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306-32 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101.	4/7/14 11:34 a.m	04/07/14	Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Land	08/28/14 10:00 a.m.	11/21/14 10:32 a.m.	Fiscal Note Request 04/08/15 Fiscal Note Received 5/13/14



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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
 Speaker
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VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 306-32 (COR), As Introduced

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 306-32 (COR), As Introduced: "An Act to appropriate funds to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry as mandated in Public Law 32-101," sponsored by Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Land.

Committee votes are as follows:

- 4 TO PASS
- 0 TO NOT PASS
- 2 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- 0 TO ABSTAIN
- 0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

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Sincerely,

Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz
 Acting Chairman

**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON**

Bill No. 306-32 (COR), As Introduced

Sponsored by Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.

“An Act to Appropriate funds to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry as mandated in Public Law 32-101”



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MEMORANDUM

To: All Members

Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation and Land

From: Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Acting Chairman

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 306-32 (COR), As Introduced

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Bill No. 348-32 (COR), As Introduced, "An Act to Appropriate funds to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry as mandated in Public Law 32-101," sponsored by Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

This report includes the following:

1. Committee Voting Sheet
2. Committee Report Narrative
3. Copy of Bill No. 306-32 (COR), As Introduced
4. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
5. Copies of Written Testimonies
6. Fiscal Note Waiver
7. Copy of COR Referral Bill No. 306-32 (COR)
8. Notices of Public Hearing
9. Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda

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

Sincerely,



Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Acting Chairman

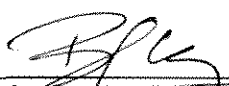
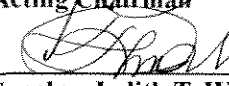

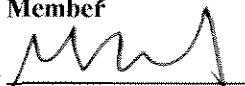
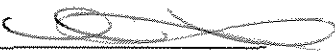

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Committee Voting Sheet

Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation and Land

Bill 306-32 (COR), as Introduced, "An Act to Appropriate funds to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry as mandated in Public Law 32-101"

Committee Members	To Pass	Not To Pass	Report Out Only	Abstain	Inactive File
 Vice Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz Acting Chairman	✓				
 Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D Member	11-18-14 ✓				
 Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Member	✓				
Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
 Senator Michael San Nicolas Member	11-18-14		✓		
 Senator Michael Limtiaco Member			✓		
 Senator Tommy Morrison Member	✓				



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32nd GUAM LEGISLATURE

Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Acting Chairman

Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Land

Bill No. 306-32 (COR), as Introduced, An Act to Appropriate funds to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry as mandated in Public Law 32-101.

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation and Land convened a public hearing on August 28, 2014 at 3:00 pm in *I Liheslatura's* public hearing room.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via hand-delivery and e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets and newspaper of general circulation on August 21, 2014 (5-Day Notice), and again on August 26, 2014 (48 Hour Notice).

(a) Committee Members and Senators Present

Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Acting Chairman
Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Member
Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.
Senator Thomas C. Ada
Senator Chris Duenas
Senator Anthony Ada

(b) Appearing before the Committee

Mr. Tom Devlin, K-57 Vet Talks
Mr. Jose Garrido
Ms. Joleen Castro, Iraq-Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific
Mr. Bill Cundiff, Chairman, Guam Veterans Commission and, President, Guam U.S. Air Force Association
Mr. John Unpingco, Administrator, Office of Veterans Affairs

(c) Written Testimonies Submitted

Mr. John Unpingco, Administrator, Office of Veterans Affairs

I. COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: Good morning, this Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Land will now come to order. The requisite notices were published in the media and on the legislative website. The 48-hour notice and the 5-day notice were also done. We have...we were to have four bill but I hope no one is here for 346 on the Retirement Fund, Senator Mike Limtiaco's... We postponed that hearing and will have the hearing on a separate date. Notices will go out on that. So we have 3 bills on this morning and we'll start with Bill 306, introduced by Senator Frank Aguon and I'll have him read the title and give us a short summary on his bill.

Sponsor Summary

Senator Frank Aguon: Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. First of all, I want to thank you for having a public hearing on this particular measure. If you recall back in November of last year, there was legislation that was signed into law by the Chief Executive and endorsed by every member of this body to a Guam Veterans Registry. And in conjunction with that particular legislation, the implementation and some of the information that was provided by the Guam Veterans Affairs Office is incorporated in here, in terms of what the requirement is in getting it up and running. So, Mr. Chairman this is Bill 306-32, an act to appropriate funds to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry as mandated in Public Law 32-101.

I'd like to close with this Mr. Chairman: upon assuming chairmanship on the veterans committee, one of the biggest challenges I found, we face as a community, is getting this definitive number. How many veterans reside on Guam and should otherwise be counted in the registry? In fact, if it's far above the 16,000 figure that was at one time shared with us a year ago then by all means we can use that figure to justify other services for our veterans who have rightfully earned it. Thank you very much Mr. Chairman for having the hearing.

