

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 445-30 (LS), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW §4120 TO CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO POST THEIR BUDGETS ON THEIR WEBSITES," was on the 22nd day of December, 2010, duly and regularly passed.

	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D. Speaker
Tina Rose Muña Barnes Legislative Secretary	
This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this	23 day of DEC, 2010, at
S; D o'clock H .M.	Assistant Staff Officer
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Date:	
Public Law No.	

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Bill No. 445-30 (LS)

As amended.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that the posting of bills and resolutions on the website of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
- 4 provides much transparency on measures that Senators propose as new law.
- 5 Individuals who seek information on bills, or attend or watch the televised hearings
- 6 on legislation have easy access to these documents via the internet.

1	I Liheslatura further finds that although the government of Guam's budget is
2	the single most important job of <i>I Liheslatura</i> , the individual budgets submitted to
3	I Liheslatura by the respective departments, agencies, boards, commissions and
4	programs are not customarily posted on the internet. Therefore, residents attending
5	or watching hearings on television are unable to follow the discussion on the
6	respective budgets' details. I Liheslatura further finds that since paper copies of
7	budgets submitted to I Liheslatura originated from digitized word processing,
8	spreadsheet or PDF files that posting such information on an agency's website will
9	require very little additional work.

It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to require all agencies that submit budgets to *I Liheslatura* for its approval and appropriation be posted on their respective websites.

- **Section 2.** A new §4120 is *added* to Chapter 4 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:
 - "§ 4120. Budgets To Be Posted On Agency's Websites. Any branch, agency, instrumentality, public corporation, board or commission that submits a budget request to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan shall* post its budget request on its website within five (5) days following the submission to *I Liheslatura*. The agency *shall*, to the extent possible and practical:
 - (a) post the budget in a format that is readily accessible such as Portable Document Format (PDF);
 - (b) for voluminous budgets, post the document in multiple smallersized files instead of a single large file;
 - (c) format the document(s) in a searchable format; and
 - (d) nothing herein *shall* be construed to prohibit an agency from posting the budget's financial information in spreadsheet format."