




# 30th Guam Legislature 2009 Citizen Centric Report



Speaker Judi Won Pat

## Message from the Speaker

*Hafa adai!* I am pleased to share the 2009 Citizen Centric Report with the people of Guam, as per Public Law 30-127. It is our intention to maintain a level of transparency at the Guam Legislature that enables our people to have an intimate understanding of the work we do on their behalf. This report provides an effective tool for enabling the Legislature to accomplish that mission.

The Citizen Centric Report will allow our community to understand what their Legislature is doing to shape Guam's future. It will give a clear picture of the work we do and the means by which we accomplish our tasks on their behalf. I hope you find this report informative and are assured that the Guam Legislature has Guam's best interests in the forefront. *Si Yu'os ma'ase!* 



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## The History of Liheslaturan Guåhan



The Guam Legislature, *Lihselaturan Guåhan*, is the lawmaking body of the government of Guam and was created by the Organic Act of Guam, passed by the U.S. Congress on May 23, 1950. Prior to the Organic Act, all authority resided with the governor of Guam. The Guam Congress, predecessor to the Guam Legislature, was merely a group of local officials with no power other than as an advisory body to the governor.

The new empowered legislative body, the 11th Guam Congress, was elected on November 7, 1950 and one of its first acts was to rename itself the Guam Legislature, effectively creating the First Guam Legislature, *I Mina Uno Na Lihselaturan Guåhan*. The first Speaker was Antonio Won Pat. Today, his daughter Judi serves as the Speaker of the 31st Guam Legislature.

The Organic Act of Guam grants lawmaking powers to the legislature, subject to the approval or veto of the governor. The legislature can override a governor's veto with a vote of two thirds of its members. However, the lawmaking power of the legislature is not absolute, the U.S. Congress reserved the power to annul any laws passed by the legislature at any time, although to date, that power has never been used. 



# Our Performance: Key Legislation Introduced in 2009

The main responsibility of the Guam Legislature is to serve as a lawpassing body, introducing bills and resolutions. Some of the top legislation of 2009, is described below.

## **Bill No. 02-30, now Public Law No. 30-08**

An act to add a new Chapter 12 to Division 2 of Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to authorizing the Superintendent of Education to establish a public corporation for the purpose of advancing excellence in education; and to be known as the "Foundation for Public Education Act of 2009". (Sponsor - J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D. / T.R. Muna-Barnes / T.C. Ada, Passed: 4/3/09, Overridden: 4/3/09)

## **Bill No. 09-30, now Public Law No. 30-04**

An act to add a new Chapter 48 to Title 9, Guam Code Annotated, relative to notification of breaches of personal information. (Sponsor - Ray Tenorio / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / F.F. Blas, Jr., Passed: 2/27/09, Signed Into Law: 3/13/09)

## **Bill No. 36-30, now Public Law No. 30-26**

An act to add, relative to combating human trafficking on Guam and to protecting victims of human trafficking from sexual and economic exploitation. (Sponsor - T.R. Muña-Barnes / Ray Tenorio / J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D., Passed: 5/29/09, Signed Into Law: 6/16/09)

## **Bill No. 46-30, now Public Law No. 30-14**

An act to amend Subsections 3101 (d) and 3101 (o), Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, to permit the use of motorcycle licenses issued by any other territory, commonwealth, or state of the United States pursuant to §3101(d),(o). (Sponsor - A.B. Palacios, Sr. / T.R. Muna-Barnes / T.C. Ada, Passed: 4/3/09, Signed Into Law: 4/17/09)

## **Bill No. 63-30, now Public Law No. 30-16**

An act to approve the Child Support Guidelines, submitted to I Liheslaturan Guahan by the Child Support Guidelines Review Commission pursuant to Public Law No. 28-63 and Public Law No. 28-68. (Sponsor - A.B. Palacios, Sr. / T.R. Muna-Barnes / T.C. Ada, Passed: 4/3/09, Signed Into Law: 4/17/09)

## **Bill No. 70-30, now Public Law No. 30-28**

An act to amend Section 2 of Public Law No. 29-104, relative to extending the date of submission for an independent study and investigation of radiation leakage into Apra Harbor. (Sponsor - B.J.F. Cruz / T.C. Ada / F.B. Aguon, Jr., Passed: 5/29/09, Signed Into Law: 6/16/09)