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: Thank you very much Senator Aguon. I also want to recognize my colleagues who have joined me this morning. To my left is Senator Tom Ada, to his left is Senator Chris Duenas, and to the far left is Senator Dennis Rodriguez. We have a number of people signed up to testify, so we'll do this in two panels. We'll have, I guess Rodney signed in as the Iraq-Afghanistan and Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific. Oh no, it's Jolene? Oh okay, I guess we have her name down too. Jolene please. Mr. Devlin and Mr. Rafael, are you going to testify? You're just here to...okay great. Okay then, Mr. Garrido and Serenity Diego. Will you be testifying or will you just be here to listen? Okay. Thea Castro; just here to support. Oh okay, here, Jolene is on the second page too. Mr. Cundiff and we might as well have Judge Unpingco come up. Just pull up a chair, your honor. We'll start with Jolene.

Ms. Jolene Castro: Thank you, good morning Chair, members of the Legislature. I'm here to discuss my concerns with Bill 306-32 recognizing a Guam Registry and how it would be funded with \$50,000. In the bill, it states the funding will go to a Clerk I, Clerk Typist II, Clerk Typist positions and material office supplies and equipment. Although I recognize and appreciate the need to account for veterans on Guam, especially with the increase in the Guam Reserve and the Guard units continually adding members of the military. Although I do support that we do need a way to get the data, I have some concerns. I request that these would be answered because I am unable to identify it on the web or be able to search for information.

My concerns for the fund of \$50,000 and the intent of the bill is we don't have a clear definition of how or if there is any clear networking with the federal government or the federal VA of what data would be accepted. With that said, I would like to know if there is an SOP for the entry of data and what will be collected.

The other item I would like to know is if and what systems will be used to get the data and do the reporting on it. A big concern I have also is the training of the individuals. Getting the data, getting the information, and compiling it, again training for these two individuals, there has to be an investment in it. Who will oversee the responsibilities of the entries and the information that is being collected? Who will oversee and be accountable of the reporting of the data? Although I do recognize the bill says semiannually, and most importantly as a veteran, as a community civilian, the IT technology data is currently not transparent in recognizing... we have gone back as far as 2005 identifying the issue of collecting this data and the effects of what is causing our veterans not to utilize what the federal VA has been able to obtain back in the nation.

I recognize also that the definition of the communication with the federal is under 10 GCA, Chapter 67, Section 67102. As I stated, the technology and the IT information on the current system is also recognized in 10 GCA, Chapter 67106. With the opportunity to be in front of you, as a veteran and as the president of the Irag-Afghanistan, Persian Gulf Veterans of the Pacific, I would also like to use this opportunity to ask where are we on the OPA report that was done on the Guam Veterans Office? This all goes back to information I can easily access to prepare my testimony.

I would also like to ask, what is our current outstanding balances before we invest in a system that we hope would make huge difference for our veterans today and tomorrow. Last but not least, I recognize that the Guam Veterans Office is the administrator of local laws, which I have to search on Google for that information. Obtaining potential benefits is one of the opportunities and I myself have gone there and was not afforded the opportunity or told where to go to utilize services obtained from this local government.

I would also like to identify privileges of this local... is also there to identify privileges of respective compensation which I believe, correct me if I'm wrong, I currently believe there's only one VSO at that office. With the staffing not present to research, I don't know these answers. I also believe it provides an outreach - it's established to provide outreach programs, homebound, hospitalized, or homeless vets. I run a membership of

only 500 members and I do ask them, what is the accessibility of the Guam Veterans Office? A majority of them are currently using the federal VA offices. I believe it is there to prepare and coordinate military, federal, and vet government functions, which I believe they've done an excellent job and I do thank you for recognizing the cemetery. However, the benefits for the veterans today need to be addressed, thank you.

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: Thank you very much and I'll have the staff transcribe all those questions provided to the author and he'll get back to you with the answers. All right? Thank you, Mr. Devlin.

Mr. Tom Devlin: Good morning everyone, my name is Tom Devlin. I'm the producer of K57 Vet Talk radio show. I'm also the adjutant of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the Pacific. I don't have a problem of the concept of the bill. At this time I won't support the bill. How is it going to be financed? This may not sound politically correct to everyone in front of me but are we sort of on a scale one side - personnel cost versus operations. It's always nice to hire more people. But where is the money coming from?

Is this money coming from the current budget that has been approved, not yet signed by the Governor, but that was approved by the legislature? Or if this bill does get approved, does the government have to transfer the money? The way I see it, we're borrowing from Peter to pay Paul. We're constantly transferring because the government has the authority, but we don't budget it straight up during the yearly budget cycle. I feel that the office down there needs more money, not so much in personnel, but in operations cost. How many bills haven't been paid? Are they past due or not past due? I remember in the last administration we had approximately a \$60,000 water bill. So when I testify to say I support or not support, I want to know where the money is. I want to know what money is owed by that office to whatever agency. Or do they owe any money? But don't load up agencies because it's so great for personnel costs.

We may have money for personnel but then the agency, whatever agency it is, doesn't have enough money to run and then you're borrowing from Peter to pay Paul. That's how I see it, old school. It sounds great that we want to fund a registry. We have numbers of 27,000 but they were counting DD214s. Is that an accurate number? I don't know. If it is, great. If it's not, we have to do something else to fix this, to figure it out. But I think we have a tendency to hire and hire and hire. I would like to see a study done as to what do the veterans want from that office. What do they expect from the office? What do our political leaders expect from that office? And have a meeting of the minds and come together. And how much money, realistically, do you need to fund those things? Are we underfunding that office?

