programs, and provide a maximum return for Guam  
3 taxpayers' investments.

4 Governmental programs must collaboratively develop and implement  
5 effective, efficient and coordinated service delivery to ensure that all of Guam's  
6 youngest children are given an equal opportunity to reach their full potential.  
7 Governance, which comprises traditions, institutions and processes that determine  
8 how power is exercised; how constituents are given a voice; how decisions are  
9 made on issues of mutual concern; and how quality and accountability are  
10 integrated, are vital components of any early childhood comprehensive system. It  
11 is practical and beneficial to Guam's children that issues affecting their wellbeing  
12 be considered at the highest level of the island's government.

13 Guam has established the vision that: "*All of Guam's young children will*  
14 *have healthy minds, bodies, and spirits as the foundation for lifelong success,*" and  
15 the mission is to support each child (birth to eight (8)) in reaching his/her full  
16 potential through a healthcare and education system that is accessible,  
17 comprehensive, integrated, and responsive to diverse cultures that is developed in  
18 collaboration with families and communities.

19 Guam, through Project *Tinituhon*, a federal grant awarded by the U.S.  
20 Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services  
21 Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau to Guam Public Health and  
22 Social Services, established five (5) goals in support of this vision and mission as  
23 stated in the Implementation Plan. Guam, through Project *Tinituhon*, has begun  
24 the activities of the Implementation Plan for Guam's Early Childhood  
25 Comprehensive System, bringing together key child serving agencies, both public  
26 and private in health care and education to be more responsive to the evolving and  
27 complex needs of all children birth to eight (8) and their families.

1 National legislation, Public Law 110-134 “Improving the Head Start Act of  
2 2007” mandates the establishment of a State Advisory Council on Early Childhood  
3 Education and Care for children birth to school entry, and the Guam Head Start  
4 Program is a vital and active participant of Project *Tinituhon*. Additionally, the  
5 Secretary of Health and Human Services made funding available under Section  
6 642B(b)(2)(A) to enable the Council to meet the mandates listed in the Head Start  
7 Act.

8 Lastly, *I Liheslatura* finds that continued implementation and sustainability  
9 of the Early Childhood Comprehensive System to meet the goals for young  
10 children and their families requires strong support and commitment at all levels of  
11 the government and community.

12 **Section 2.** A new Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 10, Guam Code  
13 Annotated, is hereby *added* to read:

14 **“ARTICLE 9**

15 **GUAM EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL**

16 **§3901. Composition of Early Learning Council Membership.**

17 (a) Members of the Early Learning Council *shall* be comprised of  
18 representatives from the following key child serving agencies, including  
19 government agencies and private organizations, directly and indirectly  
20 involved in supporting the quality health care and education of children birth  
21 to eight (8) and their families, to develop a coordinated, efficient, and cost-  
22 effective Early Childhood Comprehensive System:

23 (1) the Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC);

24 (2) non-profit organizations providing services and supports  
25 to children, birth to eight (8), and their families;

26 (3) private child care providers;

27 (4) the Guam Medical Society;

- 1 (5) the Department of Public Health and Social Services;
- 2 (6) the Guam Department of Education- Head Start, Early
- 3 Intervention: Part C, Preschool Special Education: Part B, Section
- 4 619;
- 5 (7) the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse;
- 6 (8) the Guam Department of Labor;
- 7 (9) the University of Guam;
- 8 (10) the Guam Community College;
- 9 (11) the Guam Memorial Hospital;
- 10 (12) Guam Legislative Committee Chairpersons, including,
- 11 but *not* limited to, the Committees on Education, Health and Human
- 12 Services;
- 13 (13) the Catholic Social Service;
- 14 (14) at a minimum, three (3) parent representatives, of which
- 15 at least one (1) is a parent/guardian or family member of a person with
- 16 developmental disabilities;
- 17 (15) the Mayors Council of Guam;
- 18 (16) Sanctuary, Inc.; and
- 19 (17) the Superior Court of Guam.

20 (b) Co-chairmanship of the Council will be shared between the  
21 Governor's designee and the Project Director of *Project Tinituhon*, Guam's  
22 Early Childhood Comprehensive System. In the event, however, of the  
23 completion of *Project Tinituhon*, the second co-chairperson *shall* be selected  
24 by duly appointed Council members.

25 **§3902. Goals and Objectives of the Early Learning Council.**

- 26 (a) The Council has the following as its goals:

1 (1) to increase supports and services for young children and  
2 their families by strengthening cross-agency coordination, involving  
3 public and private entities, to ensure delivery of comprehensive  
4 services for young children and their families; and

5 (2) to expand and refine Guam's Policy Agenda for Early  
6 Learning- Birth to Eight (8).

7 (b) The Council has the following objectives to support these goals:

8 (1) to strengthen collaboration among governance entities  
9 that oversee and coordinate subsystems;

10 (2) to leverage funding streams to maximize resources;

11 (3) to develop and implement a mechanism for cross-agency  
12 data collection for monitoring and reporting;

13 (4) to create cross-agency standards for child and family  
14 outcomes;

15 (5) to define professional development structures to ensure  
16 an appropriately skilled systems workforce; and

17 (6) to expand awareness of and access to parent education  
18 and family supports.

19 **§3903. Roles and Responsibilities.**

20 (a) The Council will oversee and ensure the effective and efficient  
21 collaboration within Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System and is  
22 empowered to:

23 (1) make recommendations on the most effective policy  
24 direction and methods to improve the coordination, quality, and  
25 delivery of quality health care and education services for young  
26 children on Guam;

1           (2) critically examine and prioritize funding in support of  
2 child and family outcomes;

3           (3) promote and support the acquisition of funding  
4 opportunities, through government and private organizations, in  
5 support of the overall vision and mission of the Early Childhood  
6 Comprehensive System;

7           (4) provide input to the Strategic Management Team of  
8 Guam’s Early Childhood Comprehensive System to ensure the  
9 collaboration and integration of data collection and evaluation,  
10 leveraging of resources and funding, and public awareness and  
11 education on the importance of early childhood;

12           (5) provide the Governor and Legislature with an annual  
13 “State of Early Childhood Health and Education on Guam” Brief;

14           (6) establish policies and procedures for the efficient and  
15 effective decision-making processes in support of their  
16 responsibilities;

17           (7) regularly review goals and objectives to ensure they are  
18 responsive and relevant to the evolving needs of Guam’s youngest  
19 children and their families; and

20           (8) carry out the responsibilities mandated and outlined in  
21 the national legislation, “Improving Head Start for School, Readiness  
22 Act of 2007” (P.L. 110-134), Section 642B(b) and others assigned by  
23 the Governor of Guam.”

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# I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: May 10, 2011

## VOTING SHEET

SBill No. <sup>LS</sup> 89-31(GOR)

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

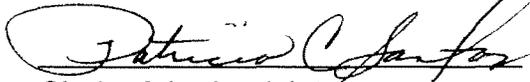
Question: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED	OUT DURING ROLL CALL	<u>ABSENT</u>
ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
ADA, V. Anthony	✓				
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	✓				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.	✓				
DUENAS, Christopher M.	✓				
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	✓				
MABINI, Sam	✓				
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose	✓				
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.	✓				
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera	✓				
RESPICIO, Rory J.	✓				
RODRIGUEZ, Dennis G., Jr.	✓				
SILVA TAIJERON, Mana	✓				
WON PAT, Judith T.	✓				
YAMASHITA, Aline A.	✓				

TOTAL

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

  
Clerk of the Legislature

\* 3 Passes = No vote  
EA = Excused Absence



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**SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.**

*I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

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

April 26, 2011

**Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.**

**Speaker**

**I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan**

155 Hesler Place

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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

**RE: Committee Report – Bill No. 89-31(LS).**

**Dear Speaker Won Pat:**

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the **Committee Report** on **BILL NO. 89-31(LS)- AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §4112 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10 OF GUAM CODE ANOTATTED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL FOR GUAM'S EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM, as SUBSTITUTED;** Sponsored by Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D., and referred to the Committee on Health & Human Services, Economic Development, Senior Citizens and Election Reform. Bill No. 89-31(LS) was publicly heard on March 16, 2011.

