

MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 150(EC)
Introduced by:

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING A VOLUNTARY SALARY REDUCTION FOR MEMBERS OF I LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN, WITH THE ALLOCATION OF SAID FUNDS TOWARD AN ADDITIONAL REDUCTION IN LEGISLATIVE COSTS OR TO ADDRESS OTHER OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS; THROUGH ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION "(C)" TO §1106 OF TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that during challenging financial times for the government of Guam, members of I Liheslaturan Guahan have in the past implemented reductions in their respective salaries in recognition of the need to reduce the operational costs of the government during such lean times. Due to current financial difficulties with the government of Guam, several Senators have proposed to voluntarily adjust their respective salaries for a specified time period in an effort to contribute to further reductions in legislative costs. With on-going budgetary challenges, several Senators have already implemented additional cost-cutting measures to include reduction in staff salaries, cost-containment in the purchase of office equipment and supplies, termination of contracted phone service, and other reductions in

1 operational requirements. These actions have all been done to ensure the
2 proper expenditure of their limited office resources, and to minimize any
3 unnecessary expenditure of funds beyond basic requirements. An additional
4 idea that has been suggested is the possibility of Senators voluntarily reducing
5 their salaries, and applying any cost-savings realized toward specific areas
6 within I Liheslaturan Guahan where such funds may be necessary, to include
7 senatorial offices, or to additionally reduce legislative expenses.

8 Therefore, this provision would authorize the voluntary reduction in the
9 compensation levels of members of I Liheslaturan Guahan, and to allow for
10 such budgetary reductions to be applied toward the overall reduction in
11 legislative operational costs or to address legislative operational requirements,
12 to include senatorial office operations. This measure would provide greater
13 flexibility in the overall application and use of government of Guam funds
14 appropriated to I Liheslaturan Guahan, while assuring the community the
15 prudent use of said funds for the general operation of I Liheslaturan Guahan,
16 or further realizing budgetary reductions in legislative operational
17 expenditures when deemed necessary.

18 **Section 2. Voluntary Reduction in the Compensation Level of**
19 **Members of I Liheslaturan Guahan, and Authorizing the Application of**
20 **said Funds for Additional Budgetary Reductions, or for Office and**
21 **Legislative Operations.**

22 A new Subsection (c) is hereby added to §1106 of Title 2, Guam Code
23 Annotated, to read as follows:

1 “(c) From July 15, 2007 and until the end of Fiscal Year 2007, members
2 of I Liheslaturan Guahan are hereby authorized to voluntarily receive a
3 reduction in their compensation at a percentage agreed upon by said
4 individual member, but not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of their
5 annual salary. Any funds saved or realized as a result of such voluntary
6 salary reduction may be applied toward the overall budgetary reduction of I
7 Liheslaturan Guahan, or upon the desire of the contributing member of I
8 Liheslaturan Guahan may be applied toward the operational requirement of
9 the Legislature or of said member’s office operations.”