Now, I'll bring this out: the Military Order of the Purple Heart does claims, so does John Unpingco's office - they do claims. Let's say just disability claims, Now, when I was a National Service officer, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, every month I got a repost. The claims I adjudicated with the Veterans administration, I would get a credit. I'll give you an example of a \$100. Let's say a veteran got a hundred dollars more, well the office would get a credit of a \$100. We brought in a \$100 more to that office for that

month. And you itemize it out to a monthly dollar amount then to a yearly dollar amount. So the Military Order of Purple Heart in Washington D.C. would say the Guam Veterans Affairs Office last year brought in, let's say, \$2,000,000 for just veterans disability claims. We have only one person working there, so it seems to be economically feasible.

I don't see that at the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. Let's assume you have three claims adjudicators there. How much money is being brought in every year to Guam from those three individuals that are there? It gives you an idea of just how much that office is generating just from that one little area. Not every, but just that one little area. This way it gives everybody a little idea, is that office paying for itself sort of speak. I know government doesn't work like that. But it gives the veterans community and the elected leaders an opportunity or idea.

Let's say last year you had three claim adjudicators and all of a sudden you're reading a report, just three people for disability, pensions, or compensations for veterans. That's one small area. That office brought in \$10,000,000 to Guam. I would say if somebody sat in front of me and said, "I just brought in \$10,000,000 extra to the veterans but also to the coffers of Guam" we need more than a \$600,000 budget. We'll start at a \$1,000,000 budget. Why? Because we can prove we generated from that office from just three people alone so much money. I think that's what's lacking. We don't really know.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart has a computer system. I'm not going to tell you how they do it, that's their business, but that's what we have to know. A lot of the veterans are getting savvy. How much money is that office bringing in? Is a budget of \$600,000 the right type of budget? Should that budget be a million dollars because John Unpingco has a responsibility for the office and for two cemeteries. How many people do you need to run one office and two cemeteries? If we seem to be going to the state office maybe we can get some more federal funds that John has gotten through grants.

But I think we have to look at dollars and cents to find out how much money that office is generating and what are the actual expenses. If they have problems paying water bills because there's no money with DOA, well that's not acceptable. If that office can prove, well last year alone, let's say they can prove they generated, just from three individuals, \$3,000,000—whatever that figure is. Now let's say, we generated \$40,000. Now I would say that office has got to be streamlined, going the opposite direction. Because the office is not generating funds to pay for itself and you're asking the people on Guam to kick in the balance.

So my concern is that we tend to go to personnel costs, personnel costs, personnel costs. We're loading it too much in one area. The operations area suffers because then we have to transfer money into maybe operations to fund the personnel. We continue to borrow from Peter to pay Paul. Politically, it doesn't sound very well, that's how I see it. That's how we get into this crazy spending. That's where we really don't have the money - to find out maybe later on down the road that Guam doesn't have the cash flow. We have to start going out and borrowing and borrowing and then re-borrowing again.

So, I want to see dollars and cents. I want to know what that office generates? Consider profit or whatever terminology you want to use. What are their actual expenses and then what is the difference? Then the veterans come back and say, "Well, hey, hey we have \$10,000,000 we can fund \$50,000 for this and \$20,000 for that." But we want it in the original budget. So maybe that means the Government of Guam has to increase that budget from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 a year. Those are my concerns. But right now, the way I see it, I just don't support the bill, thank you.

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: Thank you very much. Mr. Garrido.

Mr. Jose Garrido: Thank you for allowing me to speak on this bill this morning. *Hafa adai*, [Translated from Chamorro] *To all of the leaders* [End Translation]. Senator Frank Aguon, this is your bill. I very seldom testify on behalf of myself as a Army veteran. I joined the Army in 1964. By the way my name is Jose Garrido and I'm a veteran of the U.S. Army. I joined the Army in 1964 and I got out in 1967, right at the tail end of a very heated Vietnam War. But I never served in Vietnam. I am a Vietnam era veteran, serving those serving in Vietnam. I never took any efforts to find out if I got any benefits or not. Maybe out of the ignorance, I was left behind. But I continued to serve the United States military through joining the Army Reserve. 411th Engineer, combat engineer in which one of those years Senator Tom Ada was my commander. I retired.

All through that I served 27 years serving the military and I am not proud to say that the Veterans Administration has returned some service to me for serving for 27 years. I know that's not the issue being described here but the Veteran Administration today is not, if I can say it and hopefully former Judge Unpingco won't have any animosity with what I say but, the Veterans Administration today is not an expansive and overall administration where it extends its hand to all veterans regardless of their status. Regardless of whether they fought in Vietnam or they fought in Europe or what.

It appears that there is a perception, and this is just from me. Please if I hurt anybody's feelings correct me. It seems to me the emphasis of this Veterans Administration is to serve those that fought in war. I think as a result, those that did not fight in war were just left behind because they were not important in the whole scheme of things. I am one of those veterans that did not fight in any war. So therefore, I am not a combat veteran. I could have but I guess I was lucky because every time there's a movement that orders can be made for us to deploy, it was either rescinded or we didn't get the opportunity to be ordered to go. I never actually requested to never go to war except in Europe in 1966, when the Vietnam Tet Offensive began. I did volunteer but they turned me down because they said I serve more in Europe than to the Army. I'd be more important in Europe than in Vietnam because of my MOS.