Committee votes are as follows:

**4 TO PASS**  
 **NOT TO PASS**  
 **ABSTAIN**  
 **4 TO REPORT OUT ONLY**  
 **TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE**

Senseramente,

**Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.**  
**Chairman**

Attachments

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**SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.**

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

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## **COMMITTEE REPORT ON**

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**SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.**  
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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES,  
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**SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.**  
*I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES,  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SENIOR CITIZENS AND ELECTION REFORM

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April 25, 2011

MEMORANDUM

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

**From:** Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. *DR*  
Committee Chairperson

**Subject:** Committee Report on Bill no. 89-31(LS), as Substituted.

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the **Committee Report** on **SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 89-31(LS)- AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §4112 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10 OF GUAM CODE ANOTATTED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL FOR GUAM'S EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM;** Sponsored by Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.

This report includes the following:

- Committee Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Narrative/Digest
- Copy of Substitute Bill No. 89-31 (LS)
- Copy of Bill No. 89-31 (LS)
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 89-31(LS)
- Notices of Public Hearing (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Articles (Public hearing publication of public notice)

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

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

Attachments



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**SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.**

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

**COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET**

**BILL NO. 89-31(LS)- AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §4112 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10 OF GUAM CODE ANOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL FOR GUAM'S EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM, AS SUBSTITUTED.**

	SIGNATURE	TO PASS	NOT TO PASS	ABSTAIN	REPORT OUT ONLY	PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr. Chairman		✓ 4/26/11				
ADOLPHO B. PALACIOS, Sr. Vice Chairman		✓ 4/26				
JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker					4/26/11	
BENJAMIN J. F. CRUZ Vice-Speaker		4/26				
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Legislative Secretary		4.26.11				
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**COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

**Bill No. 89-31(LS)**

**I. OVERVIEW:** The Committee on Health & Human Services, Economic Development, Senior Citizens and Election Reform conducted a public hearing on March 16, 2011. The hearing convened at 8:30AM in I Liheslatura's Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of Bill No. 89-31(LS)- **AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §4112 TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10 OF GUAM CODE ANOTATTED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL FOR GUAM'S EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM;** Sponsored by Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.

**Public Notice Requirements**

Notices were disseminated via hand-delivery/fax and/or email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on March 8, 2011 (5-day notice), and again on March 11, 2011 (48-hour notice). Notice was published *on-line* and in *print* in the Pacific Daily News on March 9, 2011 and March 14, 2011, respectively.

**Senators Present**

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Chairman
Senator Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.	Vice-Chairman
Senator Vicente Pangelinan	Committee Member
Senator Mana Silva Taijeron	Committee Member
Senator V. Anthony Ada	Committee Member
Senator Christopher M. Duenas	Committee Member
Senator Aline Yamashita, Ph.D.	Committee Member
Senator Thomas C. Ada	Committee Member

The public hearing on agenda item Bill No. 89-31(LS) was called to order at 8:33AM.

## II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION.

**Chairman Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.**, convened the Public Hearing on Bill 89-31(LS). **Invited Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D., author of Bill No. 89-31(LS), to explain the intent of her Bill.**

**Senator Yamashita:** Introduction by author of Bill No. 89-31(LS): Thank you Senator Rodriguez. I thank you so very much for having a public hearing on our bill in a most efficient manner. I really appreciate that! As a minority member, we have learned that the type of leadership that comes for the committees really makes a difference. And I thank you very much.

Bill 89 will put statutory backing to the Early Learning Council that we have been working with the last few years that was based on Executive order by senator, I'm so sorry, by Governor Felix Camacho. The nation as a whole and the whole world actually, is learning what was brought to life in 1950's when Sputnik actually made it into space before America did. And at that time, our nation stood still because how can another powerful nation beat us. And so, at that juncture, the whole idea of early education, early childhood education was studied and brought to life and Head Start was born. And as we went through the early supports and services of our early years and understanding that what happens from birth on, and some would say prenatal on, really impacts later. The Pre-school Peri Project has shown us that early years makes a difference in, if a person graduates from high school, makes a difference if a person receives public assistance, makes a difference about the type of remedial services that, that person will get. Early years even makes a difference about whether or not you have a baby during your teen years. The early years are crucial. As Guam CEDDERS who has been very successful in partnering with Public Health and Social Services, has written and provided leadership in gaining lots of early childhood initiatives throughout our island. CEDDERS has succeeded in bringing many national leadership folks to our island and we have learned greatly. Ross Thompson has worked with hundreds of people across our community and has taught us that not only have we learned socially and emotionally that the early years make a difference, but physiologically we have learned that our neurons, what happens to our neurons early on makes a difference. We have learned a lot about toxic stress. And how that will make a difference about how children grow. And so, the Early Learning Council was an endeavor in 2008, to have everybody who provides supports and services for families to come together and work together. And I must acknowledge the leadership of Elaine Eclavea, Terry Fejerang and Dr. Heidi San Nicolas at CEDDERS who doggedly write these grants and say to Public Health that this is something that we need to do and must do. And because of that we have moved forward. But through their work we have found there are lots of gaps.

There's a lot of good work being done, there's a lot of redundancies, there's a lot of waste because someone is doing something that someone else's already doing or someone is thinking about something that already has been done. And so as I staffed Guam CEDDERS for a few years, under Elaine Eclavea, I saw that there really was an interest, there really was a care about bringing everyone together and about being smart about how we use our money number one, but number two on how we provide policy statements and how we provide supports and services for us the families, who actually get really tired of going to a place asking for service and yet, these people don't know what we are talking about. If I have to fill out one more form that asks for the same kind of information that I just filled out at another door that's in that same

department, its like why do I have to do that again? Or if it's somebody that says you need to go to this next agency because that's where the . . . [Inaudible]. . . information is had. Families get real weary of that, but more importantly the kids, the children, lose out, they really lose out. And so we have great concern, and now is the time, I think, for the Executive Council and what they have done be given statutory backing. And people would say do you need statutory backing, what's the big deal, if they are already meeting and if this council moved forward, there is a big deal. Because the pioneers who have moved this statute, who moved this work forward, will eventually move on to other things. And we need to be able to say this is rooted and this is in place and this is a practice. That anybody that is going to move forward, practices policies and programs for our growing families must come through the Early Learning Council first so that we know what's going on and what needs to happen. I think that anyone in this position knows that greater efficiency and effectiveness is had when there is greater collaboration and cooperation. A focus, how we going to get there, how we going to work together. How we going to work together.

Yesterday, I was in a situation where we were talking about the Federal Management Plan in our Mental Health situation and last night I spent some time reviewing that plan. And I kept thinking, you know, if indeed, we kept the Early Learning Council involved in this from the beginning, they would have great insight about how we would move our mental health services for our beginning children and those supports and services. And that could be a council that would say this is what's missing, this is not what's missing because right now I don't think there's any concerted effort into such incredible plans for millions and millions of dollars of our taxpayer money that's being invested.

So, Senator Rodriguez, I do appreciate you supporting us and having this bill heard. Certainly I know, and I've gotten many emails, and much phone calls about this needs to be tweaked, this is not here, this is not here and this will make it better and that is the purpose of the public hearing. How do we make this better? This is an avenue to provide a collaborative tool for all of our families and I emphasize all. All of those that need a little bit of help and all of those that need a lot of help. And even for the families that don't need help. They can help us learn about how it does work. So, I really look forward to be hearing and Senator Rodriguez will be calling and for those of us who are simply submitting written testimony we appreciate that as well. Thank you so very much Senator (Rodriguez).

**Chairman:** Called the first panel to testify. The following signed up and approached at the call of the Chairman: **Ms. Lydia Tenorio**, on behalf of DPHSS Director Arthur San Agustin; **Ms. Elaine Eclavea**, CEDDERS; **Mr. Vince Leon Guerrero**, on behalf of the First Lady Christine Calvo; **Ms. Catherine Schroeder**, Guam Head Start Program Director.

**Lydia Tenorio** on behalf of DPHSS Director Arthur San Agustin:  
Please refer to written testimony.

**Vince Leon Guerrero** on behalf of First Lady Christine Calvo:  
Please refer to written testimony.

**Elaine Eclavea**, CEDDERS  
Please refer to written testimony.

**Cathy Schroeder**, Program Director, Head Start Program:  
Please refer to written testimony.

**Chairman:** I would like to recognize the author, Senator Yamashita first. You have any questions?

**Senator Yamashita:** Thank you Senator. Thank you all for making the time, I appreciate the support. You have all been very involved in early childhood and the families all of the years. So, we, of course, will pay attention, Director Schroeder to everything you have raised. And my question now, is this, what we have done in the bill is we had fairly streamlined it, we had put the head agencies and we're determining that their heads- superintendents, directors would decide who. Do you think that it'd be a better idea, of course, we'll highlight Head Start because we understand that particular need. But for like, Public Health, should we identify the particular programs then, or should we put in language to say the director should decide who should be at the table? Because, I'm supposing that it could also evolve or change as time goes on. Right? Any thoughts on that?

