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400-32 (COR)		AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT ("UEFJA") AND THE UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT ("UFMJRA").	4:04 p.m.	09/18/14	Committee on the Guam U. S. Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veteran's Affairs, and Judiciary	2 p.m.	11/25/14 4:45 p.m.	Fiscal Note Request 9/23/14

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155 Hesler Place
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VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 400-32 (COR), As Introduced

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 400-32 (COR) — An Act to Adopt the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act ("UEFJA") and the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act ("UFMJRA"). (Sponsored by Senator R.J. Respicio)

Committee votes are as follows:

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BILL NO. 400-32 (COR), An Act to Adopt the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act ("UEFJA") and the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act ("UFMJRA").

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: ALL MEMBERS

Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Homeland Security,

Veterans Affairs and Judiciary

From: Senator Frank B. Aguo

Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 400-32 (COR)

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Bill No. 400-32 (COR) — An Act to Adopt the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act ("UEFJA") and the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act ("UFMJRA"). (Sponsored by Senator R.J. Respicio)

This report includes the following:

Committee Vote Sheet
Committee Report Digest
Copy of Bill No. 400-32 (COR)
Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
Copy of COR Referral of the Bill No. 400-32 (COR)
Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
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Related News Report

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.

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#### **COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET**

**Bill No. 400-32 (COR)** – An Act to Adopt the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act ("UEFJA") and the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act ("UFMJRA"). **(Sponsored by Senator R.J. Respicio)** 

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#### I. <u>OVERVIEW</u>

Bill No. 400-32 (COR) was introduced on September 17, 2014, by Senator R.J. Respicio, and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary on September 18, 2014.

#### **Public Notice Requirements**

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets for the October 22, 2014 hearing on October 14, 2014 (5-Day Notice), and again on October 17, 2014 (48°Hour Notice). Notices were also published in the Marianas Variety Newspaper for the October 22, 2014 hearing on October 14, 2014 and October 17, 2014.

#### **Senators Present**

Senator FRANK B. AGUON, JR., Committee Chairperson Senator Rory J. Respicio Senator Brant McCreadie Senator Michael Limtiaco

#### Appearing Before the Committee

N/A

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 2:00 PM.

#### II. TRANSCRIPTION OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

#### Senator FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

Public hearing sponsored by the Committee of Military Relocation, Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security, and Judiciary is hereby called to order. Ladies and gentlemen, we have a couple of bills that are on the agenda. The first item will be bill no. 400-32 (COR), which is the act to adopt the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act ("UEFJA") and the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act ("UFMJRA"), sponsored by the Honorable Senator Respicio. And bill no. 407-32 (COR), which is an act to repeal and reenact §58.60 of Chapter 58, Title 9 Guam Code Annotated relative to the crime of promoting prison contraband; which may be cited as the Contraband Reform Act of 2014, sponsored by the Honorable Senator McCreadie.

Subsequent to that, we will conclude our public hearing today. I want to extend an appreciation to the majority leader of the legislature as well as the Speaker for allowing this particular public hearing to proceed as scheduled in light of the legislature being in session.

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For purposes of the open government law compliance, the initial notification was distributed not only to members of the legislature, but the stakeholders and also printed in the media of the same date, which was Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. And the second notice was also distributed to the stakeholders and also printed in the print media of the 17<sup>th</sup> of October. In compliance with the open government law, the notices were sent out accordingly.

We will proceed with the first item on the agenda, which is bill no. 400-32, sponsored by Senator Respicio. Senator, if you would like to explain the nature of your legislation and then we'll proceed.

#### Senator Rory J. Respicio

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman and colleagues. Mr. Chairman, thank you for hearing bill no. 400-32.

(Reads testimony verbatim)

Thank you Mr. Chairman for allowing me to read my sponsor statement into the record.