But regardless, dealing with the bill, maybe it is semantics but the act is to appropriate funds for the implementation for the Guam Veterans Registry. Is that saying the Guam Veterans Registry has not yet been implemented? I'm just asking. Does somebody have the answer to that? Meaning, is it still languishing, waiting for money to get it implemented? Or is it to enhance the implementation of the Guam Registry? I'm kind of

confused when you say the bill is saying....you know when you want to implement something it means it hasn't started and you want to implement it. So, I'm just curious that on the first page of this bill, line 15 it says to in order to continue to provide free service, representatives are required to be accredited, to be accredited claims agents by the VA. Otherwise, if the representatives of the veterans applying for benefits are not accredited, they're not going to be listened to, things like that.

It mentioned that it's free but then we're going to appropriate \$619,000, the appropriation is in a way to provide the free service. It listed down representatives, agents, and attorneys to assist claimants. There is a reference to the 38CFR section; look at it section 14.62. That is telling me what this language is saying is that that 38CFR section 14.627a requires that. Correct? Requires that? I'm saying if it's a requirement of the federal government or....I believe that federal action usually comes with also a statement that says federal actions...

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: I was just asked, Mr. Garrido to confine our statements just to the legislation. Should there be need for a round table discussion with regards to the services and number of activities taking place at the GVAO and other services being provided to our veterans, then we will proceed in that direction. So...

Mr. Jose Garrido: Am I out of... you mean I'm out of...

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: Only because there are several other pieces of legislation...

Mr. Jose Garrido: No, am I not germane in discussing this? You got it down in your bill.

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: No, no I understand, but the crux of the legislation is to allocate resources for specific purposes to implement 32-101.

Mr. Jose Garrido: Right, right, I understand, but I'm just pointing out that if it's a federal law requirement then I'm pointing out perhaps the local government is not the funding source for this. It's the federal government, that's why...

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: You're absolutely right Mr. Garrido. What it is is that the local government and the administrator of the Guam Veteran Affairs Office are present. The local government does help facilitate the processing of some claims on behalf of our veterans so that is the service that is being administered to our veterans in addition to other activities. I think the administrator of the Guam Veterans Affairs will be in a much better position to highlight the activities they can place at that office. That's the free service you speak of.

Mr. Jose Garrido: Okay, no problem. Senator, I will gladly be quiet. I'll be quiet on this issue if you don't want me to discuss it. But it's right here on the bill - you're referring to 38CFR. I'm asking that this is probably not just an idea locally. The representatives should be accredited, but it's a requirement under the federal law. So it's a requirement

that will then make us spend money here. I think that deserves a discussion with the VA, the federal VA administration to provide \$619,000, maybe even one million to Mr. John Unpingco to implement that. I'm just saying that there is a downside if this law is passed and only accredited people are supposed to serve the veterans in their application. That just might create a bottleneck and Senator, for veterans seeking assistance... I'm just saying that I really support anything that you want to pass for the benefits of veterans. Don't get me wrong, this is just the discussion on what is written in the language of the bill.

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: Mr. Garrido, I apologize, what it is in this particular case, the individual does the process on behalf of our veterans. Their claims have to be accredited. If they're not accredited, then their documentation and all that information... like I said the administrator of the GVAO is here to respond appropriately. If they're not accredited then more or less they can facilitate, but not necessarily directly service our veterans. That's the issue.

Mr. Jose Garrido: Alright. I'm just saying, what's going to happen to all those claims that went through, that were done, not by an accredited person. There are people here on the island that should be given resolutions, honoring them for their service to their veteran brothers. You know, we have to wait for the federal government to come over here and help us. We're all going to die, you see, but that's beside the point. Now, on the second page on line 14 to line 19 or 20, you're mentioning something that the withholding tax for the Guam Police... is that the Guam police... or yeah, retroactive from prospective law enforcement, salary adjustment the tax payer is going to ... you're seeing an estimated \$3,948,000. Perhaps, it can be taken out of that to provide this funding source, right?

Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.: [Translated from Chamorro] *It's been done* [End Translation]. Mr. Garrido, if I can just give a little historical perspective. Initially, when the windfall was expected to be realized, it was going to be in the amount of \$3.9 million, of which the Legislature has opted to address other critical issues such as GMH. There was a balance of about \$500,000 or about a \$1,000,000 of which \$600,000 went to pay the requirement of overtime pay for law enforcement and then the remaining balance the Legislature opted to allocate it elsewhere. That's why when the bill was introduced that was the funding source, rather than just introducing legislation and not identifying exactly where the resources were going to originate from.

Mr. Jose Garrido: Okay. I just have a little, a little disagreement. When you pointed out that the tax from some departments will be used to support other departments, then that opens the door to say the taxes from thousands of employees from the Department of Education shall be used for you know... I don't know... I have a hard time looking at that and saying there is that legal... you know instead of just going into the general fund and then from there that's where you extract it because when you say this department is paying the...

