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December 27, 2011

Senator

MEMORANDUM

Judith P. Guthertz VICE CHAIRPERSON ASST. MAJORITY LEADER

To: Patricia C. Santos Clerk of the Legislature

MAJORITY MEMBERS: From: Judith P. Guthertz, DPA

Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Speaker Judith T. Won Pat

Vice Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Subject:

Supplement to Committee Report - Bill No. 312

Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY MAJORITY WHIP

Hafa Adai!

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. ASST. MAJORITY WHIP

Transmitted herewith is a memo from Senator Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr., Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety, Law Enforcement & Judiciary, forwarding additional testimony on Bill No. 312.

Senator Thomas C. Ada

Please include this memo and the attachment as a "Supplement" to the Committee Report on Bill No. 312-31 (COR).

Senator

Please make the appropriate indication in your records; and forward to MIS for posting on our website. I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan.

Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.

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Senator Aline A. Yamashita ASST. MINORITY LEADER Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

Senator Christopher M. Duenas

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Senator Christopher M. Duenas Supplement to the Committee Report on Bill No. 312-31 (COR)

"AN ACT TO AMEND § 11107 OF TITLE 12 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES."

> *NOTE: The original Committee Report on Bill No. 312-31 (COR) was filed on November 9, 2011.



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SENATOR ADOLPHO B. PALACIOS, SR.

Chairman

December 27, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Rory J. Respicio

Chairman, Committee on Rules

Senator Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr. From:

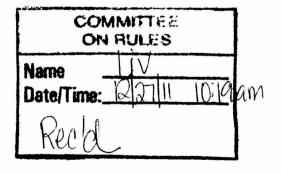
Chairman, Committee on Public Safety

Law Enforcement and Judiciary

SUBJECT: Supplemental written testimony on Bill No. 312-31 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! The Committee on Public Safety, Law Enforcement and Judiciary filed the Committee Report on Bill No. 312-31 (COR) on November 3, 2011. Please include the attached testimony from Chief Justice F. Phillip Carbullido as an addendum to the Committee Report. It was received via email on December 23, 2011.

Attachment.







Adolpho Palacios < senabpalacios@gmail.com >

Bill No. 312-31(COR)

Joshua Tenorio < jtenorio@guamcourts.org>

To: senator@senatorpalacios.com

Hafa Adai Chairman Palacios:

Fri, Dec 23, 2011 at 4:01 PM

Please find the attached letter from Chief Justice Carbullido regarding Bill No. 312-31(COR) relative to the composition of the Public Defender Service Corporation Board of Trustees.

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Senseramente,

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F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO

Chief Justice of Guam

December 23, 2011

The Honorable Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr. Chairman
Committee on Public Safety, Law Enforcement & Judiciary
Mina Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan
155 Hesler Place
Hagatna, Guam 96910

RE: Bill No. 312-31(COR)

Dear Chairman Palacios:

I am writing to you regarding Bill 312-31(COR), "An act to amend § 11107 of Title 12 of the Guam Code Annotated relative to the composition of the Public Defender Service Corporation Board of Trustees," sponsored by Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz.

I understand that Bill No. 312-31(COR), as introduced, has been reported out by the Committee on Public Safety, Law Enforcement & Judiciary with the recommendation TO PASS.

I support the efforts of Vice Speaker Cruz to amend the enabling act of the Public Defender Service Corporation (PDSC) and remove any unnecessary liability and conflicts of the Chief Justice and Presiding Judge as fiduciaries of the PDSC.

However, I do not believe that private attorneys or former judicial officers should be excluded from serving on the Board. There are a growing number of retired judicial officers that may be available to serve on the Board of Trustees. In making appointments to the PDSC Board of Trustees, the Chief Justice can take steps to ensure that only private attorneys with no conflicts are appointed to the PDSC.

Private Attorneys and retired judicial officers can play an important role in the governance and quality of the management of the PDSC. Tapping on the legal and courtroom expertise of private attorneys and retired judicial officers will make the PDSC a more effective organization.

I hope you will consider these factors when deliberating on Bill 312-31(COR).

Senseramente,

F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO Chief Justice of Guam