#### Senator FRANK B. AGUON, JR

Thank you very much Senator Respicio and please if we can get a copy of your sponsor statement, so that we can retain it in the committee report. Also, just for the information of the public, we did receive written testimony from the law firm of CALVO FISHER & JACOB with regards in support of the proposed measure in regards to this particular legislation. And also we have not received anyone from the public to sign up for this particular measure, but the committee will remain open over the course of the next ten days to receiving public comments, written comments from either the Judiciary, AG's office or any member of the public.

The public hearing on bill no. 400-32 (COR) has been duly conducted and like I shared earlier, we will continue to receive testimony for the subsequent ten days from today.

The public hearing was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

- III. The following individuals submitted written testimonies to the Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary before or after the scheduled Public Hearing on October 22, 2014 at 2:00 PM:
  - 1. Michael A. Pangelinan, CALVO FISHER & JACOB LLP
  - 2. Leonard M. Rapadas, Attorney General
  - 3. Senator Rory J. Respicio
  - 4. Cesar C. Cabot, CABOT MANTANONA LLP

#### IV. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary hereby submits these findings and reports out Bill No. 400-32 (COR) by the Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veteran's Affairs and Judiciary, with a recommendation

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#### I MINA TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2014 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

Bill No. 400-32 (COR)

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AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT ("UEFJA") AND THE UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT ("UFMJRA")

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section I. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that to enforce a sister-state judgment in Guam, the judgment creditor must bring an action on the judgment; when a Guam judgment is obtained, the execution may issue. This manner of enforcing judgments of sister states requires all the normal trappings of an original action: The judgment creditor must file a complaint. There must be personal or quasi in rem jurisdiction. The creditor may obtain a writ of attachment, if available, to preserve assets until such time as a writ of execution may be issued. A trial (however summary) must be held, at which time the judgment debtor may raise any defenses to the validity of the sister-state judgment. Only after the entry of the Guam judgment may the judgment creditor seek execution on the debtor's assets in Guam.

I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that the formal, traditional process for enforcing sister-state judgments is time-consuming and inefficient. A simpler and more efficient procedure is offered by the revised Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act of 1964 ("UEFJA"). Under the UEFJA, a sister-state judgment may be filed with the court in the state where enforcement is sought and is then treated as a judgment of that court. It provides a streamlined procedure to domesticate judgments rendered in other states or territories of the United States. It avoids the cost and delay that results from needing to bring a new lawsuit to enforce a sister-state judgment, and it relieves court

- congestion. It has been adopted by 47 states, the District of Columbia and the CNMI.
- 2 I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments
- 3 Recognition Act ("UFMJRA") simplifies international business by recognizing money
- 4 judgments obtained in other nations. International law provides for recognition by
- 5 foreign countries of judgments obtained in the adopting state. While all states are
- 6 required to recognize foreign judgments as a matter of comity under certain
- 7 circumstances under Hilton v. Guyot, 159 U.S. 113 (1895), most states have elected to
- 8 adopt some version of the UFMJRA to provide uniformity and simply the procedure.
- 9 Moreover, because many civil law countries condition recognition of money judgments
- 10 from foreign courts upon reciprocity, codification of the UFMJRA will make it more
- 11 likely that judgments rendered in the Territory of Guam will be recognized in foreign
- 12 countries.

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- Therefore, it is the intent of I Liheslaturan Guahan to adopt and enact the UEFJA
- 14 and the UFMJRA in the Territory of Guam.
- 15 The Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act ("UEFJA") is hereby
- 16 enacted to read as follows:
  - THE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT OF 2013
- Section 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the "Uniform Enforcement of Foreign
- 19 Judgments Act of 2013".
- 20 Section 2. Purpose. To provide a simpler and more efficient procedure to
- 21 domesticate judgments rendered in other states or territories of the United States that
- result from needing to bring a new lawsuit to enforce a sister-state judgment.
- Section 3. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,
- 24 "foreign judgment" means any judgment, decree, or order of a court of the United
- 25 States or of any other court which is entitled to full faith and credit in the Territory of
- 26 Guam.
- Section 4. Filing and Status of Foreign Judgments. A copy of any foreign

judgment authenticated in accordance with an act of Congress or the statutes or court rules of the Territory of Guam may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Guam. The Clerk shall treat the foreign judgment in the same manner as a judgment of the Superior Court of Guam. A judgment so filed has the same effect and is subject to the same procedures, defenses and proceedings for reopening, vacating, or staying as a judgment of the Superior Court of Guam and may be enforced or satisfied in like manner.