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: I think the problem was that this bill was introduced on April the 7th and at that time that was the plan. Unfortunately it wasn't heard until just now. It's just now being heard, so there are some things that are going to need to be cleaned up. The main thing is: are you in favor of the \$50,000 regardless of where it comes from to go to the Veterans Affairs Office to work on a registry? That really is the main thing at this point because we know that the initial plan here is not going to be realized. We just need to know whether or not \$50,000 - whether or not you support the idea of \$50,000 going to do a study

Mr. Jose Garrido: Senator, I mean Mr. Speaker, if you're going to ask me regardless of where it comes from, I don't think I'm going to support that. Please excuse that.

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: Oh no, I take that...thank you very much.

Mr. Jose Garrido: Okay, so I guess that's it. I'm just having a little problem with...I'm trying to read it and accept...

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: Unfortunately, this was introduced in April when there was a way to be able to, where he was trying to find a funding source. I took that funding source to balance the budget last week. So, it's no longer there. It's now a question, should we try to find \$50,000 somewhere to do this? If not, if the testimony is not ...that's a testimony and he'll just have to...

Mr. Jose Garrido: I'm all for it! Find fifty thousand somewhere but...if you're going to ask me regardless of where it's coming from, well that's a different consideration that I can...

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: But the idea of doing a study if you're supportive of it or not...

Mr. Jose Garrido: Sure, anything for the veteran.

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: Thank you. Mr. Cundiff.

Mr. Bill Cundiff: My name is Bill Cundiff and I'm chairman of the Guam Veterans Commission and also President of the U.S. Air Force Veterans Association. Thanks for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

I'm in support of this bill, 100%. Obviously, we have a lot of things to upgrade or improve but the point here is to ensure that we have a registry. Although I believe that this is a primary responsibility, one of the primary responsibilities of the Veterans Affairs, there's nothing wrong preventing them additional resources to enhance that capability. The only thing I think in the future, this bill—the same thing with 306 or 285—I think there's too much, the intent is convoluted. It gives us the opportunity to attack the intent or not attack - take the intent apart and question a lot of the intent. But I think it's very specific, straight to the point. I don't think we're going to have the

opportunity. Bill 285, this afternoon to be heard to give \$150,000 to Westcare. The justification of the intent is so convoluted that it confuses the average person to read and to support the bill. I think in the future we ought to be specific of what we're trying to do and stay away from convoluted items to support the point and I think we'll have smooth sailing. But I do support it. The Veterans Affairs has done a tremendous job in trying to get things improved. Obviously, there's always room for improvement. Once again, I support this bill.

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: Thank you very much and I agree with you about the intent. We've been trying to get everybody to stop doing it because as you put it, it just gives ammunition to attack. Judge.

Mr. John Unpingco: Thank you. Senators.

[Reads written testimony verbatim. See attached]

I would like to answer some of the comments by the people who have thus far testified. The president of the...

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: Why don't we...we'll get the questions transcribed, I'll give it to him and to you. You can provide the answers. Let's just stick to the issue. The testimony was excellent. We'll just leave it at that. We're not going to get into a debate in here. Alright, thank you.

Mr. John Unpingco: Thank you.

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: Alright, do you have any questions?

Senator Thomas Ada: I guess the whole purpose of doing the registry is so that we can provide a database to be able to go justify the Veterans Administration: a larger clinic facility, more staffing at the clinic, etc. I'm just kind of curious as to what sort of data is the veterans administration looking for? Other than if you were to make, say a duplicate of 27,000 DD214.

Mr. John Unpingco: The data we are asking varies, depending on what they are looking for. The data can vary anywhere from the ages, the dependents that they have, also the villages they are from and are they from a rural area or a city area. We all know the answer to that: everything on Guam is rural. With respect to the hospital programs, those have a different set of data, too. They would require as [inaudible] registers with them. What's the income level of the veteran? Things along those lines. So, it differs from agency to agency.

Senator Thomas Ada: I see. Alright, thank you.

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: Thank you very much.

Mr. John Unpingco: Thank you.

Chairman Benjamin Cruz: This concludes the testimony on Bill No. 306-32 (COR). There being no additional individuals to present any additional testimony, this Committee will continue to remain open for the acceptance of any additional information or public testimony on the bill discussed. You can submit those testimonies to the office directly on Soledad Avenue, as well as the Guam Legislature or through any electronic email processes at cipo@guamlegislature.org.

This hearing is adjourned.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation and Land, hereby reports Bill No. 306-32 (COR), as Introduced, with the recommendation TO PASS

**I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2014 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION**

Bill No. 306-52 (CDR)

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON, JR. 

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS
REGISTRY AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101.**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that Public Law 32-101 recognizes the Office of Veterans Affairs as the official local agency for establishing and maintaining the Guam Veterans Registry(Registry); which *shall be* updated no less than semiannually. The information obtained from the registry will help to strengthen our application as we work to secure future funding from the federal government for our island veterans. Additionally, the registry would be used to provide current information on health care, on home-based care, the very best programs, benefits and services possible.

