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156-32 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., B. J.F. Cruz, T. R. Muna-Barnes, Chris M. Duenas	AN ACT TO CREATE THE GUAM TRADEMARK COMMISSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURAL TRADEMARK STATUTE FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF GUAM'S CHAMORRO CULTURAL ARTS	7/19/2013 2:50 p.m.	07/23/13	Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing, and Hagatna Restoration and Development Authority	08/07/13 2:00 p.m.	10/31/2013 9:49 a.m.	Fiscal Note Requested 07/24/13 Fiscal Note Received 08/21/13



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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
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155 Hesler Place
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TRB

VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 156-32 (COR)

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on **Bill No. 156-32 (COR)** – “An Act to Create the Guam Trademark Commission for the Development of a Cultural Trademark Statute for the Protection and Preservation of Guam’s Chamorro Cultural Arts”.

Committee votes are as follows:

- 10 TO DO PASS
- _____ TO NOT PASS
- 3 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- _____ TO ABSTAIN
- _____ TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator



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**COMMITTEE
REPORT
ON**

BILL NO. 156-32 (COR)

*(Sponsors: J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D., B.J.F. Cruz,
T.R. Muna Barnes, C.M. Duenas)*

**“BILL NO. 156-32 (COR) – “AN ACT TO
CREATE THE GUAM TRADEMARK
COMMISSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
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October 29, 2013

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Hagåtña Restoration & Redevelopment Authority

From: Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 156-32 (COR)

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Bill No. 156-32 (COR) - "An Act to Create the Guam Trademark Commission for the Development of a Cultural Trademark Statute for the Protection and Preservation of Guam's Chamorro Cultural Arts".

This report includes the following:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 156-32 (COR)
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony on Bill No. 156-32 (COR)
- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 156-32 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 156-32 (COR) – “An Act to Create the Guam Trademark Commission for the Development of a Cultural Trademark Statute for the Protection and Preservation of Guam’s Chamorro Cultural Arts”.

	SIGNATURE	TO PASS	TO NOT PASS	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN DUE TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Chairperson		✓				
VICE SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Vice-Chairperson						
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member		10/30/13 ✓				
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Member						
SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR. Member		10/30/12 ✓				
SENATOR VICENTE C. PANGELINAN Member		✓				
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Member		10/30/13 ✓				
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member		10/20 ✓				
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member		10/30/13 ✓				
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member				10/30 ✓		
SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS Minority Member				10/30/13 ✓		
SENATOR MICHAEL LIMTIACO Minority Member		✓				
SENATOR BRANT McCREADIE Minority Member		10/30/13 ✓				
SENATOR THOMAS MORRISON Minority Member		10/30 ✓				
SENATOR ALINE A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D. Minority Member						

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 156-32 (COR) was introduced on July 19, 2013 by J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D., B.J.F. Cruz, T.R. Muna Barnes, and C.M. Duenas and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Hagåtña Restoration & Redevelopment Authority on July 23, 2013.

The Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Hagåtña Restoration & Redevelopment Authority convened a public hearing on Bill No. 156-32(COR) on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the Legislature's Public Hearing Room in Hagåtña.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via e-mail to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 (5-Day Notice), and again on Friday, August 2, 2013 (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Senator Tina Muña Barnes, Chairperson
Vice Speaker B.J. F. Cruz, Chairperson
Senator Tony Ada, Member
Senator Brant McCreadie, Member
Senator Tommy Morrison, Member

II. INTRODUCTION, SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The Public Hearing was Called-to-Order at 2:05 p.m.

Senator Tina Muna Barnes- The Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing, and Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority is called to order it is about 2:05 pm in the afternoon and I'd like to thank my colleagues for joining me; my Vice Chair the Honorable Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz; to his right, Senator Tommy Morison; and to my left thank you for being here Senator Brant McCreadie. We are here to hear testimony on two Bills; Bill 156-32(COR) and Bill 159-32(COR). I'll just go ahead and mention the bills right now Bill No.156-32(COR) is "an act to create the Guam Trademark Commission for the development of a cultural trademark statute for the protection and preservation of Guam's Chamorro Cultural Arts." Its sponsor's were

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Speaker Judith Wonpat, Vice Speaker Cruz, myself, Senator Duenas, and others. Bill no. 159-32 (COR) - "an act to amend subsection II. AG. Of section 2 of Chapter 1, and to add a new section 19 to Chapter X both of Public Law 31-233 (General Appropriations Act of 2013) making an appropriation from the tourist attraction fund (TAF) to the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) for the Humatak Community Foundation (HCF), Inc. for the purposes of developing the Humatak Heritage Village Museum (HHVM)."; and it was sponsored by Senator Morrison, myself, and Vice Speaker Cruz. Ladies and gentlemen, I am going to just do a little switching on the agenda since we have a lot of folks and the good Mayor from Humatak who's joined us and several of the directors from the agencies. I'm going to go ahead and switch the bills right now if that's alright with my colleagues, Vice Speaker, thank you. We'll go ahead and hear testimony on 159-32 (COR).

Senator Muna Barnes – Ladies and Gentlemen, we do have one more bill on the agenda, Bill No. 156-32(COR) and it is "An act to create the Guam Trademark Commission for the development of a cultural trademark statute for the protection and preservation of Guam's Chamorro Cultural Arts." Its sponsor was Speaker Judith Won Pat who is not here with us today, myself, and Senator Chris Duenas. For all those who wish to present oral testimony, please do so by signing up at the podium to my left with my committee staff; I want to thank them for also being here and working real hard. I do see on the signup sheet we have Denise Mendiola Hertslet, who has written testimony, if she wants to present oral, she's more than welcome to come up. We do have the Chair of CAHA who supports the effort. She can present oral testimony, Mrs. Monica Okada Guzman; and we also have GVB- Mr. Karl Pangelinan who says he supports the efforts, and you're more than welcome to come up. I will briefly give a Synopsis, but please make your way to the table. If anyone else wishes to present oral testimony, please don't hesitate to sign up with our committee members here.

Senator Muna Barnes - reads the Synopsis, which is attached for the record. I do know that one of the intent of introducing this bill was to make sure that we have a full engagement of our community; and to our listening audience out there who's listening. If you have any other recommendation or suggestions or solutions to how we can better protect what we do as island people, please don't hesitate to again contact our offices or send through facsimile. At this time, I will yield to one of the other members, Ms. Denise Mendiola Hertslet.

Denise Mendiola Hertslet – Good afternoon Madam Chair, Vice Speaker Cruz, Senator Morrison, Senator McCreadie, and Senator Ada. I'm Denise Mendiola Hertslet, representing my boss who is not able to be here today; nevertheless he submitted written testimony in support of this bill. If you don't mind I'd like to read his testimony. Ms. Hertslet reads the testimony of

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Casey Jeszenka (Network Director-Pacific Islands SBDC Network/Guam SBDC), which is attached for the record.

Question # 1- I'm going to add to his letter. In the current process that we are aware of, if a person on Guam were to register locally they would have to get clearance from the USPTO first to ensure that no one else in the U.S has that registered trademark or patent. If there is no finding of anyone with that, then they can proceed to apply for the trademark or patent, however that local trademark law only protects them here on Guam. So, if the person was to go to the United States, it does not prevent somebody else in the United States from using that same trademark or patent. So that was one of the concerns that we had.

Monica Guzman - Chairperson of CAHA. Hafa adai, good afternoon Senator's Morrison, Vice Speaker Cruz, Chairperson Tina Barnes, Senator McCreddie, and Senator Ada. On behalf of the Guam Council of Arts and Humanities, we fully support Bill 156-32. We think that it's a move in the right direction as far as setting up this trademark commission, the Guam Trademark Commission. It brings together all the right people to the table to discuss how we as an island can move forward to protect our traditional and cultural expressions; our traditional knowledge. In the law you speak about how, I mean we all know Guam will be hosting in 2016 the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts. One of the most important things that the South Pacific Commission has requested or has told the host country, Guam, is that we need to have in place legislation protecting our intellectual property. One of things that CAHA is doing is this Saturday we will be hosting a workshop with this as one of our key agenda items. We will have a speaker that will discuss trademark and copy writing, we will have a member of your staff, Senator Barnes, who will talk about this particular legislation. We have so far about 40 people signed up to attend this workshop, and what we'll do is we will submit written testimony after our workshop. We will compile all of the statements and the discussion at the workshop, and provide that as supporting documents, but in general we do support this and we're very happy to be part of this trademark commission.

