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AN ACT TO AMEND §58B102, §58B105 and §58B106 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PLEDGE OF SECTION 30 REVENUES FOR THE EXPANSION OF OKKODO HIGH SCHOOL

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

- Section 1. §58B102 of Title 5 Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read
  as follows:
- 4 "§ 58B102. Authorization to Enter into Long-Term Leases.

For the purpose of facilitating the financing of the design, construction and maintenance of an Education Facility encompassed by this Act, the government of Guam or an Education Agency, as the case may be, is authorized to lease, if required, to the Contractor sufficient government of Guam real property on which to construct, convert or rehabilitate an Education Facility and to extend an existing lease of real estate to the Contractor.

The Education Agency is also authorized to lease back from the Contractor the property for a period mutually agreed upon between the Education Agency and the Contractor as may be reasonably necessary to amortize over the Lease-Back Period the costs associated with the financing,

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design and construction of the Education Facility. In no event shall the end of such Lease-Back Period be later than the date thirty (30) years from the scheduled date of completion of the Education Facility. The Lease-Back shall be structured as an annually renewable lease with a provision for automatic renewals to the extent that pledged revenue under §58B105 is available. The Lease-Back shall not be construed as a debt under any applicable debt limitation under the Guam Organic Act or Guam law.

The additions and improvements to Okkodo High School shall include the expansion of classrooms to accommodate the overcrowding, restroom facilities at all outdoor sports fields, additional restrooms required by public health due to the increase in student population, solar panels, the culinary arts building, signalization, the track and field track with proper turf, collateral equipment, and other projects needed to facilitate the expansion to accommodate the increase in student population."

**Section 2.** §58B105 of Title 5 Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

## "§ 58B105. Use of Qualified School Construction Bonds.

To minimize the financing cost to the Education Agency, financing utilized by the Contractor to fund the design and construction of the Education Facility shall be through the use of Qualified School Construction Bonds in an amount not to exceed Twenty-One Million Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$21,818,000) as authorized under Section 1521 of P.L. 111-5 (The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) and the issuance of tax exempt bonds or lease certificates, provided such financing is available at an interest rate of no more than eight and a half percent (8.5%). Alternatively, the Contractor may use an alternative method of financing, including, but not limited to, a short term debt, mortgage, loan,

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federally guaranteed loan or loan by an instrumentality of the United States of America, if such financing will better serve the needs of the people of Guam. Such alternative financing shall be approved by I Liheslaturan Guåhan. The purpose for the requirements of this Section is to assure the Education Agency pays the lowest possible net interest rate so that the cost to the Education Agency of financing the design and construction of an Education Facility, amortized through the Lease-Back payments from the Education Agency to the Contractor, will be lower than regular commercial rates.

**Section 3**. §58B106 of Title 5 Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

## "§58B106. Pledge of Section 30 Revenues.

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Rental payments under the Lease and the Lease-Back shall be secured by a pledge or other reservation of revenues received by or on behalf of the government of Guam from the United States of America pursuant to Section 30 of the Guam Organic Act (48 U.S.C.A. Section 1421h). Any pledge or reservation of Section 30 revenues authorized by the Act shall be subordinate only to the existing lien securing the Government of Guam Limited Obligation (Section 30) Bonds, Series 2001A. Any amounts pledged as provided in this section are hereby continuously appropriated for the purpose of making Lease-Back payments, but any amounts only reserved as provided in this section, and not pledged, shall be subject to annual appropriation for the purpose of making Lease-Back payments.

Any such pledge or reservation authorized hereunder shall be valid and binding from the time the pledge or reservation is made and shall be limited to Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,900,000) per year during the Lease-Back Period, as prescribed in Section 3 of Public Law

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30-178. The Section 30 revenues pledged or reserved and thereafter received by the government of Guam or by any trustee, depository or custodian shall be deposited in a separate account and shall be immediately subject to such reservation or the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and such reservation or the lien of such pledge shall be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the government of Guam or such trustee, depository or custodian, irrespective of whether the parties have notice thereof. The instrument by which such pledge or reservation is created need not be recorded. The remainder of the funds from the existing lien, supra, not utilized for this project shall be subject to legislative appropriation."

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