Our veterans are approaching us with more specific needs than the past: increasing personnel, ensuring access to resources by building on existing programs, establishing and maintaining a Guam Veterans Registry is the right thing to do to provide the highest level of care. Additionally, in order to continue providing claim forms preparation as a free service to our local veterans through the Veterans Affairs Office, representatives are required to be an accredited claims

1 (A) Clerk I

2 (B) Clerk Typist I; and

3 2) To purchase materials, supplies and office equipment to implement
4 and sustain the Guam Veterans Registry; and

5 3) Implementation within Ninety (90) days of enactment.

6 Said funds *shall not* be subject to any transfer authority of *I Maga 'lahen Guahan*.

7 Said funds *shall* continue to be available until fully expended for the purpose stated
8 herein.

9 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application
10 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not
11 affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect
12 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
13 Act are severable.



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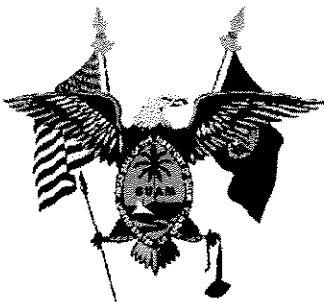
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**TESTIMONY
ON
BILL 306-32
BY
JOHN S. UNPINGCO**

BILL 306-32 IS MUCH WELCOMED. IT WOULD HELP MEMORIALIZE OUR EFFORTS THUS FAR TO COUNT THE NUMBER OF VETERANS ON GUAM AND TO KEEP THE COUNT CURRENT.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JOHN UNPINGCO, THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY TODAY. IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE BEFORE YOU IN THESE HALLS.

BILL 306-32 IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. WE HAVE JUST CONCLUDED A COUNT OF THE NUMBER OF VETERANS WHO ARE IN GUAM AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR CONTACT WITH US. WHETHER IT BE THAT THEY COME TO US FOR HELP IN ASSISTING THEM WITH GETTING VETERANS BENEFITS OR JUST TO GET VERIFICATION FROM US THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE DRIVER'S LICENSE, THESE ARE THE VETERANS WHO HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH US AND WHOSE DD FORM 214 WE HAVE. WE HAVE PAINSTAKINGLY COUNTED BY HAND A TOTAL OF 27,568. IT TOOK US TWO MONTHS OF FULL TIME WORK ON THE PART OF OUR STAFF TO GET THIS NUMBER.

THE NUMBER SURPRISED US ALL. BUT, IT DOESN'T STOP THERE. THE NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO GROW AS MORE AND MORE OF OUR GUARDSMEN COME BACK FROM VARIOUS DEPLOYMENTS. AND MORE WE SHALL GET AS WE PRESS INITIATIVES

FOR REGISTERING VETERANS INTO THE ISLAND'S SHOPPING MALLS AND BY DOOR TO DOOR CANVASSING IN EACH OF THE VARIOUS VILLAGES BY VETERANS WHO WANT TO HELP THEIR FELLOW VETERANS.

WITH THE NUMBER OF VETERANS FROM OUR COUNT PEGGED AT 27,528 NEW OPPORTUNITIES PRESENT THEMSELVES TO US. WITH 20 PLUS THOUSAND VETERANS WE CAN NOW COMPETE FOR MORE FUNDING IN AREAS SUCH AS HOUSING, MEDICAL CARE, SMALL BUSINESS, RETIREMENT HOUSES AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS.

BUT, THE STATISTICS DOESN'T STOP THERE. THERE'S A DEMAND TO KNOW HOW MANY SERVED IN WHAT BRANCH, HOW MANY HONORABLE DISCHARGES AND WHAT ARE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THESE VETERANS.

IN THIS EFFORT, I APPEAL TO YOU FOR HELP. HELP US HELP OURSELVES. WE NEED A DATA COLLECTION AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEM VERY BADLY. THE GRANTS AT THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY ARE JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. THERE ARE GRANTS IN OTHER AREAS. THE OTHER SIDE OF DATA COLLECTION IS DATA RETRIEVAL AND SAFEGUARDING THE DATA.

THIS IS HOW I PROPOSE THAT WE ACCOMPLISH THESE OBJECTIVES WITH YOUR HELP. WE WILL NEED ONE ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE AND ONE CLERK TYPIST I TO COLLECT AND CONSTANTLY UPDATE THE DATA. THESE TWO CLERKS WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$35,538 UNDER THE COMPETITIVE WAGE ACT OF 2014. WE WILL NEED \$10,000 IN EQUIPMENT. NOT JUST COMPUTERS, BUT BACK UP COMPUTERS AT A SITE OTHER THAN THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO SAFEGUARD AND TO ENSURE THAT THE DATA WE HAVE ACCUMULATED THUS FAR IS NOT WIPED OUT BY TYPHOONS, POWER FLUCTUATIONS, VANDALISM, ETC. COMPUTERS, EXTERNAL DRIVES, PRINTERS WOULD AT A MINIMUM BE PURCHASED. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD NEED SUPPLIES FOR THE EQUIPMENT. WE WOULD ALSO NEED DESKS, CHAIRS AND PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT SUCH AS FAX MACHINES IN THE OPERATION AND A TELEPHONE BUDGET FOR ANSWERING AND GIVING DATA LONG DISTANCE. WE WOULD ALLOCATE ABOUT \$5,000 FOR THIS. AND, THERE YOU HAVE IT, THE \$50,000 WE ARE ASKING.