**Lydia Tenorio:** The various councils or committees that the director has designated he'll always delegate whoever is going to represent the department as a whole, and if there needs to be that specific program representative, then that program representative will also accompany whoever's there, will come and present whatever specific to the program.

**Elaine Eclavea:** I think the intent was that, at the Governor's level, will be the heads of his agencies, because they need to know the state of early childhood. You know, the number of kids have insurance, not insured. The issues with social-emotional-mental health with our families, and I think that putting that on the executive level so that folks would understand and know, that they know what's happening, I think that's important. I think that letting the agency head determine who would be there would be more appropriate, and I think that one of the things that made the council successful was whoever the agency or director chose, that that representative had to have the authority to make resources available. Because most often, when you have a council or advisory, we agree to something but we say wait, and come back because we have to check. But at this level, you should be able to put, make the decision, and so that's why it's important at that level that it be the heads of the agencies or his designee has the authority to allocate resources or funds.

**Senator Yamashita:** I think that...(interrupted by Cathy Schroeder)...

**Cathy Schroeder:** I agree with the heads of the departments being actively on the committee and deciding who should participate. I think where we're coming from at Head Start is our decision making comes from the Board of Education and our Policy Council. Our funding is very specific to the Head Start Program, so, even though the Department of Education can make decisions, they still have to go through our parents and they still have to go through the board. Because the final decision is with them, on how we spend the money, how we manage the program. So, we're kind of in a very awkward situation, we sort of fit, and we don't fit. I

consider us a square peg in a round circle so that's why you had the testimony from us that's a little bit different.

**Senator Yamashita:** Thank you for that Cathy. Vince?

**Vince Leon Guerrero:** I would echo what Cathy says. We recommend that Head Start be broken up, being that it is the key legislation, and then leave the rest of the Department of Education to be determined by the Superintendent of Education.

**Senator Yamashita:** Okay, thank you. And then, my other question was, there was a time when we were thinking about identifying an Executive Secretary or Executive Director for the council. Is that still being looked at, or is there not a need, or?

**Elaine Eclavea:** I think until the council comes back, right now, Vince will be reviewing the letters that will go out to the heads of the agencies, now that the confirmation of the different heads are already made.

**Senator Yamashita:** Okay, great! Thank you so much. Thank you Sir! (to Chairman Rodriguez)

**Chairman:** Thank you. (Then addresses Vice-Chairman Palacios, Sen. Ada, Sen. Silva-Taijeron, all without questions, then Sen. Duenas.)

**Senator Christopher M. Duenas:** Good morning. I am in full support of this legislation. I know the time I spent at DYA, and working with Vince, some of the research that we did showed that to date, and I wanted to see if that was still the same in terms of early childhood learning, that the children are still learning at very high levels, is this still the case?

**Elaine Eclavea:** Students?

**Senator Duenas:** Yes. Student achievement in terms of early childhood learning within the school system, I guess Head Start can answer that.

**Cathy Schroeder:** Okay, we have been tracking children's outcomes, that are very specific to the Head Start Program, and we are finding that when the children come into our program, now remember that we have the low income, high risk children, we are seeing children go from developmental delay of skills at a level 1 up to a level 2 or 3. We're seeing almost a 50 to 60 percent improvement in their academics. Our families have, one of the things you can look at in Head Start, we have 26 of our staff a former Head Start parent or children. So the program very much works with the whole family and the child in trying very hard to keep them out of DYA, and giving them the head start. So that when they enter kindergarten, they are ready to learn, they are much, at a higher level than they were before. So a lot of the people that start, are the children that start out very low, we may end up with only one or two in the classroom who are still at a very low level of education achievement in certain areas. So, overall, the improvement is significant with the Head Start Program.

**Senator Duenas:** And the reason why I asked the question, and perhaps, this can go to CEDDERS, is, I said I'm in very strong support of this legislation, it was the follow-through that was the question, consistently losing students at the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> upward grades, and so, I'm just seeing if there can be some parity with this council, maybe it doesn't exist in this legislation, but, what are the efforts in terms of moving forward and securing this type of intense follow-through to track our students and perhaps achieve the same goals as we do in this legislation.

**Elaine Eclavea:** Just one of the things, in the legislation, or the bill it does say, going up to age 8, and that's like 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and I think that's important as we look at transition as kids go from childcare home to head start to kindergarten to 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, because, you know, we need to look at overall childhood development does take us all the way to 8<sup>th</sup>. And so it's monitoring and supporting that child and family, all the way until they're actually in school.

**Senator Duenas:** I'm just wondering if we could possibly put a component into this legislation to do some follow-through and see how we have, what we tracked in terms of students, okay, you left our system and this was your track, this was your baseline in terms of all your educational capabilities and what it might be and then follow those students through and see where the drop-off is and perhaps do some second tier of intervention with regard to that issue, and I think that is very, very important, and that is kind of where I'm going. This data is very important, this council is very important, I think it can be a great tool to use for education, as you have these folders that consistently follow the kids all the way through their tracking and find out where we're losing students and maybe we can intervene. So that's why I'm very supportive of this, but I'd like to see a hand-off program to where there is follow-through and you guys continue the good work and the educational system can continue to follow that through as well. Thank you for your participation.

**Chairman:** (Recognizes Sen. Tom Ada, with no questions, then calls Senator Pangelinan.)

**Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan:** Thank you and Si Yu'os Ma'ase' everyone for your testimony this morning. If the bill passed and signed into law, and the governor was a woman, single, gay or lesbian, who would co-chair the council?

**Vince Leon Guerrero:** Interesting question. Could you say that again, if the governor was...?

**Senator Pangelinan:** (Repeats the question.)

**Vince Leon Guerrero:** I guess that would be whoever the Governor determines, equivalent of the First Lady. That is an interesting point.

**Senator Pangelinan:** So shall we put First Lady or equivalent? Or shall, again, it is a serious question because words matter and we're getting some close readings of the law these days, Organic Act, not organic and all that so, if this existed, maybe my suggestion would be that the co-chair shall be designated by the governor and then the other co-chair shall be elected by, and because we also may have a first lady who does not want to chair this council because she has another priority, so perhaps we should leave it up to the governor and I'm sure if the first lady

wants to chair this she will, as Vince said, he's already positive that it will be signed because the first lady already has an interest in it, so I just suggest that just so that we don't have to come back here at some point in the future and say oh, man, we should have thought of that. Okay and all of those things are possible. Thank you.

**Vince Leon Guerrero:** Yes!

There being no other testimony, or comments by Senators, Chairman Rodriguez declared the bill as having been heard, and concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 89-31(LS). The committee would continue to accept written testimony for a period of ten (10) days subsequent to the public hearing.

**Fiscal Note:** Received on March 8, 2011 (**attached**).

### **III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based upon testimony received, and in consultation with Senator Aline A. Yamashita Ph.D., author of Bill No. 89-31 (LS), the bill was amended by the Committee, and is being reported out as Substitute Bill No. 89-31 (LS).

The following revisions to Bill No. 89-31(COR) are contained in Amended Bill No. 89-31(COR).

- **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** Located on Page 3, Lines 22 through 25.  
The following sentence has been added:  
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Guam Department of Education- **Head Start, Early Intervention: Part C, Preschool Special Education: Part B, Section 619;**
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The Committee on Health and Human Services, Senior Citizens, Economic Development, and Election Reform to which was referred Bill No. 89-31 (LS), hereby submits these findings to *I Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guahan* and **reports out Substitute Bill No. 89-31 (LS)** with the recommendation *to Report Out Only.*

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*Buenas yan Hafa Adai!*

I am in full support and am pleased to see that legislation is being proposed, through Bill 89-31, to provide for the sustainability of the Guam Early Learning Council.

As your new First Lady, I have identified three areas that I would like to focus on and early childhood initiatives is the first on my list. I would like to carry on the tradition of previous first ladies by playing a major role in the coordination and facilitation of the development of policy, services, and supports for the benefit of young children and their families on our island.