## **Bill No. 74-30, now Public Law No. 30-29**

An act to add a new §8124 to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, relative to requiring the Guam Power Authority to disclose the details of its fuel purchases on its website. (Sponsor - Telo Taitague / R.J. Respicio / T.C. Ada, Passed: 5/29/09, Signed Into Law: 6/16/09)

## **Bill No. 78-30, now Public Law No. 30-19**

An act to adopt the proposed amended lease rates for office, warehouse and ground space, as well as the newly established fee structure for telecommunications at the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port of Guam (PAG), placing the Port Tarrif under the oversight of the Public Utilities Commission. (Sponsor - T.C. Ada / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / T.R. Muna-Barnes, Passed: 4/3/09, Signed Into Law: 4/17/09)

## **Bill No. 80-30, now Public Law No. 30-36**

An act to repeal and re-enact Chapter 76, of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, updating requirements relative to the storage of hazardous materials. (Sponsor - T.C. Ada / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / F.F. Blas, Jr., Passed: 5/29/09, Signed Into Law: 6/19/09)

## **Bill No. 90-30, now Public Law No. 30-49**

An act to amend §10.15 of Chapter 10 of Title 8, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the statute of limitations on crimes against children. (Sponsor - Ray Tenorio / E.J.B. Calvo / A.B. Palacios, Sr., Passed: 7/2/09, Signed Into Law: 7/14/09)

## **Bill No. 94-30, now Public Law No. 30-32**

An act to add a new Subsection (f) to §75101, and to add a new §75121, all of Chapter 75 of Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the designation of lands for the cultivation of traditional herbal medicinal plants and the establishment of the "Hatdin Amot Chamorro". (Sponsor - v.c. pangelinan / J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D. / T.R. Muna-Barnes, Passed: 5/29/09, Signed Into Law: 6/16/09)

## **Bill No. 97-30, now Public Law No. 30-33**

An act to amend §§26101, 26102, 26103, 26104 and 26105, and to add new §§ 26106 and 26107, all of Chapter 26 of Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, relative to requiring the use of a seat belt assembly and child restraint system, and clarifying standards for riding in the bed of a pickup truck. (Sponsor - T.C. Ada / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / F.F. Blas, Jr., Passed: 5/29/09, Signed Into Law: 6/16/09)

## **Bill No. 114-30, now Public Law No. 30-34**

An act to amend Section 25 (h) of Part II of Chapter V of Public Law No. 29-113, relative to appropriating Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to the Guampedia project. (Sponsor - v.c. pangelinan / J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D. / T.R. Muna-Barnes, Passed: 5/29/09, Signed Into Law: 6/16/09)

## **Bill No. 120-30, now Public Law No. 30-51**

An act to add a new §10312 to Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to requiring the Guam Energy Office to post Government of Guam electrical meter information on the internet. (Sponsor - B.J.F. Cruz / T.C. Ada / R.J. Respicio, Passed: 7/2/09, Signed Into Law: 7/14/09)

## **Bill No. 135-30, now Public Law No. 30-64**

Authorizing the DPHSS to contract an independent environmental health inspection company(s) to conduct sanitary inspections on behalf of DPHSS (Sponsor - T.C. Ada / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / F.F. Blas, Jr., Passed: 11/13/09, Signed Into Law: 11/27/09)

## **Bill No. 151-30, now Public Law No. 30-65**

An act to authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to designate areas within the Guam Territorial Park System as "alcohol free zones", and to provide for penalties for non-compliance, by adding new subsections 77101(d) and 77104(i), and §§77104.1 and 77104.2 to Chapter 77, Article 1, Title 21 Guam Code Annotated. (Sponsor - A.B. Palacios, Sr. / T.C. Ada / F.B. Aguon, Jr., Passed: 11/13/09, Signed Into Law: 11/27/09)

## **Bill No. 154-30, now Public Law No. 30-53**

An act to amend Subsection (b) of §4124 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, relative to service learning as a requirement for high school graduation. (Sponsor - J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D. / T.R. Muña-Barnes / M.J. Rector, Passed: 7/2/09, Signed Into Law: 7/14/09)