WHAT WOULD WE GIVE GUAM IN RETURN? THE INCREASED BENEFITS FROM OUR VETERANS APPLICATIONS WOULD FAR EXCEED THE \$64 MILLION DOLLARS THAT VETERANS ARE PULLING INTO THE ISLAND AT A FAR LESSER NUMBER. THESE WOULD BE LESS DEPENDENCE ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR HOUSING, MEDICAL CARE, OTHER SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS. THE FUNDS THAT WOULD NORMALLY GO INTO THESE PROGRAMS CAN BE SPENT ELSEWHERE. MORE MONEY WOULD CIRCULATE IN THE ECONOMY FROM OFF-ISLAND SOURCES. THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF THE EFFECTS HELPING US NOW WOULD GIVE YOU.

PLEASE HELP US IN OUR HOUR OF NEED. WE GUARANTEE YOU THAT YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT. YOU WILL STAND TO BENEFIT FROM IT IMMENSELY.

THANK YOU,



JOHN S. UNPINGCO

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note for Bill No. 306-32 (COR)**

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Office of Veterans Affairs	Dept./Agency Head: John Unpingco
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$ 619,379
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	-
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$ 619,379

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2013 Unreserved Fund Balance			
FY 2014 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2014 Appro. (P.L. 32-068)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2014 (if applicable)	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
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(Specify Special Fund)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$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? /x/ N/A // Yes // No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ /x/ N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? // Yes /x/ 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
/x/ Requested agency comments not received by due date // Other: _____

Analyst: Matt Quinata Director: John A. Rios, BBMR Director Date: MAY 13 2014

Footnotes:
See attachment to fiscal note.

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Attachment to Fiscal Note No. 306-32 (COR)**

Comments

The proposed bill is seeking to appropriate an additional \$50,000 to the Office of Veterans Affairs to fund two (2) positions and for supplies and other requirements to implement the Guam Veterans Registry. The proposed appropriation is being funded by the General Fund. However, the proposed appropriation of \$50,000 may be insufficient when considering all fringe benefits associated with the employment of the two (2) positions.



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Subject: Referral of Bill No. 306-32(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 306-32(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

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32nd GUAM LEGISLATURE

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**INEKUNGOK PUPBLEKO
(PUBLIC HEARING)**

**gi Huebes, gi diha 28 gi Agosto, 2014
Thursday, August 28, 2014**

**Kuåtton Inekungok Pubbleko gi I Liheslaturan Guåhan
(Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room)**

**TAREHA
(AGENDA)**

***Priniponi Siha:*
(Bills)**

10:00AM

Bill No. 306-32 (COR) – Introduced by Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

An act to appropriate funds to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry as mandated by Public Law 32-101.

Bill No. 294-32 (COR) – Introduced by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

An act to establish the “Police Patrol Vehicle & Equipment Revolving Fund” by adding a *new* Section §77135 to Article 1, Chapter 77, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated; and to provide funding by amending §3602 of Article 6, Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the assessment and collection of vehicle safety inspection fees.

Bill No. 281-32 (COR) – Introduced by Senator Christopher M. Duenas

An act to add a new Section 22401.2 to Article 4, Chapter 22, Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated relative to authorizing the Government of Guam, through the Office of the Governor, to retain professionals to pursue claims of the Government of Guam against third parties on a contingency fee basis, authorization to pay for same, and to appropriate to the Office of the Governor \$350,000 to pay for the costs and expenses (not fees) associated with bringing an action against the Federal Government for harms at the Ordot Dump.

Bill No. 346-32 (COR) – Introduced by Michael T. Lintiaeo

An act to add new ~~§8138.6, 8138.7, 8138.8 and 8138.9~~ to Chapter 8 of Title 4 GCA relative to creating a separate Board of Trustees for members of the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan.

2:00PM

Bill No. 213-32 (COR) – Introduced by Senator V. Anthony Ada

An act to authorize *I Maga'lahen Guahan* to exchange government property in Barrigada for privately owned property located in Barrigada to be used for the Guam Flood Mitigation Plan.

~~**Bill No. 293-32 (COR) – Introduced by Senator Thomas A. Morrison**~~

~~An act to amend §61542 of Chapter 61 of 21GCA relative to political signs.~~

Bill No. 354-32 (LS) – Introduced by Senator Michael J.Q. San Nicolas

An act to authorize owners of private property to erect or have erected political signage, by adding a new Item (5) to Subsection (a), a new Item (3) to Subsection (b), a new Item (3) to Subsection (c), each of §61541, Part 5, Article 5, Chapter 61, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated.

Bill No. 285-32 (COR) – Introduced by Senator Tina R. Muña Barnes

An act making an appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Administration (DOA) for Westcare Pacific Islands for the specific purposes of conducting intense outreach activities, providing informational and referral services to all veterans on Guam.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals requiring special accommodations or services or for further information, please call the Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation and Land at 473-4236/7 or email at cipo@guamlegislature.org



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May 13, 2014

Memorandum

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Notes**

Hafa Adai!

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

FISCAL NOTES:

Bill No. 306-32(COR)

Bill No. 317-32(LS)

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'!