Although established through Executive Order 2008-03, mandating the Guam Early Learning Council through legislation will only enhance the sustainability of its existence and the continuity of the important work it performs. Collaboration and coordination of services and supports for young children and their families can certainly be improved through the increased collaboration



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and interaction of all child-serving agencies on Guam. The Early Learning Council is a prime mechanism to ensure that these agencies take the time to come together regularly to determine and implement strategies to maximize the resources available for this precious segment of our population.

It is especially important that we recognize, during these difficult economic times, that we must come together as a community to craft a truly comprehensive system of services and supports for young children and their families. I recently returned from attending the National Governors' Association Conference where I attended several sessions on the promotion of early childhood initiatives and I am ready and anxious to being the hard work to put some of the ideas I was exposed to into motion.

The vision of the Guam Early Learning Council is that "All of Guam's young children will have healthy minds, bodies, and spirits as the foundation for lifelong success." It is most fitting that one of the first pieces of legislation this body passes, which I might add, my husband will most certainly sign, will be one of the puzzle pieces to make this vision a reality.

Dangkulu na si Yu'os Ma'ase'!

Mrs. Christine M. S. Calvo

**Testimony Submitted by  
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In Support of the Passage of  
Bill 89-31

An Act to Add a New §4112 To Chapter 4 of Division 1, Title 10, Guam Code  
Annotated, Relative to Establishing the Guam Early Learning Council for Guam's  
Early Childhood Comprehensive System

*Buenas Yan Hafa Adai!*

As you are aware, Executive Order No. 2008-03, signed on April 9, 2008 by former Governor Felix Camacho, established the Early Learning Council for Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System. The Executive Order states the composition of the Council, the Goals and Objectives, and Roles and Responsibilities of the Council.

Since its establishment, former First Lady, Joann Camacho, and myself, served as co-chairpersons of the Council. We facilitated the quarterly meetings of the Council, beginning with the orientation meeting held on June 4, 2008. Some of the major accomplishments have been:

- The Governor's Early Childhood Summit "All Eyes on Five" held in October 2008, attended by over 80 participants. Dr. Ross Thompson, a nationally known expert in early childhood development, provided the keynote address.
- The Governor's Early Childhood Summit Part 2, during which focus areas (access to health care and medical and dental homes; social emotional and mental health; early care and education and child care; parent education; and family supports) re-affirmed.
- Publication of the "State of Early Childhood on Guam – 2009"
- Publication of "Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System State Plan"
- Participation in the National Governors' Association Conference on Early Childhood
- Development, publication, and dissemination of public awareness products promoting the importance of early childhood care and education
- Additional funding was obtained for the Early Childhood System of Care, known as Project Karinū under the leadership of the Department of Public Health and Social Services
- Provided input on the Infant and Early Childhood Home Visitation grant application which was awarded funding for Project Bisita I Familia
- Input and facilitation of the development of the "Proposed Updates on the Rules and Regulation for Child Care Facilities."

- Federal financial support has been obtained through Guam CEDDERS' "State Advisory Council" Grant funded for 3 years to support the Council's facilitation.

And this is just the beginning.

I met with our new First Lady, Christine Calvo in February to discuss her involvement with the ELC under her husband's administration. At that time she shared that early childhood initiatives are part of the three areas in which she would like to focus her efforts and that she wholeheartedly embraces the intent of the ELC. Initial planning has started to carry on the mission of the ELC.

Bill 89-31 will provide the framework to ensure that the work of this Council will be continued and sustained over time.

After careful review of the Bill 89-31, I have the following recommendations:

1. Page 4, line 26-27: Please consider including reference that in the event of the completion of Project Tinituhon, that in addition to the First Lady of Guam serving as Co-chairperson, that the second Co-chairperson be elected by the duly appointed members of the ELC.
2. On page 4, line 22: "At a minimum, three (3) Parent Representatives:
  - a. Please consider including a requirement that at least one of the parent representatives have a child with a developmental disabilities.
3. Considering the current state of financial affairs of our government, we are not advocating for funding support at this time. However, in the future, this might be a consideration."

In closing, I would like to read directly from the text of the bill (page 2 lines 21-27, page 3 line 1-2), which poignantly expresses a sentiment that I wholeheartedly agree with and support:

"Governmental programs must collaboratively develop and implement effective, efficient and coordinated service delivery to ensure that all of Guam's youngest children are given an equal opportunity to reach their full potential. Governance, which comprises traditions, institutions and processes that determine how power is exercised; how constituents are given a voice; how decisions are made on issues of mutual concern; and how quality and accountability are integrated, are vital components of any early childhood comprehensive system. It is practical and beneficial to Guam's children that issues affecting their wellbeing be considered at the highest level of the island's government."

When we put resources into the youngest of Guam's children, we are putting resources into the values that make our island home unique and special.

Thank you for this opportunity to support this timely piece of legislation.



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**Testimony on Bill 89-31**

Hafa Adai. My name is Arthur U. San Agustin, MHR, Acting Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS). Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present testimony on Bill 89-31 (An act to add a new § 4112 to Chapter 4 of Division 1, Title 10, Guam code Annotated, Relative to establishing the Guam Early Learning Council for Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System).

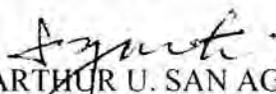
The Department of Public Health & Social Services has been an active participant in the Guam Early Learning Council since its establishment in April 2008. Our participation in this Council has been a positive partnering allowing us to further advance the need for coordination and access of services to infant and children. As a department serving the target population of children ages 0-8 and their families through our various programs, it is recognized that the council's goal "to increase supports and services for young children, involving public and private entities, to ensure delivery of comprehensive services for young children and their families; and to expand and refine Guam's Policy Agenda for Early Learning-Birth to Eight" is in line with departmental programs area of services. Our department provides services to infants, young children and their families for the early detection, prevention and/or treatment of children. The best treatment modality of any case, young or old, in this instance, for our infants and young children, is to have all practitioners with specific of expertise at the table to give the child the best chance possible to develop properly so as to be as independent as possible.

The department has been actively involved in Early Child Care Initiatives such as the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee, Project Tinatuhon. In addition, we manage Project Karinu, Project Basita, Maternal Child and Health (MCH), Women, Infant and Children (WIC), Child Welfare, Child Care Development Funds that support the infant, young children and their families on our island.

The department supports the intent of the bill to formalize the Early Childhood Comprehensive System by giving the Early Learning Council permanency and sustainability to continue its work towards promoting and maintaining a community that will promote "All of Guam's young children (to) have healthy minds, bodies and spirits as the foundation for lifelong success".

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of this bill.

Senseramente,

  
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Head Start Program Testimony  
 Bill 89 – 31

The Guam Head Start Program has been actively providing comprehensive early childhood services in education (developmentally appropriate early childhood education, individualization, disability inclusion), health services (medical, dental, nutritional, and mental), and social services (family literacy, parent education, parent involvement/engagement, referrals and assistance to government and private agencies) to low income / high risk families on Guam for 45 years. The Head Start Program has been in the forefront of many early childhood initiatives over its tenure. Throughout the 45 years, program directors, managers, and content specialists have been active on advisory councils, strategic planning committees, and early childhood focus groups providing information and expertise. In addition program staff have collaborated with public and private entities to ensure comprehensive services as mandated by the Head Start Act and the Head Start Performance Standards are met.

We support having an Early Learning Advisory Council to ensure health, education, and social services to children prenatal – eight years of age and their parents/families.

The program would like to share some facts about the Guam Head Start Program

- The Department of Education is the grantee.
- The Guam Education Board and the Guam Head Start Policy Council (Council of parent representatives and community partners) work closely with the program in planning, grant requirements, advisory committees, and budget. These two bodies share decision making with the Head Start program management team and the Department of Education Management team.
- The Head Start Program follows the mandates in the Head Start Act and the Performance standards (45 CFR 1301 – 1311) as well as the Department of Education policies and procedures.
- This year the program has maintained a funded enrollment 534 children and families. 60 of these children are considered to be local preschool by the Office of Head Start. 34 of the children are funded by a Head Start ARRA expansion grant
- The Office of Head Start provides us with initiatives and directives to work closely with our island early learning community. ~~Our current mandate is to work with our early~~

childhood community, our Public School system to align school readiness skills and child outcomes.

- It was the Head Start Act: Public Law 110 – 134, Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 Section 642B (b)(1)(A - D) that was a catalyst for establishing an Early Learning Advisory Council.