Senator Barnes - Thank you chairwoman Guzman. The Vice Speaker shared with me about the meeting that is scheduled for this Saturday. Will that be open to the public or is it just the stakeholders from the different agencies that have been mentioned on the compiling of who we have today?

Monica Guzman - The workshop is open to the general public. It's free, there's no charge. CAHA wants to do workshops that speak to topics that our artists and our membership are interested in; and this is one of the topics that we thought would be good to have and bring

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people to speak about this for our artist; and it's open to the public; there's no charge it's going to be at the CAHA Gallery in the Terlaje building right across the street and it'll start at 8:00 am-12:00 noon. What we did in February was we had a previous workshop, it was called "Cultural Design with History in Mind" and we featured some of these cultural expressions and traditional designs at that workshop, and so as a result of that they asked if we could have a discussion on trademark and copy right, and also on traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions.

Vice Speaker Cruz- I'm glad that Ms. Guzman mentioned the workshop this weekend and the fact that they will be submitting comments and recommendations on how to improve the legislation. So, I'm hoping that we'll keep this record open until we can get that report from them and I thank SDBC for their comments it is very important that we address those 4 issues that you've raised and I thank both of you for coming and it's hard, I mean anybody who knows trademark and patent- I know nothing about it, and it's just a very difficult law; and so the more people that have some input on how we can improve this, hopefully the better we'll come out with this; and the concerns that everybody has in the cultural area about protecting the cultural knowledge; and it's something that we've got to work on. There was a discussion last Saturday where there were concerns about sharing songs and stuff, and so this is something the artists are very interested in, and I'm hoping that we'll get a very extensive report back from the workshop this weekend that we can utilize to improve the legislation. So, thank you very much for coming.

Senator Barnes - As I share the same sentiments as the Vice Speaker I want to say how important this is and those in the business community and the local business community; as we talk about advocating thinking local, buying local, and supporting local there's still some concerns of the process and how do we do that to protect what has been created here. So, this is very valuable and as we've been talking about it; and as the Vice Speaker said earlier there was just the PIBBA and all the other workshops that have been happening in the past; making sure that we bring this up to the forefront is very important, and I just want to say on behalf of the author of the legislation who really wanted to be here, but she had a scheduled appointment; she said please know that she would've been here if she could cancel that one. We will accept testimony and after we would love to get all the recommendations compiled and sent to our office because our I guess our timeline is trying to push for a September session so we can work extra hard and fast with all the stakeholders in the community would be a plus for us.

Denise Hertslet - I was just wondering would this type of program; I'm calling it a program cause I don't know what else to call it right now, but would it be something similar to the use of

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the Guam Seal where you would need to authenticate that this is truly, and it has all of the elements of whatever, and they're going to be broken up into categories and then it has to be housed somewhere. So, one of the challenges that I was looking at was that if we had a nonprofit entity own it, which is what is happening in other countries, then who gets to be that entity that owns it? However, if the government of Guam owns it then we go through the process of making sure it's authenticated, and then the government of Guam, whoever houses it, would be the one issuing that. Would that work?

Senator Barnes – Yes, and as I was sharing with the Vice Speaker, sharing your sentiments, I think it's important. It's concerns and issues like that, that need to come to the forefront and I think that's why the importance of this meeting this Saturday is very, not just near and dear to us, but is very very crucial and very critical as it is one of the main ingredients that are needed in order to help push this bill forward; and making sure that this record is open so that we can accept those ideas, because there are those concerns like that in as far as authentication and all that.

Monica Guzman - I think, like the Vice Speaker said, this topic is voluminous if you're going to dissect it. I have here a couple of handbooks that were produced by the World Intellectual Property Organization, and it's just an overview, but it talks about some of the work that started in the 1930's and then up to the 60s up to the 90s, and so you know there's been a lot of discussion all over the world about protecting our cultural traditions and intellectual property. We've been meeting, CAHA's been meeting with our cultural practitioners to help develop the program for the Festival of Pacific Arts in 2016 and we've been meeting since November; and you know in conversations during and after the meetings, our cultural expression are very dear, and how do we protect it? Cultural expression is a living dynamic thing, same as traditional knowledge. How do we protect it, how do we protect the artist? How do we share it and at the same time protect it?; so that's something that the commission's going to have a lot of fun discussing and trying to; and I'm glad the Vice Speaker will be chairing the commission because I'm sure that you know, it's a good thing it's about time. I know we've been talking about it in our culture community for many years, and I'm just happy that we're finally going to do something with it. I invite all of the Senators, if you're available on Saturday, to come by. We have Attorney Vince Camacho who will be speaking about trademarks and copy rights; then of course we have Stephanie who will talk about this legislation. We have Monique Story who will talk from the University of Guam, who will talk about archiving and research at MARC; what you can and cannot copy, what you can use in your designs; she'll be talking about that; and then we also have the other side of the coin; we have Leo Babauta who will be talking about un-

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copy writing, and his experience with his blog and his book. So, 8:00 am -12:00 pm, you know maybe if you're available, please stop by.

Senator Muna Barnes – will this be recorded for archiving?

Monica Guzman - The workshop is actually a partnership with the Council, Guampedia and Guam Preservation Trust, so all of the proceedings will be posted on the Guampedia website afterwards.

Senator Muna Barnes – Appreciate it, thank you. If there are no other comments or further questions, I'd like to go ahead and call this hearing on Bill No 156-32(COR) publicly heard, and again the record will stay open, and we will meet the 10 day notice for accepting a written testimony again you can do so by sending it to 155 Hesler Place; to the office of Senator Tina Muna Barnes or Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz, at 155 Hesler Place Hagåtña Guam 96910. You can fax it through our office at 472-3400, or senator@tinamunabarnes.com or senator@senatorbjcruz.com. With that being said, this meeting/public hearing on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority, is adjourned. Saina Ma'åse.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Hagåtña Restoration & Redevelopment Authority hereby reports out Bill No. 156-32 (COR), with the recommendation TO PASS.

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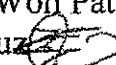


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2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 1512-92 (COR)

Introduced by:

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B. J.F. Cruz 
Tina R. Muna Barnes 
C. M. Duenas 

**AN ACT TO CREATE THE GUAM TRADEMARK
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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that
3 intellectual property rights (IP) are the main asset of any company. Trademarks
4 specifically, have the purpose of identifying the goods and services of any industry
5 in addition to representing the capital gain of the business. Locally, businesses or
6 individuals can protect their intellectual property rights, trademarks and copyrights
7 under the US Trademark Act (15 USC 1051 et seq.) and the Model State
8 Trademark Act. However, such filings must be made with the U.S. Federal
9 Trademark and Patent office.

10 In 1995, P.L. 23-62 (5 GCA Chapter 20, Article 4) was enacted to provide
11 an applicant the ability to locally register a U.S. trademark, patent or copyright
12 within the Territory of Guam. The statute further provides for a Guam Certificate

1 of Registration for any person desiring to register a print, label or trademark
2 intended to be attached or applied to goods or manufactured articles or to bottles,
3 boxes or package containing the goods or manufactured articles. However, the
4 statue needs to be revisited to provide more comprehensive guidelines and better
5 legal protection for those products made and registered exclusively on Guam.

6 Guam's unique Chamorro culture is evident in our island's cultural arts,
7 traditions, and expressions that span for thousands of years. Ancient Chamorros
8 practiced sustainable land use and resource management through irrigated farming,
9 land cultivation, fishpond building, near-shore fishing conservation and legendary
10 seafaring navigation utilizing the world renowned Chamorro *Proa* design.

11 In the expressive cultural arts, Chamorros developed highly refined art forms
12 including weaving, wood, bone and stone carving, tattooing, adornments, clothing,
13 musical instruments, weaponry, medicines and healing arts.

14 The cultural arts of Chamorros practiced today are a vital and authentic
15 expression of a dynamic culture. The practice of these customary arts are visible in
16 daily practices through ceremonies of dance, music, and sacred rites. Many
17 Chamorro native artists today are actively rediscovering and reviving their cultural
18 traditions.