2014 MAY 13 PM 2:35

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Hafa Adai Senator Respicio:

Transmitted herewith is Fiscal Note on the following Bill Nos.: **306-32(COR) and 317-32(LS)**.

If you have any question(s), please do not hesitate to call the office at 475-9412/9106.


JOHN A. RIOS
Director

Enclosures
cc: Senator Vicente (ben) Pangelinan

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note for Bill No. 306-32 (COR)**

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Office of Veterans Affairs	Dept./Agency Head: John Unpingco
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$ 619,379
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	-
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$ 619,379

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2013 Unreserved Fund Balance			
FY 2014 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2014 Appro. (P.L. 32-068)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2014 (if applicable)	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Specify Special Fund)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Analyst: Matt Quinata Director: John A. Rios, BBMR Director Date: MAY 13 2014

Footnotes:
See attachment to fiscal note.

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Attachment to Fiscal Note No. 306-32 (COR)**

Comments

The proposed bill is seeking to appropriate an additional \$50,000 to the Office of Veterans Affairs to fund two (2) positions and for supplies and other requirements to implement the Guam Veterans Registry. The proposed appropriation is being funded by the General Fund. However, the proposed appropriation of \$50,000 may be insufficient when considering all fringe benefits associated with the employment of the two (2) positions.



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VIA E-MAIL

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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes– Bill Nos. 305-32 (COR) through 308-32(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 Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Bill Nos.	Sponsors	Title
305-32 (COR)	Brant T. McCreadie	AN ACT TO AMEND § 58108 AND TO ADD A NEW § 58108.1 TO CHAPTER 58, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE DUTIES OF THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO FIRE HYDRANTS.
306-32 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101.
307-32 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR	AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 5102(d) OF TITLE 7 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE POWER OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO ADOPT PAY SCHEDULES AND PLANS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SALARY AND BENEFIT INCREASES FOR NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE JUDICIARY.
308-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GMH VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION A MEMBER POSITION ON THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (a) OF §80105, CHAPTER 80, DIVISION 4, 10 GCA.



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April 7, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 306-32(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 306-32(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 GUÁHAN
2014 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION**

Bill No. 306-92 (COR)

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON, JR. 

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM VETERANS
REGISTRY AS MANDATED IN PUBLIC LAW 32-101.**

2014 APR - 7 AM 11:34 

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that Public Law 32-101 recognizes the Office of Veterans Affairs as the official local agency for establishing and maintaining the Guam Veterans Registry(Registry); which *shall be* updated no less than semiannually. The information obtained from the registry will help to strengthen our application as we work to secure future funding from the federal government for our island veterans. Additionally, the registry would be used to provide current information on health care, on home-based care, the very best programs, benefits and services possible.

Our veterans are approaching us with more specific needs than the past: increasing personnel, ensuring access to resources by building on existing programs, establishing and maintaining a Guam Veterans Registry is the right thing to do to provide the highest level of care. Additionally, in order to continue providing claim forms preparation as a free service to our local veterans through the Veterans Affairs Office, representatives are required to be an accredited claims

1 agent. Accreditation means the authority granted by VA to representatives, agents,
2 and attorneys to assist claimants in the preparation, presentation, and prosecution
3 of claims for VA benefits. 38 C.F.R. § 14.627(a). Without accreditation, an
4 individual may not independently assist claimants in the preparation, presentation,
5 and prosecution of claims for VA benefits. *I Liheslatura* clearly understands this
6 and has appropriated within FY 2014 Budget \$619,000 to the Office of Veterans
7 Affairs, a significant increase from the FY 2013 Budget of \$322,000.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further finds that based on *I Maga'lahi Guåhan's*
9 transmittal letter to the Honorable Speaker on December 16, 2013, regarding the
10 need for sufficient appropriations to comply with Public Law 32-101; *I Maga'lahi*
11 *Guåhan* requested of the *I Liheslatura* to follow-up by providing the Office of
12 Veterans Affairs with the means necessary to carry out the obligations imposed
13 upon it by this new law.

14 *I Liheslatura* further finds that the total estimated windfall of new
15 withholding taxes for retroactive and prospective law enforcement salary
16 adjustments is Three Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$3,940,000).
17 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to provide additional funding to the
18 Office of Veterans Affairs from the estimated windfall of new withholding taxes
19 from retroactive and prospective law enforcement salary adjustment revenues for
20 the purpose stated herein.

21 **Section 2. Implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry.**

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Fifty Thousand
23 Dollars (\$50,000) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of Veterans
24 Affairs for the implementation of the Guam Veterans Registry as mandated in
25 Public Law 32-101; and *shall* include but not limited to the following:

- 26 1) To hire Two (2) additional personnel under the following position title
27 and salaries in accordance with Department of Administration:

- 1 (A) Clerk I
2 (B) Clerk Typist I; and
3 2) To purchase materials, supplies and office equipment to implement
4 and sustain the Guam Veterans Registry; and
5 3) Implementation within Ninety (90) days of enactment.

6 Said funds *shall not* be subject to any transfer authority of *I Maga 'lahen Guahan*.
7 Said funds *shall* continue to be available until fully expended for the purpose stated
8 herein.

9 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application
10 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not
11 affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect
12 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
13 Act are severable.