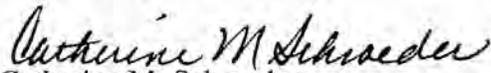
Reviewing Bill 89 - 31 the program would to make some recommendations.

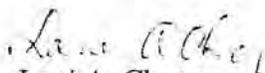
1. Bill 89 – 31 does not specify the Department of Education Early Childhood programs. We would like to recommend that Bill 89 – 31 mirrors the exact wording under the original Executive Order 2008—03 that named Head Start, Early Intervention, and Part B Section 619 under the Department of Education. The reasoning for this is many people look at the Department of Education has being K – 12. The birth to five populations in DOE is upwards of some 750 children. This does not include waitlists, pending referrals, etc. At a mid-management and program level the early childhood programs have the day to day expertise in Early Childhood initiatives and challenges for our children and families which we can bring to the table of our Department of Education and to the Early Learning Council when requested or needed. We are also the DOE counterparts to the Private Day Care providers.
2. Page two, lines 14 -20. We would like to recommend rewording from Programs to Early childhood community has been fragmented... Many programs are planned and structured to maximize efficiency and quality health care and educational programs and provide the maximum return on the dollar.
3. Page 3 lines 9 – 17. Add: Section 642B (b)(2)(A) funding to enable the Early Learning Council to meet the mandates listed under the Head Start Act was made available by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The funding source is listed under Section 640 (a)(4)(A)(iii) and Section 642B (b)(2)(A) of the Head Start Act. Guam applied and received \$664,277. Who will fund this council after the 3 year grant expires?
4. Page 3: Lines 20- 21. Guam Head Start has been an active participant in Project Tinituhun, but it is also a leader in Early Childhood education and care for low income high risk families and has been implementing similar goals and objectives for the 3-5 year old population for 45 years.
5. Page 5: line 4. Nowhere in the legislation under Section 642B (b) of the Head Start Act does it state that that it is the required State Advisory Council for the Head Start Program. Under section 642B(a)(4)(H) it states that the Director of the State Collaboration Office “serve on the State Advisory Council in order to assist the efforts of Head Start agencies to engage in effective coordination and collaboration.”

- a. State Collaboration offices work directly with state agencies to assist all Head Start programs within the state to receive services as needed. Guam does not have an official State Collaboration Office as there is only one Head Agency on island. The Guam Head Start program itself does much of the same work as the collaboration office to ensure services to our children and families and has done so for 45 years. Head Start management staff and content area specialists work with our community partners directly. **Therefore the question is if the Guam Head Start Program should represent itself on the Advisory Council to meet the requirements of section 642 (a)(4)(H) of the Head Start Act. This would be in addition to the grantee, Guam Department of Education.**
- b. The Outer Pacific Head Start Programs do not have a State Collaboration Office (Section 642B (a)). We all have only one Head Start Program on our islands and as such the programs work directly with public and private entities to ensure our children receive needed health care, educational services, and families receive social services. We directors do not feel we need the additional layer as, except for money and the title of a state collaboration office, we are our own collaboration office. The Outer Pacific Head Start Directors have discussed this with Jan Len, Program Manager Office of Head Start Region IX. It does not make sense to add another layer when there is only one Head Start Agency on our islands. In addition, during the visit to Guam by the Office of Head Start Director Yvette Sanchez Fuentes and Jan Len the Program Manager for Region IX it was further discussed. The Head Start Directors recommended that we receive additional funding from Section 640 (a)(2)(B)(vi) for collaboration training and participation at stakeholder meetings as the collaboration officers for our regions.

6. Page 6 line 24: Specify the exact section of the Head Start Act to read Section 642 B (b)

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Attached: Head Start Act: Section 642 B

## Sec. 642B. HEAD START COLLABORATION; STATE EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE [42 U.S.C. 9837b]

(a)(1) From amounts made available under section 640(a)(2)(B)(vi), the Secretary shall award the collaboration grants described in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4).

(2)(A) The Secretary shall award, upon submission of a written request, a collaboration grant to each State and to each national administrative office serving Indian Head Start programs and migrant or seasonal Head Start programs to facilitate collaboration among Head Start agencies (including Early Head Start agencies) and entities that carry out activities designed to benefit low-income children from birth to school entry, and their families. The national administrative offices shall use the funds made available through the grants to carry out the authorities and responsibilities described in subparagraph (B) and paragraphs (3) and (4), as appropriate.

(B) Grants described in subparagraph (A) shall be used to-

(i) assist Head Start agencies to collaborate with entities involved in State and local planning processes to better meet the needs of low-income children from birth to school entry, and their families;

(ii) assist Head Start agencies to coordinate activities with the State agency responsible for administering the State program carried out under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq.) and entities providing resource and referral services in the State, to make full-working-day and full calendar year services available to children;

(iii) promote alignment of curricula used in Head Start programs and continuity of services with the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework and, as appropriate, State early learning standards;

(iv) promote better linkages between Head Start agencies and other child and family agencies, including agencies that provide health, mental health, or family services, or other child or family supportive services, such as services provided under section 619 or part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1419, 1431 et seq.); and

(v) carry out the activities of the State Director of Head Start Collaboration authorized in paragraph (4).

(3) In order to improve coordination and delivery of early childhood education and development to children in the State, a State that receives a collaboration grant under paragraph (2) shall--

(A) appoint or designate an individual to serve as, or carry out the responsibilities of, the State Director of Head Start Collaboration;

(B) ensure that the State Director of Head Start Collaboration holds a position with sufficient authority and access to ensure that the collaboration described in paragraph (2) is effective and involves a range of State agencies; and

(C) involve the State Head Start Association in the selection of the Director and involve the Association in determinations relating to the ongoing direction of the collaboration office involved.

(4) The State Director of Head Start Collaboration shall-

(A) not later than 1 year after the State receives a collaboration grant under paragraph (2), conduct an assessment that--

(i) addresses the needs of Head Start agencies in the State with respect to collaboration, coordination and alignment of services, and alignment of curricula and assessments used in Head Start programs with the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework and, as appropriate, State early learning standards;

(ii) shall be updated on an annual basis; and

(iii) shall be made available to the general public within the State;

(B) develop a strategic plan that is based on the assessment described in subparagraph (A) that will-

(i) enhance collaboration and coordination of Head Start services by Head Start agencies with other entities providing early childhood education and development (such as child care or services offered by museums), health care, mental health care, welfare, child protective services, education and community service activities, family literacy services, reading readiness programs (including such programs offered by public and school libraries), services relating to children with disabilities, other early childhood education and development for limited English proficient children and homeless children, and services provided for children in foster care and children referred to Head Start programs by child welfare agencies, including agencies and State officials responsible for services described in this clause;

- (ii) assist Head Start agencies to develop a plan for the provision of full working-day, full calendar year services for children enrolled in Head Start programs who need such services;
  - (iii) assist Head Start agencies to align curricula and assessments used in Head Start programs with the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework and, as appropriate, State early learning standards; and
  - (iv) enable Head Start agencies to better access professional development opportunities for Head Start staff, such as by working with Head Start agencies to enable the agencies to meet the degree requirements described in section 648A(a)(2)(A), including providing distance learning opportunities for Head Start staff, where needed to make higher education more accessible to Head Start staff; and
  - (v) enable the Head Start agencies to better conduct outreach to eligible families;
- (C) promote partnerships between Head Start agencies, State and local governments, and the private sector to help ensure that children from low-income families, who are in Head Start programs or are preschool age, are receiving comprehensive services to prepare the children for elementary school;
- (D) consult with the chief State school officer, local educational agencies, and providers of early childhood education and development, at both the State and local levels;
- (E) promote partnerships between Head Start agencies, schools, law enforcement, relevant community-based organizations, and substance abuse and mental health treatment agencies to strengthen family and community environments and to reduce the impact on child development of substance abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, and other high-risk behaviors that compromise healthy development;
- (F) promote partnerships between Head Start agencies and other organizations in order to enhance Head Start program quality, including partnerships to promote inclusion of more books in Head Start classrooms;
- (G) identify other resources and organizations (both public and private) for the provision of in-kind services to Head Start agencies in the State; and
- (H) serve on the State Advisory Council in order to assist the efforts of Head Start agencies to engage in effective coordination and collaboration.
- (b)(1)(A) The Governor of the State shall--
- (i) designate or establish a council to serve as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care for children from birth to school entry (in this subchapter referred to as the State Advisory Council'); and
  - (ii) designate an individual to coordinate activities of the State Advisory Council, as described in subparagraph (D)(i).
- (B) The Governor may designate an existing entity in the State to serve as the State Advisory Council, and shall appoint representatives to the State Advisory Council at the Governor's discretion. In designating an existing entity, the Governor shall take steps to ensure that its membership includes, to the extent possible, representatives consistent with subparagraph (C).
- (C) Members of the State Advisory Council shall include, to the maximum extent possible--
- (i) a representative of the State agency responsible for child care;
  - (ii) a representative of the State educational agency;
  - (iii) a representative of local educational agencies;
  - (iv) a representative of institutions of higher education in the State;
  - (v) a representative of local providers of early childhood education and development services;
  - (vi) a representative from Head Start agencies located in the State, including migrant and seasonal Head Start programs and Indian Head Start programs;
  - (vii) the State Director of Head Start Collaboration;
  - (viii) a representative of the State agency responsible for programs under section 619 or part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1419, 1431 et seq.);
  - (ix) a representative of the State agency responsible for health or mental health care; and

(x) representatives of other entities determined to be relevant by the Governor of the State.