19 Chamorro cultural arts are being lost through limited access to raw
20 materials, a flood of imitations in the marketplace, and stereotyped overuse or
21 culturally inappropriate use in public environments. As is the case for many
22 indigenous peoples throughout the world, Chamorros are in danger of losing these
23 unique cultural practices through assimilation into the dominant Westernized
24 society.

25 A new generation of local artists and entrepreneurs are engaged in
26 revitalization of our culture through their artwork, hand crafted gift items,

1 carvings, jewelry making, t-shirt designs, music, dance, film, paintings,
2 photography and other locally made products. Many local artists struggle to
3 maintain authentic cultural practices and preserve the viability of supporting
4 themselves as artists against the pressures of mass tourism and related
5 commoditization and labeling of all things "Chamorro" or "Made in Guam" to the
6 million visitors who come to Guam every year.

7 Purchasers who cannot distinguish (or appreciate the difference) between a
8 hand-made necklace of unique shells or other authentic artifacts gathered from the
9 shores of Guam having a value of several hundred of dollars from one made of
10 look-alike plastic molded shells strung together in a "copycat style" made in
11 Taiwan or the Philippines.

12 This type of uninformed purchasing by visitors (and even local residents)
13 repeated every day for practically every item of the cultural arts across the entire
14 tourism industry results in the devaluing of authentic native cultural artworks and
15 the inability of native cultural artisans making quality products to support
16 themselves through their art.

17 In 1986, the 18th Guam Legislature recognized that identification and
18 protectionist measures needed to be instituted to protect products made in Guam,
19 and offer the pride and proof that comes with boasting of an authentic product of
20 Guam. The creation of the Guam Product Seal permit program was intended to
21 address this concern and provide island pride in Guam made products. The
22 enabling legislation that provided for a Guam Product Seal program was contained
23 in Public Law 18-42.

24 In 2012, P.L. 227-31 established the Guam Product Seal Task Force to
25 reenergize the Guam Product Seal concept and revisit, some twenty-five (25) years
26 later, the mandate and its accompanying administrative rules, in order to provide

1 incentives for permit holders, ensure compliance and enforcement by stakeholders
2 and the retail industry in Guam and to actively engage in the promotion of the
3 Guam brand by emphasizing the distinctiveness of offerings that proudly carry the
4 "Made in Guam" label.

5 As a result of the work and findings of the task force, P.L. 226-31 was
6 adopted promulgating the rules and regulations to prohibit any retail store,
7 wholesaler, manufacturer, importer, distributor or business establishment to sell
8 any consumer commodity that has the word "Guam" or "Chamorro," or a
9 derivation of such words, on the packaging of the product, if such product was not
10 manufactured in Guam, unless the place where the product was manufactured is
11 clearly and permanently labeled on the product.

12 Although the Guam Product Seal Program offers some regulatory control
13 and protection of products made in Guam, *I Liheslatura* finds that we must further
14 protect our native *Chamorro* culture, traditional practices and evolving new
15 cultural practices (art, music, dance, lyrics, video, film, photography, etc.) through
16 a comprehensive local intellectual property rights and cultural trademark statute.

17 Internationally, protection of surviving expressions of native cultures,
18 traditional cultural expression (acronym "TCE" or "TKE") has been studied at the
19 highest levels by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) under
20 mandate from the World Convention on Biodiversity of 1992 that was signed by
21 187 countries including the United States. WIPO is a specialized agency of the
22 United Nations dedicated to developing a balanced and accessible international
23 intellectual property (IP) system that rewards creativity, stimulates innovation and
24 contributes to economic development worldwide while safeguarding the public
25 interest. It studies and recommends international treaty regimes to Member States

1 to promote the protection of Intellectual Property Rights worldwide through
2 cooperation among states and in collaboration with international organizations.

3 For decades, American Indian tribes also experienced a long period during
4 which cultural arts were degraded by outside producers making imitation "Indian"
5 products and selling them in markets catering to reservation visitors. The U.S.
6 Congress first enacted the Indian Arts and Crafts Act in 1935, and it was
7 reauthorized in 1990 with several significant changes to the original statute. The
8 IACA reserved to tribal members the exclusive use of designations of "Indian
9 Made" and specific tribal trademarks for authentic products hand-made by Native
10 Americans, providing for civil and criminal penalties of up to \$250,000 in fines
11 and 5 years in prison for individuals and fines up to \$1,000,000 for businesses.

12 Under federal U.S. trademark law, a trademark may certify products or
13 services as endorsed, approved by, or associated with a particular group of people,
14 even a racial or ethnic group. For example, service marks such as "NAACP",
15 "Knights of Columbus", "Daughters of the American Revolution", or "Chinese
16 Chamber of Commerce" are not illegal or unconstitutional even if the service
17 organization has a membership that is limited to a particular race or ethnicity.

18 One of the most successful examples of a cultural (certification) trademark
19 program has been the Maori "Toi Iho" program in New Zealand. Initial legislation
20 was enacted to undertake a process of consultation with the Maori artists and tribal
21 communities for consensus building beginning in Year 2000, funded with about
22 \$NZ 2 million. The Toi Iho cultural trademark program was implemented through
23 legislation enacted in 2002, and is administered through the Arts Council of New
24 Zealand in consultation with its parallel Maori arts agency, the Te Waka Toi
25 Cultural Arts Board. In a short time, the Toi Iho program has become successful in
26 establishing the Toi Iho Logo as a symbol of excellence in Maori cultural arts.

1 In 2016, Guam will host the 12th Annual Festival of the Pacific Arts. The
2 festival brings together artists and cultural practitioners from around the Pacific
3 region for two weeks of festivity. The festival is recognized as a major regional
4 cultural event, and is the largest gathering in which the people of the Pacific unite
5 to enhance their respect and appreciation of one another. The festival is held every
6 four years since 1972 and delegations from 27 Pacific Island Nations and
7 Territories have come together to share and exchange their cultures at each Pacific
8 Arts Festival. Guam expects a delegation of over 2,500 performers, artists and
9 cultural practitioners, in addition to thousands of visitors from Asia and festival
10 followers. P.L. 30-83 created the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts Coordinating
11 Committee with the duties of organizing and planning the festival. It was discussed
12 in these planning meetings that it is imperative, prior to this festival, that Guam
13 have a local statute in place for the protection of local intellectual property rights
14 and cultural trademarks for Guam and other participating countries.

15 **Section 2.** A new Chapter 14 is hereby *added* of Title 2 Guam Code
16 Annotated to read:

17 **“Chapter 14**

18 **Guam Trademark Commission**

- 19 § 14101. Short Title.
20 § 14102. Guam Trademark Commission.
21 § 14103. Convening of the Guam Trademark Commission.
22 § 14104. Composition of Guam Trademark Commission.
23 § 14105. Duties of Commission
24 § 14106. Conduct of Meetings.

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1 **§ 14101. Short Title.** This Chapter shall be known as *The Guam*
2 *Trademark Commission Act.*

3 **§ 14102. Guam Trademark Commission, established.** The
4 Guam Trademark Commission is hereby established for the special purpose
5 of developing policy direction and recommendations relative to
6 coordination, planning, implementation, administration, promotion,
7 compliance and enforcement of the “Guam Trademark and Intellectual
8 Property Rights Act” and the “Guam Cultural Trademark Act”.

9 **§ 14103. Convening of the Guam Trademark**
10 **Commission.** The Guam Trademark Commission shall be under the
11 direction of the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee with oversight
12 over Cultural Affairs and convened pursuant to provisions of this Act.

13 **§ 14104. Composition of Guam Trademark Commission.**

14 The composition of the Commission shall be as follows:

15 (a) The Legislative Chairperson with oversight on Cultural Affairs
16 shall serve as the Chairperson of the Commission.

17 (b) The Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation
18 (DRT), or his assigned representative, shall serve as the Vice-Chairperson.
19 DRT is empowered to enforce regulations and collect levies and fines from
20 companies found in violation of the law;

21 (c) The President of the Department of Chamorro Affairs (DCA),
22 or his assigned representative, DCA can offer insight into the uniqueness of
23 the Guam brand and the importance of protecting aspects of
24 the *Chamorro* culture and heritage;

1 (d) The General Manager of the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB), or
2 his assigned representative, GVB is tasked with promoting the Guam brand
3 in its entirety;

4 (e) The Administrator of the Guam Economic Development
5 Authority (GEDA), or his assigned representative; GEDA offers programs
6 and opportunities for economic development;

7 (f) The Attorney General of Guam or his designated legal
8 representative from the office of the Attorney General; the AGO shall
9 provide guidance on intellectual property rights relative to the Guam brand
10 and opinions as requested;

11 (g) The Chairperson of the Council on Arts and Humanities
12 (CAHA), or assigned representative;

13 (h) One (1) member of *I Liheslatura* Majority appointed by the
14 Speaker. The Speaker may appoint herself or a designee.