## **Bill No. 156-30, now Public Law No. 30-56**

An act to amend Public Law No. 29-113 relative to the hiring and training of limited-term part-time substitute teachers in the Guam Public School System. (Sponsor - J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D. / T.R. Muna-Barnes / M.J. Rector, Passed: 7/2/09, Signed Into Law: 7/14/09)

## **Bill No. 178-30, now Public Law No. 30-57**

An act to approve Phase I of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port of Guam Master Plan Update 2007 Report. (Sponsor - T.C. Ada / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / F.F. Blas, Jr., Passed: 9/11/09, Signed Into Law: 9/11/09)

## **Bill No. 196-30, now Public Law No. 30-68**

An act to add a new §40115.A to Chapter 40, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to recognizing village Mayors as direct representatives of the people, empowering them with authority for village events. (Sponsor - T.R. Muna-Barnes / Telo Taitague / T.C. Ada, Passed: 11/13/09, Signed Into Law: 11/27/09)



# Our Overall Performance in 2009



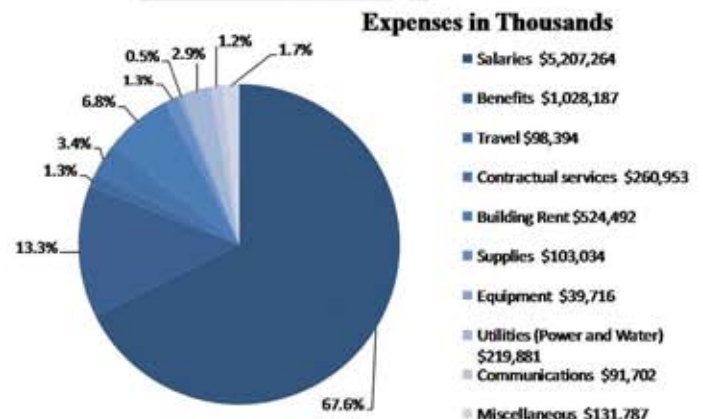
Total # of bills introduced: 307  
 Total # of bills passed: 92  
 Total # of resolutions introduced: 263  
 Total # of resolutions adopted: 251

Total # of Special Session days:  
 4 Legislative days / 10 Calendar Days  
 Total # of Regular Session days:  
 17 Legislative / 58 Calendar Days



# Our 2009 Financial Performance

Revenues	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Fund	\$ 7,520,420.00	\$ 7,703,567.00
*Hagatna Post Office Rental		242, 223.00
Interest Bearing Accounts	3,098.00	2,244.00
Expenditures	FY 2008	FY 2009
Salaries	4,853,309.00	5,207,764.00
Benefits	978,252.00	1,028,187.00
Travel	6,367.00	98,394.00
Contractual services	266,365.00	260,953.00
Building Rent	629,424.00	524,492.00
Supplies	91,238.00	103,034.00
Equipment	52,501.00	39,716.00
Utilities (Power and Water)	209,961.00	219,881.00
Communications	85,459.00	91,702.00
Miscellaneous	451,810.00	131,787.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 7,624,686.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,705,910.00</b>



\*The Fiscal Year 2009 audit revealed no significant findings.

\* Note: Pursuant to Public Law 29-069 section 76902 rental income shall be deposited to the Capitol District Fund and shall be solely used for the repair, restoration, renovation or refurbishment of the Guam Congress Building.



# 2009 Man'amko Celebration



## Guam Legislature Building Restoration & Rehabilitation

For decades the Guam Legislature was housed in the Guam Legislature Building in Hagåtña, the first building erected in the island's capital following World War II. The building is recognized for its historic status in both the Guam Registry and the National Registry of Historic Places.

In 1990, the building was deemed inhabitable after decades of neglect, forcing the Guam Legislature to take up residence in the former Department of Education building at 155 Hesler Place. Over the years, the Guam Legislature Building continued to degrade until plans were developed between the Guam Preservation Trust and the Guam Legislature to have the building restored and rehabilitated.

The restored building will feature the fine ifit woodwork it was known for and the additions will incorporate the same feeling as the original areas. The rehabilitation project is following strict LEED guidelines that make the restored Guam Legislature Building the most environmentally friendly building in Guam's history, saving both money and precious resources. ♻️



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