(D)(i) The State Advisory Council shall, in addition to any responsibilities assigned to the Council by the Governor of the State--

(I) conduct a periodic statewide needs assessment concerning the quality and availability of early childhood education and development programs and services for children from birth to school entry, including an assessment of the availability of high-quality pre-kindergarten services for low-income children in the State;

(II) identify opportunities for, and barriers to, collaboration and coordination among Federally-funded and State-funded child development, child care, and early childhood education programs and services, including collaboration and coordination among State agencies responsible for administering such programs;

(III) develop recommendations for increasing the overall participation of children in existing Federal, State, and local child care and early childhood education programs, including outreach to underrepresented and special populations;

(IV) develop recommendations regarding the establishment of a unified data collection system for public early childhood education and development programs and services throughout the State;

(V) develop recommendations regarding statewide professional development and career advancement plans for early childhood educators in the State;

(VI) assess the capacity and effectiveness of 2- and 4-year public and private institutions of higher education in the State toward supporting the development of early childhood educators, including the extent to which such institutions have in place articulation agreements, professional development and career advancement plans, and practice or internships for students to spend time in a Head Start or pre kindergarten program; and

(VII) make recommendations for improvements in State early learning standards and undertake efforts to develop high-quality comprehensive early learning standards, as appropriate.

(ii) The State Advisory Council shall hold public hearings and provide an opportunity for public comment on the activities described in clause (i). The State Advisory Council shall submit a statewide strategic report addressing the activities described in clause (i) to the State Director of Head Start Collaboration and the Governor of the State.

(iii) After submission of a statewide strategic report under clause (ii), the State Advisory Council shall meet periodically to review any implementation of the recommendations in such report and any changes in State and local needs.

(2)(A) The Secretary shall use the portion reserved under section 640(a)(4)(A)(iii) to award, on a competitive basis, one-time startup grants of not less than \$500,000 to eligible States to enable such States to pay for the Federal share of developing and implementing a plan pursuant to the responsibilities included under paragraph (1)(D)(i). A State that receives funds under this paragraph shall use such funds to facilitate the development or enhancement of high-quality systems of early childhood education and care designed to improve school preparedness through one or more of the following activities--

(i) promoting school preparedness of children from birth through school entry, including activities to encourage families and caregivers to engage in highly interactive, developmentally and age-appropriate activities to improve children's early social, emotional, and cognitive development, support the transition of young children to school, and foster parental and family involvement in the early education of young children;

(ii) supporting professional development, recruitment, and retention initiatives for early childhood educators;

(iii) enhancing existing early childhood education and development programs and services (in existence on the date on which the grant involved is awarded), including quality improvement activities authorized under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990; and

(iv) carrying out other activities consistent with the State's plan and application, pursuant to subparagraph (B).

(B) To be eligible to receive a grant under this paragraph, a State shall prepare and submit to the Secretary a plan and application, for a 3-year period, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary shall require, including--

(i) the statewide strategic report described in paragraph (1)(D)(ii), including a description of the State Advisory Council's responsibilities under paragraph (1)(D)(i);

(ii) a description, for each fiscal year, of how the State will make effective use of funds available under this paragraph, with funds described in subparagraph (C), to create an early childhood education and care system, by developing or enhancing programs and activities consistent with the statewide strategic report described in paragraph (1)(D)(i);

(iii) a description of the State early learning standards and the State's goals for increasing the number of children entering kindergarten ready to learn;

(iv) information identifying the agency or joint interagency office, and individual, designated to carry out the activities under this paragraph, which may be the individual designated under paragraph (1)(A)(ii); and

(v) a description of how the State plans to sustain activities under this paragraph beyond the grant period.

(C) The Federal share of the cost of activities proposed to be conducted under subparagraph (A) shall be 30 percent, and the State shall provide the non-Federal share.

(D) Funds made available under this paragraph shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, other Federal, State, and local funds expended to carry out activities related to early childhood education and care in the State.

(E) Not later than 18 months after the date a State receives a grant under this paragraph, the State shall submit an interim report to the Secretary. A State that receives a grant under this paragraph shall submit a final report to the Secretary at the end of the grant period. Each report shall include--

(i) a description of the activities and services carried out under the grant, including the outcomes of such activities and services in meeting the needs described in the periodic needs assessment and statewide strategic report;

(ii) information about how the State used such funds to meet the goals of this subsection through activities to develop or enhance high-quality systems of early childhood education and care, increase effectiveness of delivery systems and use of funds, and enhance existing programs and services;

(iii) information regarding the remaining needs described in the periodic statewide needs assessment and statewide strategic report that have not yet been addressed by the State; and

(iv) any other information that the Secretary may require.

(F) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to provide the State Advisory Council with authority to modify, supersede, or negate the requirements of this subchapter.



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**Re: Bill No. 89-31 (LS)**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Hafa Adai! Bill 89-31, to establish the Guam Early Learning Council for Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System, as proposed by Senator Aline Yamashita, would strengthen the coordination and collaboration among public and private agencies and organizations servicing young children and their families. This bill if enacted will expand service accessibility and efficiency for quality health care and education where over a decade has been uncoordinated and overlapping.

The Early Childhood Comprehensive System the Council will oversee would enhance the development of our children at the most critical periods of their formative lives---from birth to the age of eight. In our island today, children from low income families are lacking proper medical and educational care. With the passage of Bill 89-31, the Early Childhood Program will enable low income families to have more accessibility to health care services, and wider opportunities to nurture their children's intellectual growth.

I fully support the merit of Bill 89-31. The children are Guam's important resource. If our island is to progress in developing a skilled workforce in the coming years, we must have a strong, viable system to mold our children intellectually and to ensure they have easy access to health care.

Sincerely,

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## MEMORANDUM

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*Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules*

Subject: **Referral of Bill Nos. 88-31 (LS) and 90-31** *CR*

As Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bill Nos. 88-31 (LS) and 90-31 (LS).

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

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

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(3) Attachments

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**Bill Log Sheet**

**February 24, 2011**

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89-31 (LS)	A.A. Yamashita, Ph.D.	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 4112 TO CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL FOR GUAM'S EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM..	2/24/11 2:11 p.m.	2/25/11		Committee on Health & Human Services Senior Citizens, Economic Development and Election Reform			

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02/24/11 - Read first time. Referred to the Committee on Rules.

02/25/11 - Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services, Senior Citizens, Economic Development, and Election Reform.

03/16/11 - Public hearing scheduled by the Committee on Health and Human Services, Senior Citizens, Economic Development, and Election Reform.



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March 8, 2011

### Memorandum

Senator  
Judith P. Guthertz  
VICE CHAIRPERSON  
ASST. MAJORITY LEADER

To: Pat C. Santos  
Clerk of the Legislature

MAJORITY  
MEMBERS:

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

Speaker  
Judith T. Won Pat

Subject: Fiscal Notes

Vice Speaker  
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*Hafa Adai!*

Senator  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY  
MAJORITY WHIP

Attached please find the fiscal notes for the bill numbers listed below. Please note that the fiscal notes, or waivers, are issued on the bills as introduced.

Senator  
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.  
ASST. MAJORITY WHIP

Bill Nos.: 80-31 (COR)  
82-31 (COR)  
89-31 (COR)

Senator  
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Senator  
Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.