15 (i) One (1) member of *I Liheslatura* Minority appointed by the
16 Speaker.

17 (j) Three (2) members appointed by the Speaker of *I Liheslatura*
18 representing organizations active in the promotion of Chamorro Cultural
19 Arts on Guam.

20 (k) The Chairperson may include additional public and private
21 sector members to serve on sub-committees or elect them as committee
22 members, provided that they possess significant background, knowledge and
23 experience with locally produced products; and the Commission may
24 prescribe special procedures for their participation.

1 **§ 14105. Duties of the Commission.** The Commission shall work
2 collaboratively to create policy recommendations, rules and legislation for
3 two (2) specific areas in defining and developing a Guam Trademark Law:

4 (1) A new “Guam Trademark and Intellectual Property Rights Act”
5 to create and regulate the trademark law in Guam as it relates to or mirrors
6 current applicable U.S. Trademark and Intellectual Property Rights statute
7 and provide additional statute as needed.

8 (2) A cultural (certification) trademark program, titled “Guam
9 Cultural Trademark Act” (similar to that of the Maori “Toi Iho” program in
10 New Zealand) to promote and license Chamorro Cultural Arts manufactured
11 or produced in Guam. The Commission may hire professional legal or
12 technical services to assist and perform studies, roundtables, conduct polls,
13 surveys and/or conferences to report findings and present initial guidelines
14 for a Guam Cultural Trademark program so that a proposal can be presented
15 to the broader community as a concrete, well-considered, and cohesive
16 program. Guidelines should be discussed to include, but not limited to the
17 following types of issues:

18 (a) Identification of initial types of cultural arts for use of
19 trademark.

20 (b) Criteria for lineage of cultural knowledge qualifying for
21 use of trademark.

22 (c) Criteria for authenticity of works qualifying for use of
23 trademark.

24 (d) Criteria for quality of works qualifying for use of
25 trademark.

1 (e) Criteria for cultural content qualifying for use of
2 trademark.

3 (f) Sources, meanings and extrinsic functions of proposed
4 trademark image.

5 (g) Proposed process for certifying artists for use of
6 trademark.

7 (h) Proposed process for certifying arts organizations for use
8 of trademark.

9 (i) Proposed process for certifying vendors for use of
10 trademark.

11 (j) Proposed terms for use of trademark in advertising,
12 marketing, sales.

13 The Commission shall submit proposed legislation after its study for a
14 new “Guam Trademark and Intellectual Property Rights (IP) Act” and the
15 “Guam Cultural Trademark Act” to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* no later than one
16 hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of enactment of this Act,
17 and shall be subject to legislative approval and perform all functions
18 necessary to effectuate the mission of the Commission as adopted.

19 **§ 14106. Conduct of Meetings, Quorum.** The Commission shall
20 meet once a month to discuss and assess progress and recommendations.

21 A simple majority of members of the council shall constitute a
22 quorum to do business; any action taken by the council shall be by a simple
23 majority of the members.

24 **Section 3. Appropriation.** The sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars
25 (\$50,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF) to the
26 Guam Trademark Commission to fulfill the requirements of §14105 of this

1 Chapter. Any unexpended funds remaining in the Commission's budget at the
2 conclusion of its studies shall be deposited to the Guam Economic Development
3 Authority for the Guam Product Seal Program.

4 **Section 4. Effective Date.** Provisions of this Act shall take effect upon
5 enactment into law. The first meeting of the Guam Trademark Commission shall
6 take place no later than twenty (20) days after enactment. If the twentieth (20th)
7 day of the first meeting and subsequent meetings fall on a Saturday, Sunday or a
8 government of Guam holiday, then the first meeting of the Commission shall take
9 place on the next available business day.

10 **Section 5. Sunset Provision.** The Guam Trademark Commission shall
11 remain in effect until the adoption of recommendations of the Guam Trademark
12 Commission are approved by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

13 **Section 6. Severability Clause.** If any provisions of this Act or the
14 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such validity
15 shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given
16 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of
17 this Act are severable.



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Office of The Legislative Secretary
Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and
 Hagåtña Restoration & Redevelopment Authority
 Public Hearing
 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2013

WITNESS SIGN-IN SHEET

Bill No. 156-32 (COR) "An Act to Create the Guam Trademark Commission for the Development of a Cultural Trademarks Statute for the Protection and Preservation of Guam's Chamorro Cultural Arts".

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION (IF ANY)	SUPPORT OR OPPOSE	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	ORAL TESTIMONY	CONTACT NO.	EMAIL ADDRESS
Dante m. Hertzlet	Guam SBDC		✓		483-7325	
Monica Guzman	CAHA	support		x	777-1879	
WARZ PANGLOSS	GVB	SUPPORT	✓		696-5278	



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL NO 156-32
Submitted by Joseph Artero Cameron
President, Department of Chamorro Affairs

August 7, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.

Håfa Adai Senator Muna-Barnes and Members of the Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on Bill No. 156-32, an act to create the Guam Trade Commission for the development of a cultural trademark statute for the protection and preservation of Guam’s Chamorro cultural arts.

As the President of the Department of Chamorro Affairs and the Vice-Chairman of the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts Coordinating Committee, I applaud the intent and positive effect this bill advocates. This particular bill encapsulates all intangible assets, products, ideas, music, concepts of all artists and cultural practitioners, i.e. dance, traditional knowledge and traditional expressions of culture, as well as, compliments the Guam Product Seal mandate.

Most people don’t understand what intellectual property rights are and that it can be stolen. The pirating of cultural works is a threat to the creative sectors in our society. Promoting cultural development and fostering innovation and growth are commonly held goals. As Guam prepares to host the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts in 2016, it is imperative that such an entity be established to safeguard the intellectual property rights of our local artists and cultural practitioners. Intellectual property protection is a vital part of social, cultural and economic development.

The Guam Trademark Commission would not only ensure the protection and preservation of Guam’s Chamorro cultural arts, but the promotion of high quality creative work and creative expressions created by our people with a focus on economic sustainability, as well as, raise global awareness of a registered Chamorro trademark of quality artistic works and authenticity of genuine products made in Guam.

Proposed legislation on protecting Intellectual Property has been spoken of for many years amongst members of Guam’s arts community. Many other ethnic locations, nationally and globally promote such legislation. I commend this legislative body for recognizing the intrinsic value of having an entity such as the Commission to create and regulate the trademark law in Guam. This is great policy for which our government will benefit and the citizenry of Guam and I encourage the passage of this legislation.

Joseph Artero Cameron

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August 5, 2013

Honorable Senators Judith T. Won Pat, Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Tina R. Munas Barnes and C.M. Duenes
155 Hessler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Senators Judith T. Won Pat, Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Tina R. Muna Barnes and C.M. Duenes,

On behalf of the staff of the University of Guam Small Business Development Center (SBDC), we are providing written testimonial on Bill #156-32 to create the Guam Trademark Commission for the development of a Cultural Trademark Statute for the protection and preservation of Guam's Chamorro cultural arts.

The SBDC is In favor of the concept of the creation of the Guam Trademark Commission for the development of a Cultural Trademark Statute for the protection and preservation of Guam's Chamorro cultural arts. A faster process in ensuring the protection of copyrights and trademarks on Guam for local businesses will provide additional protection of businesses intellectual property rights, especially the local cultural producers.

We do have several questions and concerns in regards to Bill #156-32 that are:

1. If a new "Guam Trademark and Intellectual Property Rights Act" and a "Guam Cultural Trademark Act" were established here on Guam, business's copyrights and trademarks still would need to be filed in the U.S. Federal Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to have protection since Guam is under the U.S. or someone who filed at the USPTO would have precedence over them here as far as we are aware. Our question is how would this new law protect individuals on Guam from someone that has a similar trademark or patent registered with the USPTO?
2. Is this going to be a true trademark law providing protection or is its intent to be an authentication program for Chamorro Cultural Producers?
3. If it is to be enforced, will Rev & Tax be able to enforce it since they are already under staffed? Would it be better to have the enforcement with the Guam Product Seal at GEDA and provide funding in the new laws to provide staff to implement and enforce the Acts?
4. We believe it would be good to have more private sector members in the composition of the Guam Trademark Commission, it appears most would only be allowed possibly on sub-committees as written.

