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Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Vice Speaker



Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary



The Guam Legislature is the lawmaking body of our government and sets policy for Guam. Fifteen Senators are elected at-large by island voters and serve two-year terms.

Senators hold hearings which give members of the public the opportunity to provide input on bills and resolutions introduced which address various community issues. Senators also host roundtable discussions, conduct oversight hearings, and participate in legislative sessions.

The 36th Guam Legislature is comprised of the following members:

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes; Legislative Secretary Amanda Shelton

Senator Telenia C. Nelson
Senator Sabina F. Perez
Senator Joe San Agustin
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell
Senator Jose “Pedro” Terlaje
Senator Christopher M. Duenas
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Senator Mary Camacho Torres
Senator Vicente Anthony Ada
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator Joanne M. Brown
Senator James C. Moylan.



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2020 GUAM LEGISLATURE STATISTICS*

Legislative Documents and Session Statistics

Bills Introduced

163

Bills Passed

77

Committee Reports Filed

199

Public Laws Enacted

86

Nominations Approved

73

Legislative Sessions

19

Legislative Livestream Broadcast Statistics

Month	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Video Views	Video Views	Viewin Hours	Viewin Hours
January	4500	14400	920	3100
February	11900	10300	2700	2100
March	36800	5700	8200	910
April	20900	19200	3900	5100
May	12100	16800	2300	4700
June	8900	18100	1800	4700
July	10400	13900	2200	3200
August	16800	21700	4800	6500
September	6600	10200	1500	2200
October	11100	9300	2700	2000
November	11900	8800	2700	2000
December	9700	10600	1500	2800
TOTAL	161600	159000	35220	39310

* Calendar Year 2020 Statistics



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On March 15, 2020 the first cases of COVID-19 struck the Island, followed by the executive orders to cease operations of non-essential Government Agencies to curb the spread of the virus. I liheslatura was forced to adjust to ensure that legislative operations would persist through pandemic restrictions. This would be made possible by shifting legislative events on to the virtual conferencing platform; Zoom. Through Zoom, public hearings, resolution presentations, and other legislative proceedings were made possible despite the Guam Congress Building being closed to the public.

While Legislative Session was still conducted in-person, I liheslatura established contactless document distribution on cloud-based software solutions. This would circumvent the need for physical document distribution, reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19, but also drastically decreased our environmental impact in regards to paper waste.

This technological shift has created a more open and accessible legislative branch to the island's residents and to viewers from across the world. Beset by pandemic and lockdown, the legislative branch has adapted to meet an uncertain future to fulfill its duty to the island of Guam.



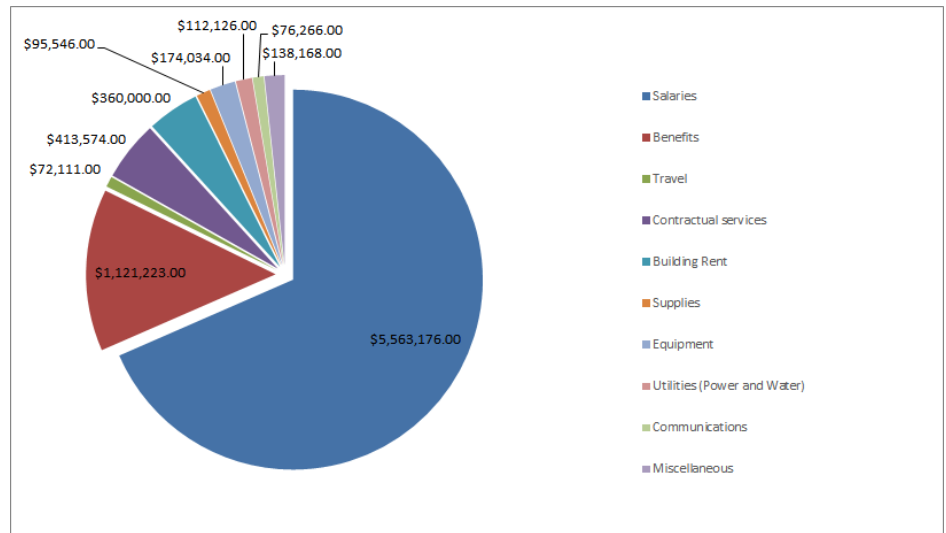
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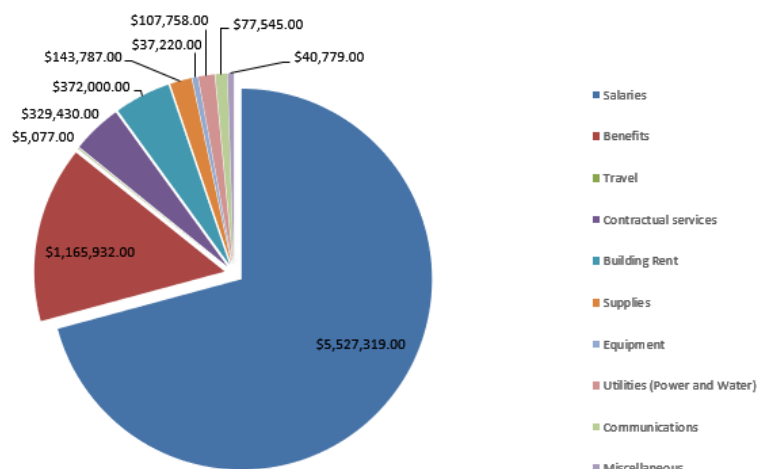
FISCAL YEAR 2019

CATEGORIES	EXPENSES
Salaries	5,563,176.00
Benefits	1,121,223.00
Travel	72,111.00
Contractual services	413,574.00
Building Rent	360,000.00
Supplies	95,546.00
Equipment	174,034.00
Utilities (Power and Water)	112,126.00
Communications	76,266.00
Miscellaneous	138,168.00
TOTAL	8,126,224.00



FISCAL YEAR 2020

CATEGORIES	EXPENSES
Salaries	5,527,319.00
Benefits	1,165,932.00
Travel	5,077.00
Contractual services	329,430.00
Building Rent	372,000.00
Supplies	143,787.00
Equipment	37,220.00
Utilities (Power and Water)	107,758.00
Communications	77,545.00
Miscellaneous	40,779.00
TOTAL	7,806,847.00





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Guam Congress Building

The Legislature is committed to governance that is transparent, accountable, and available to all. To do this, the Leg-islature has achieved the following goals:

- Transitioned toward a paperless session utilizing cloud based file storage and access to digital legislative documents.
- Utilizing remote work and virtual video conference software solutions to ensure operations were not impeded despite the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Creating more improvements to fiscal reports to ensure accurate data for audits.

Goals

- Create a more transparent branch via more accessible legislative process for the public via virtual public hearings to ensure every voice is heard.
- Create a more transparent branch via more interactive legislative process for the public via website interaction and more.



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