Senator  
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Please forward the same to MIS for posting on our website. Please contact our office should you have any questions regarding this matter.

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Senator  
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Senator  
Christopher M. Duenas

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research**  
**Fiscal Note of Bill No. 89-31 (LS)**

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Department of Education	Dept./Agency Head: Narrissa Bretania-Shaffer
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: General Fund to Department of Education Operational Fund (DOEOF)	163,276,054
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: Public Library Resource Fund (PLRF), Healthy Futures Fund (HFF), Territorial Education Facilities Fund (TEFF), School Lunch Cash Collection, SAE/Child Nutritional Reimbursement Fund, Indirect Cost Fund	21,845,797
<b>Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:</b>	<b>\$185,121,851</b>

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2010 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2011 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2011 Appro. (P.L.R. 30-126)	\$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
(Specify Special Fund)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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

Analyst (s): Joe Certeza Date: 03/04/2011 Director: Benita Manglona Date: 3/7/11  
 Benita A. Manglona, Director

**Footnotes:**  
 The Bill has a potential fiscal impact for additional funding requirements. However, in its present form, such impact cannot be determined at this time.



Dennis Rodriguez, Jr. <senatordrodriguez@gmail.com>

# FIRST Notice for Public/Informational Hearing on Wed. March 16, 2011

1 message

**Dennis Rodriguez, Jr. <senatordrodriguez@gmail.com>** **Tue, Mar 8, 2011 at 11:33 AM**  
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March 8, 2011

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**FROM:** Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

**SUBJECT:** **FIRST NOTICE** of Public Hearing and Roundtable Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SENIOR CITIZENS AND ELECTION REFORM

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# Press Release-- Public Hearing 1st Notice March 16,2011

1 message

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Tue, Mar 8, 2011 at 1:14 PM

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Senseramente,

Dennis G. Rodriguez, JR.  
Senator, *I Mina'trentai Una Liheslaturan Guåhan*

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## 2nd Notice of Public Hearing with attached Agenda March 16, 2011

1 message

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Fri, Mar 11, 2011 at 10:01 AM

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 CHAIRPERSON**

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March 11, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SENATORS

FROM: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

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Bill No. 89-31 (LS)

Introduced by:

A.A. Yamashita, PhD 

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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 4112 TO CHAPTER 4 OF  
DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,  
RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM EARLY  
LEARNING COUNCIL FOR GUAM'S EARLY  
CHILDHOOD COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM.**

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

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

*I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds Executive Order No. 2008-03, signed 09 April 2008, established the Early Learning Council (hereinafter “Council”) for Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System. The Guam Early Learning Council’s composition, goals and objectives, and roles and responsibilities focus upon the efficient and effective delivery of services and supports to young children, birth to five, and their families. Early Childhood Education, however, is defined as birth through eight and will be the age frame referred to in this act.

E.O. No. 2008-03 states that the Council was created because there exists a need to establish an Early Learning Council to support the coordination and collaboration of agencies and organizations, both public and private, serving young children (ages birth through eight) and their families.

*I Liheslatura* finds that it is scientifically established that positive social

1 emotional, physical, language, intellectual, and spiritual/moral experiences for  
2 young children, most especially between birth to eight years of age, are necessary  
3 and critical for promoting and nurturing the overall developmental needs of a child.

4 Research on brain development has clearly indicated that the first years of  
5 life are particularly critical to a child's healthy development, readiness to enter  
6 school, read at grade level, graduate from high school and succeed.

7 There is strong, scientific evidence that quality health care and education-  
8 services during neonatal to eight years of age has a direct impact on economic  
9 development - saving communities money by preventing future expenses for  
10 remedial education, incarceration, and cash assistance.

11 The responsibility for providing quality health care and education-services  
12 has traditionally been the responsibility of organizations at the state/local level  
13 requiring definitive vision, clear mission, strong partnerships, and collaboration.

14 *I Liheslatura* further finds that programs that address the early health care  
15 and education of Guam's youngest children are fragmented, lack coordinated  
16 planning, overlap in some instances, and leave substantive gaps in other instances.  
17 Programs providing early health care and education-services should be coordinated  
18 and structured to maximize efficiency, simplify and expand accessibility to quality  
19 health care and educational programs, and provide a maximum return for Guam  
20 taxpayers' investments.

21 Governmental programs must collaboratively develop and implement  
22 effective, efficient and coordinated service delivery to ensure that all of Guam's  
23 youngest children are given an equal opportunity to reach their full potential.  
24 Governance, which comprises traditions, institutions and processes that determine  
25 how power is exercised; how constituents are given a voice; how decisions are  
26 made on issues of mutual concern; and how quality and accountability are  
27 integrated, are vital components of any early childhood comprehensive system. It

1 is practical and beneficial to Guam's children that issues affecting their wellbeing  
2 be considered at the highest level of the island's government.

3 Guam has established the vision that: "*All of Guam's young children will*  
4 *have healthy minds, bodies, and spirits as the foundation for lifelong success,*" and  
5 the mission is to support each child (birth to eight) in reaching his/her full potential  
6 through a healthcare and education system that is accessible, comprehensive,  
7 integrated, and responsive to diverse cultures that is developed in collaboration  
8 with families and communities.

9 Guam through Project Tinituhon – a federal grant awarded by the US  
10 Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services  
11 Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau to Guam Public Health Social  
12 Services– established five goals in support of this vision and mission as stated in  
13 the Implementation Plan. Guam, through Project Tinituhon, has begun the  
14 activities of the Implementation Plan for Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive  
15 System, bringing together key child serving agencies, both public and private in  
16 health care and education to be more responsive to the evolving and complex needs  
17 of all children birth to eight and their families.

18 National legislation, Public Law 110-134 "Improving the Head Start Act of  
19 2007" mandates the establishment of a State Advisory Council on Early Childhood  
20 Education and Care for children birth to school entry, and Guam Head Start  
21 Program is a vital and active participant of Project Tinituhon.

22 Lastly, *I Liheslatura* finds that continued implementation and sustainability  
23 of the Early Childhood Comprehensive System to meet the goals for young  
24 children and their families requires strong support and commitment at all levels of  
25 the government and community.

26 **Section 2.** A new § 4112 is added to Title 10 of the Guam Code  
27 Annotated to read:

1           **“§ 4112. Composition of Early Learning Council Membership.**

2           1) Members of the Early Learning Council will comprise of representatives  
3 from key child serving agencies including government agencies and private  
4 organizations, directly and indirectly involved in supporting the quality health care  
5 and education of children birth to eight and their families, to develop a  
6 coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective Early Childhood Comprehensive System:

- 7           a. Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC);
- 8           b. Non-profit organizations providing services and supports to children,  
9 birth to eight, and their families;
- 10          c. Private Child Care Providers;
- 11          d. Guam Medical Society;
- 12          e. Department of Public Health and Social Services;
- 13          f. Guam Department of Education;
- 14          g. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse;
- 15          h. Guam Department of Labor;
- 16          i. University of Guam;
- 17          j. Guam Community College;
- 18          k. Guam Memorial Hospital;
- 19          l. Guam Legislative Chairpersons, including but not limited to,  
20 committees on Education, Health and Human Services;
- 21          m. Catholic Social Services;
- 22          n. At a minimum, three (3) Parent Representatives;
- 23          o. Mayors Council of Guam;
- 24          p. Sanctuary, Inc.; and
- 25          q. Superior Court of Guam.

26          2) Co-chairmanship of the Council will be shared between the First Lady of  
27 Guam and Project Director of *Project Tinituhon*, Guam's Early Childhood

1 Comprehensive System.

2 **(a). Goals and Objectives of the Early Learning Council.**

3 1) The Council has the following as its goals:

- 4 a. To serve as the required state council for Guam's Head Start  
5 Program;
- 6 b. To increase supports and services for young children and their  
7 families by strengthening cross-agency coordination, involving  
8 public and private entities, to ensure delivery of comprehensive  
9 services for young children and their families; and
- 10 c. To expand and refine Guam's Policy Agenda for Early Learning-  
11 Birth to Eight.

12 2) The Council has the following objectives to support these goals:

- 13 a. Strengthen collaboration among governance entities that oversee  
14 and coordinate subsystems;
- 15 b. Leverage funding streams to maximize resources;
- 16 c. Develop and implement a mechanism for cross-agency data  
17 collection for monitoring and reporting;
- 18 d. Create cross-agency standards for child and family outcomes;
- 19 e. Define professional development structures to ensure an  
20 appropriately skilled systems workforce; and
- 21 f. Expand awareness of and access to parent education and family  
22 supports.