We thank you for allowing the staff of the UOG SBDC to provide this written testimonial. Please feel free to call me at 735-2593 or e-mail me at casey@pacificsbdc.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Casey Jeszenka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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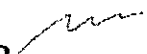
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August 21, 2013

Memorandum

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

From: **Senator Rory J. Respicio** 
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: **Fiscal Note**


Hafa Adai!

Attached please find the fiscal note for the bill number listed below. Please note that the fiscal notes, or waivers, are issued on the bills as introduced.

FISCAL NOTE:
Bill Nos. 156-32(COR)

Please forward the same to MIS for posting on our website. Please contact our office should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

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**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 156-32 (COR)**

AN ACT TO CREATE THE GUAM TRADEMARK COMMISSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURAL TRADEMARK STATUTE FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF GUAM'S CHAMORRO CULTURAL ARTS

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Chamorro Affairs	Dept./Agency Head: Joseph Artero-Cameron, President
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$928,856
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	-
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$928,856

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	Tourist Attraction Fund:	Total:
FY 2012 Unreserved Fund Balance ¹		\$4,065,015	\$4,065,015
FY 2013 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$25,500,082	\$25,500,082
FY 2013 Appro. (P.L. 31-233 - P.L. 32-042)	\$0	(\$25,965,080)	(\$25,965,080)
Sub-total:	\$0	\$3,600,017	\$3,600,017
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)
Total:	\$0	\$3,550,017	\$3,550,017

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2013 (if applicable)	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tourist Attraction Fund	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? // Yes /X/ No
If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? // N/A /X/ Yes // No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ // N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? /X/ Yes // No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? // N/A // Yes /X/ No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? // Yes /X/ No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? // Yes /X/ No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: /X/ Yes // No
// Requested agency comments not received as of the due date // Other:

Analyst: <u>Arthur R. Mariano</u>	Date: <u>8/17/13</u>	Director: <u>John A. Rios</u>	Date: <u>AUG 19 2013</u>
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Footnotes:
See Comments Attached

Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Attachment to Fiscal Note No. 156-32 (COR)

Comments:

Sec. 3 of Bill 156-32 (COR) appropriates Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF) to the Guam Trademark Commission to fulfill requirements set forth in the respective Bill. Any unexpended funds remaining in the (newly-created) Guam Trademark Commission's budget at the conclusion of its studies shall be deposited to the Guam Economic Development Authority for the Guam Product Seal Program. It should be noted that, based on the FY2012 Audit by the Office of Public Accountability, the FY2012 TAF Balance was \$4,065,015 as of September 30, 2012. The current status of the TAF reflects revenues as tracking positively. However, per §30107 of 11 GCA, TAF funds are to be committed for tourist related operations.



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MEMORANDUM

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Thomas C. Ada** 
Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 156-32(COR)**

As the Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bill No. 156-32(COR).

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

Attachment

I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan
Bill Log Sheet

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
156-32 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. B. J.F. Cruz Tina R. Muna Barnes C. M. Duenas	AN ACT TO CREATE THE GUAM TRADEMARK COMMISSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURAL TRADEMARK STATUTE FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF GUAM'S CHAMORRO CULTURAL ARTS	7/19/2013 2:50 p.m.	07/23/13	Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing, and Hagatna Restoration and Development Authority			




I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Office of The Legislative Secretary
Tina Rose Muña Barnes

July 31, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members/All Senators

FROM: Acting Chairperson 

SUBJECT: First Notice of Public Hearing - Wednesday, August 7, 2013

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! This is to inform you that the Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority will be conducting a public hearing on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at the Public Hearing Room beginning at 2:00 p.m. This hearing is scheduled to receive public testimony on the following:

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Testimony should be addressed to Senator Tina Rose Muna Barnes, Chairperson, and may be submitted via hand delivery to our office at 155 Hesler Place Hagåtña, Guam 96910, or via email to senator@tina.nunabarnes.com

We comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Should you require assistance or accommodations please contact Jeanenne Cordero or John Blas from our office at 472-3455/6 or via email at jean@tinamunabarnes.com or jblas@tinamunabarnes.com as soon as possible. I look forward to your attendance and participation. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

cc: Sergeant-At-Arms/Protocol/AV
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First Hearing Notice (2pm Wednesday, August 7, 2013)

John Blas <jblas@tinamunabarnes.com>

Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 10:17 AM

To: phnotice <phnotice@guamlegislature.org>

Buenas yan Hafa Aдай! In reference to the above subject matter, please see the attached Memo from Acting Committee Chairperson, Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz.

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cc: Sergeant-At-Arms/Protocol/AV

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First Hrg Notice - 2pm Wednesday, August 7, 2013

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Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 2:21 PM

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Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

In reference to the above subject matter, please see that attached Memo from Vice Speaker Cruz, Acting Committee Chairperson.

July 31, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members/All Senators

FROM: Acting Chairperson

SUBJECT: First Notice of Public Hearing - Wednesday, August 7, 2013

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Testimony should be addressed to Senator Tina Rose Muna Barnes, Chairperson, and may be submitted via hand delivery to our office at 155 Hesler Place Hagåtña, Guam 96910, or via email to senator@tinamunabarnes.com

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cc: Sergeant-At-Arms/Protocol/AV

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I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Office of The Legislative Secretary
Tina Rose Muña Barnes

August 2, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members/All Senators
FROM: Acting Chairperson 
SUBJECT: Second Notice of Public Hearing - Wednesday, August 7, 2013

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Second Hearing Notice (2pm Wednesday, August 7, 2013)

John Blas <jblas@tinamunabarnes.com>

Fri, Aug 2, 2013 at 10:02 AM

To: phnotice <phnotice@guamlegislature.org>

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Fri, Aug 2, 2013 at 10:18 AM

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Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

In compliance with the Open Government Law, this is the Second (48hr) Hearing Notice relative to the Public Hearing to be conducted by the Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Hagåtña Restoration & Redevelopment Authority. The Hearing is scheduled for 2:00pm Wednesday, August 8, 2013 in the Guam Legislature's Public Hearing Room.

A copy of the Memo from Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz, Acting Chairperson and a copy of the Agenda is attached for your information and file.

Thank you for your kind attention and if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

John

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Tina Rose Muña Barnes

July 31, 2013

Leonardo M. Rapadas
Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General of Guam
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SUBJECT: First Notice of Public Hearing – 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2013

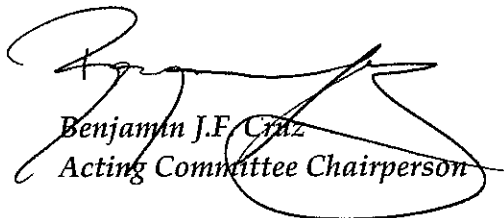
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Senseramente,



Benjamin J.F. Cruz
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Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 10:51 AM

To: AG Leonardo Rapadas <law@guamag.org>

Cc: Zerlyn Palomo <zpalomo@guamag.org>, Jean Cordero <jean@tinamunabarnes.com>, Stephanie Flores <sgflores@tinamunabarnes.com>

Dear Attorney General Rapadas:

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Thank you and if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.


John


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Office of The Legislative Secretary
Tina Rose Muña Barnes

July 31, 2013

Mr. John Camacho
Director
Department of Revenue & Taxation
P.O. Box 2950
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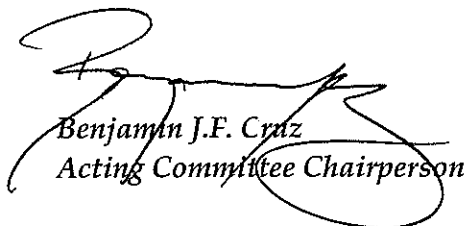
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Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 10:38 AM

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John

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July 31, 2013

Mr. Joseph Artero Cameron
President
Department of Chamorro Affairs
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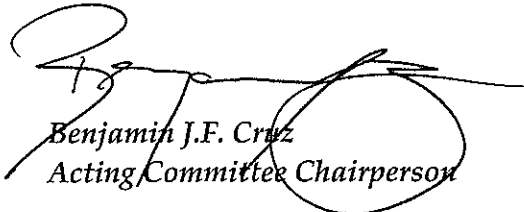
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Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 10:47 AM

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I would also like to extend an invitation to CAHA, could you please provide me with the name and email address of a Point of Contact? Thank you and if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.




John

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Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 11:13 AM

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Dear Monica:

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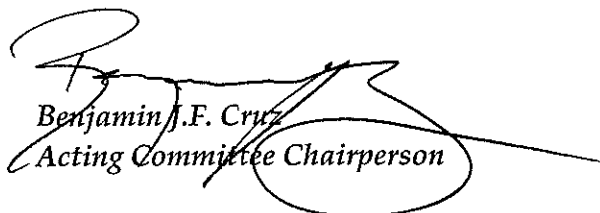
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cc: GVB Deputy General Manager
Chairman, GVB Board of Directors

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Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 11:19 AM

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I do not have an email address for the Chairman of the Board and would therefore appreciate your assistance to forward this email to the Chairman. Thank you and if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

John

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July 31, 2013

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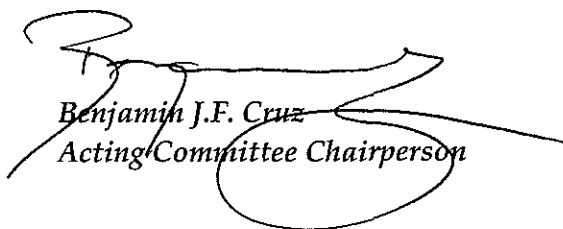
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Invitation to August 7, 2013 Public Hrg

John Blas <jblas@tinamunabarnes.com>

Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 11:45 AM

To: "Henry J. Taitano" <htaitano@investguam.com>

Cc: Jean Cordero <jean@tinamunabarnes.com>, Stephanie Flores <sgflores@tinamunabarnes.com>

Dear Mr. Taitano:

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! In reference to the above subject matter, please see the attached memo from Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz, Acting Chairperson for the Committee. For your convenience, I have attached Bill No. 156-32 (COR) for your review.

Thank you and if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

John


Please reply to confirm receipt of this email.

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I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Office of The Legislative Secretary
Tina Rose Muña Barnes

July 31, 2013

Sent Via E-mail: casey@pacificsbdc.com
Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center
P.O. Box 5014
Mangilao, Guam 96923

SUBJECT: First Notice of Public Hearing – 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2013

Buenas yan Hafu Adai! In reference to the above subject matter, this is to inform you that the Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment Authority will be conducting a public hearing on **Wednesday, August 7, 2013** at the Public Hearing Room beginning at **2:00 p.m.** The Committee would like to extend an invitation to you to provide testimony on the following:

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Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 11:23 AM

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Dear Casey:

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July 31, 2013

David P. Leddy
President
Guam Chamber of Commerce
173 Aspinall Avenue
Suite 101, Ada Plaza Center
Hagåtña, Guam

SUBJECT: First Notice of Public Hearing – 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2013

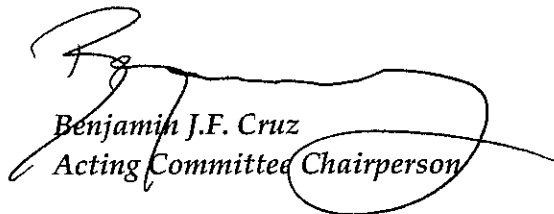
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Invitation to August 7, 2013 Public Hrg

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Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 11:42 AM

To: David Leddy <dleddy@guamchamber.com.gu>

Cc: Jean Cordero <jean@tinamunabarnes.com>, Stephanie Flores <sgflores@tinamunabarnes.com>

Dear President Leddy:

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Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and
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Public Hearing
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AGENDA

1. **Bill No. 156-32 (COR)** - An Act to Create the Guam Trademark Commission for the Development of a Cultural Trademarks Statute for the Protection and Preservation of Guam's Chamorro Cultural Arts (*Sponsors: J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D., B.J.F. Cruz, T.R. Muña Barnes, C.M. Duenas*)
2. **Bill No. 159-32 (COR)** - An Act to Amend Subsection II. AG. of Section 2 of Chapter I, & to Add a New Section 19 to Chapter X both of Public Law 31-233 (General Appropriations Act of 2013) Making an Appropriation from the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF) to the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) for the Humatak Community Foundation (HCF), Inc. for the purposes of developing the Humatak Heritage Village Museum (HHVM) (*Sponsors: T.A. Morrison, T.R. Muña Barnes, B.J.F. Cruz*)



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Senator
Rory J. Respicio
CHAIRPERSON
MAJORITY LEADER

August 21, 2013

Memorandum

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

From: **Senator Rory J. Respicio**
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: **Fiscal Note**

Hafa Adai!

Attached please find the fiscal note for the bill number listed below. Please note that the fiscal notes, or waivers, are issued on the bills as introduced.

FISCAL NOTE:

Bill Nos. 156-32(COR)

Please forward the same to MIS for posting on our website. Please contact our office should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

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[Signature]

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**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 156-32 (COR)**

AN ACT TO CREATE THE GUAM TRADEMARK COMMISSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURAL TRADEMARK STATUTE FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF GUAM'S CHAMORRO CULTURAL ARTS

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Chamorro Affairs	Dept./Agency Head: Joseph Artero-Cameron, President
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$928,856
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	-
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$928,856

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	Tourist Attraction Fund:	Total:
FY 2012 Unreserved Fund Balance ¹		\$4,065,015	\$4,065,015
FY 2013 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$25,500,082	\$25,500,082
FY 2013 Appro. (P.L. 31-233 - P.L. 32-042)	\$0	(\$25,965,080)	(\$25,965,080)
Sub-total:	\$0	\$3,600,017	\$3,600,017
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)
Total:	\$0	\$3,550,017	\$3,550,017

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill

	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2013 (if applicable)	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tourist Attraction Fund	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? // Yes /X/ No
If Yes, see attachment
2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? // N/A /X/ Yes // No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ // N/A
3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? /X/ Yes // No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? // N/A // Yes /X/ No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? // Yes /X/ No
4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? // Yes /X/ No
5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: /X/ Yes // No
// Requested agency comments not received as of the due date // Other:

Analyst: Arthur R. Mariano Date: 8/7/13 Director: John A. Rios Date: AUG 19 2013

Footnotes:
See Comments Attached

Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Attachment to Fiscal Note No. 156-32 (COR)

Comments:

Sec. 3 of Bill 156-32 (COR) appropriates Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF) to the Guam Trademark Commission to fulfill requirements set forth in the respective Bill. Any unexpended funds remaining in the (newly-created) Guam Trademark Commission's budget at the conclusion of its studies shall be deposited to the Guam Economic Development Authority for the Guam Product Seal Program. It should be noted that, based on the FY2012 Audit by the Office of Public Accountability, the FY2012 TAF Balance was \$4,065,015 as of September 30, 2012. The current status of the TAF reflects revenues as tracking positively. However, per §30107 of 11 GCA, TAF funds are to be committed for tourist related operations.



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July 24, 2013

VIA E-MAIL
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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes- Bill Nos. 152-157(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Rios:

Transmitted herewith is a listing of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan's* most recently introduced bills. Pursuant to 2 GCA §9103, I respectfully request the preparation of fiscal notes for the referenced bills.