23 **(b). Roles and Responsibilities.**

24 1) The Council will oversee and ensure the effective and efficient  
25 collaboration within Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System and is  
26 empowered to:

- 27 a. Make recommendations on the most effective policy direction and

1 methods to improve the coordination, quality, and delivery of  
2 quality health care and education services for young children on  
3 Guam;

- 4 b. Critically examine and prioritize funding in support of child and  
5 family outcomes;
- 6 c. Promote and support the acquisition of funding opportunities,  
7 through government and private organizations, in support of the  
8 overall vision and mission of the Early Childhood Comprehensive  
9 System;
- 10 d. Provide input to the Strategic Management Team of Guam's Early  
11 Childhood Comprehensive System to ensure the collaboration and  
12 integration of data collection and evaluation, leveraging of  
13 resources and funding, and public awareness and education on the  
14 importance of early childhood;
- 15 e. Provide the Governor and Legislature with an annual "State of  
16 Early Childhood Health and Education on Guam" Brief;
- 17 f. Establish policies and procedures for the efficient and effective  
18 decision-making processes in support of their responsibilities; and
- 19 g. Regularly review goals and objectives to ensure they are  
20 responsive and relevant to the evolving needs of Guam's youngest  
21 children and their families.

22 2) Carry out the responsibilities mandated and outlined in the national  
23 legislation, "Improving Head Start for School, Readiness Act of 2007" (P.L.  
24 110-134), Section 642B and others assigned by the Governor of Guam."

**March 15**

**Civil Service Commission:** Board meeting 5:45 p.m., seventh-floor conference room, ITC Building, Tamuning. Motion hearing: Sylvia Taylor vs. Department of Education; signing, decision and judgment: Luong T. Truong vs. Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Wade C. Roberto vs. Department of Public Health and Social Services; whistle blower hearing preliminary assessment: Martha C. Babauta vs. Guam Memorial Hospital; signing, decision and judgment: Arlean U. Pierce vs. Department of Administration; bills and laws relating to CSC. For special accommodations, call Tillie at 647-1855/7 or TDD 647-1872.

**Legislative Public Hearing:** 9 a.m., Legislature's public hearing room, Hagåtña. Bill 25-31 (cor), providing relief to businesses and their employees impacted by road construction projects at busy intersections throughout Guam; Bill 38-31 (cor), facilitating timely issuance of general operators drivers licenses by allowing off-duty road exams for license endorsement A class licenses; Bill 82-31, authorizing Department of Revenue & Taxation to hire necessary personnel for the Passport Division; Bill 103-31 (cor), to reprogram \$36,673,370 from Object Class 111 and 113 from Guam Department of Education fiscal 2011 budget to Object Class 450 for ongoing and continuing capital expenditure projects; resolution 12-31 (cor), expressing sense of Legislature's expenditure priority of Compact Impact Act funds for fiscal 2012 to the governor and to the Secretary of the Interior to support capital improvement projects and operations of various impacted government agencies and departments. For special accommodations, call 473-4236.

**March 15**

**Committee on Health and Human Services, Economic Development, Senior Citizens and Election Reform:** Public hearing 8:30 a.m. to noon, Legislature's public hearing room, Hagåtña. Bill 89-31, establishing Guam Early Learning Council for Guam's Early Childhood Comprehensive System; Bill 91-31, expanding scope of emergency medical services to include non-medical transport services, basic life support ground ambulance services

and basic life support emergency ambulance services, and to revise membership composition of Guam Emergency Medical Services Commission; Bill 97-31, relative to control and disposition of dead human body and duty of burial. Information hearing 1 p.m. on Guam Memorial Hospital Authority management on financial condition of the hospital, update on accreditation status, and other matters. E-mail testimony: senator.driguez@gmail.com. For special accommodations, call 649-8638.

**Contractors License Board:** Regular meeting 5:30 p.m., board conference room, 542 N. Marine Corps Drive, upper Tumon. For special accommodations, call 649-2211/9676.

**Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors:** Special meeting 4 p.m., board conference room, Suite 208, East-West Business Center, upper Tumon. For special accommodations, call 646-3113/3115.

**Mayors Council of Guam:** Special meeting 10 a.m., J&G Commercial Center, Suite 111F, Hagåtña. Call Jo Ann Aguero, 472-8940 or 477-8461.

**March 17**

**Civil Service Commission:** Board meeting 5:45 p.m., seventh-floor conference room, ITC Building, Tamuning. Hearing on merits: Joss Mendez vs. Guam Memorial Hospital; motion hearings: Jeffrey P. Duran vs. Guam Police Department, Mark C. Charauros vs. GPD, Jeffery L.G. Santos vs. GPD, Tracey L. Volta vs. GPD; signing, judgment of dismissal: Anthony L.G. Ramirez vs. Department of Parks and Recreation; bills and laws relating to CSC. For special accommodations, call Tillie at 647-1855/7 or TDD 647-1872.

**Committee on Education and Public Libraries:** Public hearing 2 p.m., Legislature's public hearing room, Hagåtña. Bill 32-31 (cor), relative to duties of Guam Education Board; Bill 42-31 (cor), relative to Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent not part of the governor's Cabinet; Bill 93-31, relative to duties of Guam Education Board; Bill 94-31 (cor), relative to requiring Department of Education to administer career interest inventory to middle and high school students; Bill 100-31 (cor), relative to encompassing internet safety in public education curricula. E-mail testimony to fiborres@judiwcnpat.com. For special

accommodations, call 472-3586/7/8. **Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Recreation:** Public hearing 9 a.m., Legislature's public hearing room, Hagåtña. Executive appointment of Romeo A. Angel to serve as member of Guam Housing Corp. board of directors; Resolution 40-31 (cor), requesting Del. Madeleine Bordallo to introduce legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to amend the Tourism Promotion Act of 2009, ensuring Guam's access to millions of tourism-related dollars from the federal government. Send written testimony to the office of Sen. Tina Muna Barnes via e-mail: tnamunabarnes@gmail.com. For special accommodations, call Rhea Taitano, 472-3455/6.

**Guam Board of Accountancy:** Meeting 4 p.m., Suite 101, 335 S. Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning. For special accommodations, call 647-0813.

**March 18**

**Committee on Public Safety, Law Enforcement and Judiciary:** Round-table meeting with Guam Police Department 6:30 p.m., Legislature's public hearing room, Hagåtña. Presentation on department policy for handling citizens' complaints on police service and police conduct, and to provide information to the public as to where to file a complaint, feedback on status of complaint after the department's investigation is completed. There will also be a presentation on progress made in proposed police headquarters — location, financing options and relocation of current offices. For special accommodations, call Julian Janssen or Priscilla Cruz, 472-5047/5048.

**Department of Public Health and Social Services:** Annual public hearing on current fee schedules for application of license or renewal of license of child day care facilities on Guam 9 to 11 a.m., Bureau of Social Services Administration conference room, third floor, Teraje building, Suite 309, Herman Coroz Ave., Hagåtña. Copies of license fees may be picked up at the BOSSA office. Call Elizabeth Ignacio or Lerma Duarosan, 475-2653/2672.

**Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors:** Special meeting 4 p.m., board confer-

ence room, Suite 208, East-West Business Center, upper Tumon. For special accommodations, call 646-3113/3115.

**March 25**

**Government of Guam Retirement Fund:** Board of trustees' regular meeting noon, Retirement Fund conference room, Route 8, Ma. For special accommodations, call 475-8800/1.

**March 31**

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

**April 6**

**Mayors Council of Guam:** Regular meeting 10 a.m., J&G Commercial Center, Suite 111F, Hagåtña. Call Ann Aguero, 472-8940 or 477-8461.

**April 23**

**Mayors Council of Guam:** Special meeting 10 a.m., J&G Commercial Center, Suite 111F, Hagåtña. Call Ann Aguero, 472-8940 or 477-8461.

**May 4**

**Mayors Council of Guam:** Regular meeting 10 a.m., J&G Commercial Center, Suite 111F, Hagåtña. Call Ann Aguero, 472-8940 or 477-8461.

**May 16**

**Mayors Council of Guam:** Special meeting 10 a.m., J&G Commercial Center, Suite 111F, Hagåtña. Call Ann Aguero, 472-8940 or 477-8461.

**HOLLYWOOD**

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