Si Yu'os ma'åse' for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Thomas C. Ada
Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Attachments (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

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Bill Nos.	Sponsor	Title
152-32 (COR)	T. R. Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO REZONE LOT NOS. 146-4, 146-5, 146- 6, 146-7 AND 146-R7, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIZO FROM SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING ZONE (R-1) TO COMMERCIAL ZONE (C).
153-32 (COR)	Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D., Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF NURSING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN RELATIVE TO BREASTFEEDING TO BE KNOWN AS THE "NANA YAN PATGON ACT," BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 4B, DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 19, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; BY AMENDING SECTION 22107, DIVISION 2, CHAPTER 22 OF TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 80.49.1 OF CHAPTER 80, ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 1036 TO CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.
154-32 (COR)	T.R. Muna Barnes, B.T. Mc Credie	AN ACT TO ADD NEW §7103(g) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING FROM VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS CERTAIN MOTORIZED UTILITY VEHICLES OPERATED BY GUAM MAYORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH, AND IN FURTHERANCE OF, THEIR STATUTORILY PRESCRIBED DUTY TO OVERSEE, COORDINATE AND OTHERWISE UNDERTAKE THE BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THEIR VILLAGES.
155-32 (COR)	R.J. RESPICIO, T.C. ADA, B.J. CRUZ, T.R. MUÑA BARNES, D.G. RODRIGUEZ, A.A.Y AMASHITA, Ph.D. V.A. ADA	AN ACT TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE APPENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BANK OF GUAM AND I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN, WITH THE ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE OF THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GEDA), RELATIVE TO FINANCING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HISTORIC GUAM LEGISLATURE BUILDING IN HAGÁTÑA, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST, TO INCLUDE MODERNIZING, REFURBISHING AND RESTORING THE EXISTING STRUCTURE, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE REVITALIZATION OF HAGÁTÑA.
156-32 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. B.J.F. Cruz Tina R. Muna Barnes C. M. Duenas	AN ACT TO CREATE THE GUAM TRADEMARK COMMISSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURAL TRADEMARK STATUTE FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF GUAM'S CHAMORRO CULTURAL ARTS
157-32 (COR)	T.C. Ada R.J. Respicio B.J. Cruz	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §5404 TO 5 GCA CHAPTER 5 RELATIVE TO THE PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM THE DISPOSAL OF EXCESS OR SURPLUS SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.



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July 23, 2013

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MEMORANDUM

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
Legislative Legal Counsel

Senator
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From: **Senator Thomas C. Ada** 
Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Senator
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Member

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 156-32(COR)**

Vice-Speaker
Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Member

As the Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 156-32(COR)**.

Legislative Secretary
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Member

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Senator
Frank Blas Aguon, Jr.
Member

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

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Attachment

Senator
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I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 156-02 (COR)

Introduced by:

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. 
B. J.F. Cruz 
Tina R. Muna Barnes 
C. M. Duenas 

**AN ACT TO CREATE THE GUAM TRADEMARK
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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura* finds that
3 intellectual property rights (IP) are the main asset of any company. Trademarks
4 specifically, have the purpose of identifying the goods and services of any industry
5 in addition to representing the capital gain of the business. Locally, businesses or
6 individuals can protect their intellectual property rights, trademarks and copyrights
7 under the US Trademark Act (15 USC 1051 et seq.) and the Model State
8 Trademark Act. However, such filings must be made with the U.S. Federal
9 Trademark and Patent office.

10 In 1995, P.L. 23-62 (5 GCA Chapter 20, Article 4) was enacted to provide
11 an applicant the ability to locally register a U.S. trademark, patent or copyright
12 within the Territory of Guam. The statute further provides for a Guam Certificate

1 of Registration for any person desiring to register a print, label or trademark
2 intended to be attached or applied to goods or manufactured articles or to bottles,
3 boxes or package containing the goods or manufactured articles. However, the
4 statue needs to be revisited to provide more comprehensive guidelines and better
5 legal protection for those products made and registered exclusively on Guam.

6 Guam's unique Chamorro culture is evident in our island's cultural arts,
7 traditions, and expressions that span for thousands of years. Ancient Chamorros
8 practiced sustainable land use and resource management through irrigated farming,
9 land cultivation, fishpond building, near-shore fishing conservation and legendary
10 seafaring navigation utilizing the world renowned Chamorro *Proa* design.

11 In the expressive cultural arts, Chamorros developed highly refined art forms
12 including weaving, wood, bone and stone carving, tattooing, adornments, clothing,
13 musical instruments, weaponry, medicines and healing arts.

14 The cultural arts of Chamorros practiced today are a vital and authentic
15 expression of a dynamic culture. The practice of these customary arts are visible in
16 daily practices through ceremonies of dance, music, and sacred rites. Many
17 Chamorro native artists today are actively rediscovering and reviving their cultural
18 traditions.

19 Chamorro cultural arts are being lost through limited access to raw
20 materials, a flood of imitations in the marketplace, and stereotyped overuse or
21 culturally inappropriate use in public environments. As is the case for many
22 indigenous peoples throughout the world, Chamorros are in danger of losing these
23 unique cultural practices through assimilation into the dominant Westernized
24 society.

25 A new generation of local artists and entrepreneurs are engaged in
26 revitalization of our culture through their artwork, hand crafted gift items,

1 carvings, jewelry making, t-shirt designs, music, dance, film, paintings,
2 photography and other locally made products. Many local artists struggle to
3 maintain authentic cultural practices and preserve the viability of supporting
4 themselves as artists against the pressures of mass tourism and related
5 commoditization and labeling of all things "Chamorro" or "Made in Guam" to the
6 million visitors who come to Guam every year.

7 Purchasers who cannot distinguish (or appreciate the difference) between a
8 hand-made necklace of unique shells or other authentic artifacts gathered from the
9 shores of Guam having a value of several hundred of dollars from one made of
10 look-alike plastic molded shells strung together in a "copycat style" made in
11 Taiwan or the Philippines.

12 This type of uninformed purchasing by visitors (and even local residents)
13 repeated every day for practically every item of the cultural arts across the entire
14 tourism industry results in the devaluing of authentic native cultural artworks and
15 the inability of native cultural artisans making quality products to support
16 themselves through their art.

17 In 1986, the 18th Guam Legislature recognized that identification and
18 protectionist measures needed to be instituted to protect products made in Guam,
19 and offer the pride and proof that comes with boasting of an authentic product of
20 Guam. The creation of the Guam Product Seal permit program was intended to
21 address this concern and provide island pride in Guam made products. The
22 enabling legislation that provided for a Guam Product Seal program was contained
23 in Public Law 18-42.

24 In 2012, P.L. 227-31 established the Guam Product Seal Task Force to
25 reenergize the Guam Product Seal concept and revisit, some twenty-five (25) years
26 later, the mandate and its accompanying administrative rules, in order to provide

1 incentives for permit holders, ensure compliance and enforcement by stakeholders
2 and the retail industry in Guam and to actively engage in the promotion of the
3 Guam brand by emphasizing the distinctiveness of offerings that proudly carry the
4 "Made in Guam" label.

5 As a result of the work and findings of the task force, P.L. 226-31 was
6 adopted promulgating the rules and regulations to prohibit any retail store,
7 wholesaler, manufacturer, importer, distributor or business establishment to sell
8 any consumer commodity that has the word "Guam" or "Chamorro," or a
9 derivation of such words, on the packaging of the product, if such product was not
10 manufactured in Guam, unless the place where the product was manufactured is
11 clearly and permanently labeled on the product.

12 Although the Guam Product Seal Program offers some regulatory control
13 and protection of products made in Guam, *I Liheslatura* finds that we must further
14 protect our native *Chamorro* culture, traditional practices and evolving new
15 cultural practices (art, music, dance, lyrics, video, film, photography, etc.) through
16 a comprehensive local intellectual property rights and cultural trademark statute.

17 Internationally, protection of surviving expressions of native cultures,
18 traditional cultural expression (acronym "TCE" or "TKE") has been studied at the
19 highest levels by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) under
20 mandate from the World Convention on Biodiversity of 1992 that was signed by
21 187 countries including the United States. WIPO is a specialized agency of the
22 United Nations dedicated to developing a balanced and accessible international
23 intellectual property (IP) system that rewards creativity, stimulates innovation and
24 contributes to economic development worldwide while safeguarding the public
25 interest. It studies and recommends international treaty regimes to Member States

1 to promote the protection of Intellectual Property Rights worldwide through
2 cooperation among states and in collaboration with international organizations.

3 For decades, American Indian tribes also experienced a long period during
4 which cultural arts were degraded by outside producers making imitation "Indian"
5 products and selling them in markets catering to reservation visitors. The U.S.
6 Congress first enacted the Indian Arts and Crafts Act in 1935, and it was
7 reauthorized in 1990 with several significant changes to the original statute. The
8 IACA reserved to tribal members the exclusive use of designations of "Indian
9 Made" and specific tribal trademarks for authentic products hand-made by Native
10 Americans, providing for civil and criminal penalties of up to \$250,000 in fines
11 and 5 years in prison for individuals and fines up to \$1,000,000 for businesses.

12 Under federal U.S. trademark law, a trademark may certify products or
13 services as endorsed, approved by, or associated with a particular group of people,
14 even a racial or ethnic group. For example, service marks such as "NAACP",
15 "Knights of Columbus", "Daughters of the American Revolution", or "Chinese
16 Chamber of Commerce" are not illegal or unconstitutional even if the service
17 organization has a membership that is limited to a particular race or ethnicity.

18 One of the most successful examples of a cultural (certification) trademark
19 program has been the Maori "Toi Iho" program in New Zealand. Initial legislation
20 was enacted to undertake a process of consultation with the Maori artists and tribal
21 communities for consensus building beginning in Year 2000, funded with about
22 \$NZ 2 million. The Toi Iho cultural trademark program was implemented through
23 legislation enacted in 2002, and is administered through the Arts Council of New
24 Zealand in consultation with its parallel Maori arts agency, the Te Waka Toi
25 Cultural Arts Board. In a short time, the Toi Iho program has become successful in
26 establishing the Toi Iho Logo as a symbol of excellence in Maori cultural arts.

1 In 2016, Guam will host the 12th Annual Festival of the Pacific Arts. The
2 festival brings together artists and cultural practitioners from around the Pacific
3 region for two weeks of festivity. The festival is recognized as a major regional
4 cultural event, and is the largest gathering in which the people of the Pacific unite
5 to enhance their respect and appreciation of one another. The festival is held every
6 four years since 1972 and delegations from 27 Pacific Island Nations and
7 Territories have come together to share and exchange their cultures at each Pacific
8 Arts Festival. Guam expects a delegation of over 2,500 performers, artists and
9 cultural practitioners, in addition to thousands of visitors from Asia and festival
10 followers. P.L. 30-83 created the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts Coordinating
11 Committee with the duties of organizing and planning the festival. It was discussed
12 in these planning meetings that it is imperative, prior to this festival, that Guam
13 have a local statute in place for the protection of local intellectual property rights
14 and cultural trademarks for Guam and other participating countries.

15 **Section 2.** A new Chapter 14 is hereby *added* of Title 2 Guam Code
16 Annotated to read:

17 **“Chapter 14**

18 **Guam Trademark Commission**

- 19 § 14101. Short Title.
20 § 14102. Guam Trademark Commission.
21 § 14103. Convening of the Guam Trademark Commission.
22 § 14104. Composition of Guam Trademark Commission.
23 § 14105. Duties of Commission
24 § 14106. Conduct of Meetings.
25

1 **§ 14101. Short Title.** This Chapter shall be known as *The Guam*
2 *Trademark Commission Act.*

3 **§ 14102. Guam Trademark Commission, established.** The
4 Guam Trademark Commission is hereby established for the special purpose
5 of developing policy direction and recommendations relative to
6 coordination, planning, implementation, administration, promotion,
7 compliance and enforcement of the “Guam Trademark and Intellectual
8 Property Rights Act” and the “Guam Cultural Trademark Act”.

9 **§ 14103. Convening of the Guam Trademark**
10 **Commission.** The Guam Trademark Commission shall be under the
11 direction of the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee with oversight
12 over Cultural Affairs and convened pursuant to provisions of this Act.

13 **§ 14104. Composition of Guam Trademark Commission.**

14 The composition of the Commission shall be as follows:

15 (a) The Legislative Chairperson with oversight on Cultural Affairs
16 shall serve as the Chairperson of the Commission.

17 (b) The Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation
18 (DRT), or his assigned representative, shall serve as the Vice-Chairperson.
19 DRT is empowered to enforce regulations and collect levies and fines from
20 companies found in violation of the law;

21 (c) The President of the Department of Chamorro Affairs (DCA),
22 or his assigned representative, DCA can offer insight into the uniqueness of
23 the Guam brand and the importance of protecting aspects of
24 the *Chamorro* culture and heritage;

1 (d) The General Manager of the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB), or
2 his assigned representative, GVB is tasked with promoting the Guam brand
3 in its entirety;

4 (e) The Administrator of the Guam Economic Development
5 Authority (GEDA), or his assigned representative; GEDA offers programs
6 and opportunities for economic development;

7 (f) The Attorney General of Guam or his designated legal
8 representative from the office of the Attorney General; the AGO shall
9 provide guidance on intellectual property rights relative to the Guam brand
10 and opinions as requested;

11 (g) The Chairperson of the Council on Arts and Humanities
12 (CAHA), or assigned representative;

13 (h) One (1) member of *ILiheslatura* Majority appointed by the
14 Speaker. The Speaker may appoint herself or a designee.

15 (i) One (1) member of *ILiheslatura* Minority appointed by the
16 Speaker.

17 (j) Three (2) members appointed by the Speaker of *ILiheslatura*
18 representing organizations active in the promotion of Chamorro Cultural
19 Arts on Guam.

20 (k) The Chairperson may include additional public and private
21 sector members to serve on sub-committees or elect them as committee
22 members, provided that they possess significant background, knowledge and
23 experience with locally produced products; and the Commission may
24 prescribe special procedures for their participation.

1 **§ 14105. Duties of the Commission.** The Commission shall work
2 collaboratively to create policy recommendations, rules and legislation for
3 two (2) specific areas in defining and developing a Guam Trademark Law:

4 (1) A new “Guam Trademark and Intellectual Property Rights Act”
5 to create and regulate the trademark law in Guam as it relates to or mirrors
6 current applicable U.S. Trademark and Intellectual Property Rights statute
7 and provide additional statute as needed.

8 (2) A cultural (certification) trademark program, titled “Guam
9 Cultural Trademark Act” (similar to that of the Maori "Toi Iho" program in
10 New Zealand) to promote and license Chamorro Cultural Arts manufactured
11 or produced in Guam. The Commission may hire professional legal or
12 technical services to assist and perform studies, roundtables, conduct polls,
13 surveys and/or conferences to report findings and present initial guidelines
14 for a Guam Cultural Trademark program so that a proposal can be presented
15 to the broader community as a concrete, well-considered, and cohesive
16 program. Guidelines should be discussed to include, but not limited to the
17 following types of issues:

18 (a) Identification of initial types of cultural arts for use of
19 trademark.

20 (b) Criteria for lineage of cultural knowledge qualifying for
21 use of trademark.

22 (c) Criteria for authenticity of works qualifying for use of
23 trademark.

24 (d) Criteria for quality of works qualifying for use of
25 trademark.

1 (e) Criteria for cultural content qualifying for use of
2 trademark.

3 (f) Sources, meanings and extrinsic functions of proposed
4 trademark image.

5 (g) Proposed process for certifying artists for use of
6 trademark.

7 (h) Proposed process for certifying arts organizations for use
8 of trademark.

9 (i) Proposed process for certifying vendors for use of
10 trademark.

11 (j) Proposed terms for use of trademark in advertising,
12 marketing, sales.

13 The Commission shall submit proposed legislation after its study for a
14 new “Guam Trademark and Intellectual Property Rights (IP) Act” and the
15 “Guam Cultural Trademark Act” to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* no later than one
16 hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of enactment of this Act,
17 and shall be subject to legislative approval and perform all functions
18 necessary to effectuate the mission of the Commission as adopted.

19 **§ 14106. Conduct of Meetings, Quorum.** The Commission shall
20 meet once a month to discuss and assess progress and recommendations.

21 A simple majority of members of the council shall constitute a
22 quorum to do business; any action taken by the council shall be by a simple
23 majority of the members.

24 **Section 3. Appropriation.** The sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars
25 (\$50,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF) to the
26 Guam Trademark Commission to fulfill the requirements of §14105 of this

1 Chapter. Any unexpended funds remaining in the Commission's budget at the
2 conclusion of its studies shall be deposited to the Guam Economic Development
3 Authority for the Guam Product Seal Program.

4 **Section 4. Effective Date.** Provisions of this Act shall take effect upon
5 enactment into law. The first meeting of the Guam Trademark Commission shall
6 take place no later than twenty (20) days after enactment. If the twentieth (20th)
7 day of the first meeting and subsequent meetings fall on a Saturday, Sunday or a
8 government of Guam holiday, than the first meeting of the Commission shall take
9 place on the next available business day.

10 **Section 5. Sunset Provision.** The Guam Trademark Commission shall
11 remain in effect until the adoption of recommendations of the Guam Trademark
12 Commission are approved by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

13 **Section 6. Severability Clause.** If any provisions of this Act or the
14 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such validity
15 shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given
16 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of
17 this Act are severable.