#### Section 5. Notice of Filing.

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- (a) At the time of the filing of the foreign judgment, the judgment creditor or the judgment creditor's lawyer shall make and file with the Clerk of Court an affidavit setting forth the name and last known post office address of the judgment debtor and the judgment creditor.
- (b) Promptly upon the filing of the foreign judgment and the affidavit, the Clerk shall mail notice of the filing of the foreign judgment to the judgment debtor at the address given and shall make a note of the mailing in the docket. The notice shall include the name and post office address of the judgment creditor and the judgment creditor's lawyer, if any, in the Territory of Guam. In addition, the judgment creditor may mail a notice of the filing of the judgment to the judgment debtor and may file proof of mailing with the Clerk. Lack of mailing notice of filing by the Clerk shall not affect the enforcement proceedings if proof of mailing by the judgment creditor has been filed.
- (c) No execution or other process for enforcement of a foreign judgment filed hereunder shall issue until 30 days after the date the judgment is filed.

#### Section 6. Stay.

(a) If the judgment debtor shows the Superior Court in which the judgment is filed that an appeal from the foreign judgment is pending or will be taken, or that a stay of execution has been granted, the Court shall stay enforcement of the foreign judgment

- until the appeal is concluded, the time for appeal expires, or the stay of execution
- 2 expires or is vacated, upon proof that the judgment debtor has furnished the security
- 3 for the satisfaction of the judgment required by the state or other jurisdiction in which it
- 4 was rendered.
- 5 (b) If the judgment debtor shows the Superior Court in which the judgment is
- 6 filed any ground upon which enforcement of a judgment of the Superior Court of the
- 7 Territory of Guam would be stayed, the Court shall stay enforcement of the foreign
- 8 judgment for an appropriate period, upon requiring the same security for satisfaction of
- 9 the judgment which is required in the Territory of Guam.
- Section 7. Fees. Any person filing a foreign judgment shall pay to the Clerk of
- 11 Court a filing fee equal to that established by Court rule for the filing of civil actions.
- Section 8. Optional Procedure. The right of a judgment creditor to bring an
- 13 action to enforce his judgment instead of proceeding under this act remains
- 14 unimpaired.
- 15 Section 9. Uniformity of Interpretation. This act shall be so interpreted and
- 16 construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states
- 17 and other jurisdiction which enact it.
- The Uniform Foreign Money-Judgments Recognition Act is hereby enacted to
- 19 read as follows:
- 20 THE UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY-JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT OF 2013
- Section 1. Title. This Chapter shall be known as the "Uniform Foreign Money-
- 22 Judgments Recognition Act of 2013".
- 23 **Section 2. Definitions**. As used in this Chapter:
- 24 (1) "Foreign country" means a government other than:
- 25 a. the United States;
- 26 b. a state, district, commonwealth, territory, or insular possession of the
- 27 United States: or

- 1 c. any other government with regard to which the decision in this state as to 2 whether to recognize a judgment of that government's courts is initially subject to
- 3 determination under the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the United States Constitution.
- 4 (2) "Foreign-country judgment" means a judgment of a court of a foreign country.

#### 6 Section 3. Applicability of article.

- 7 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), this Chapter applies to a 8 foreign-country judgment to the extent that the judgment both:
- 9 a. grants or denies recovery of a sum of money; and
- b. under the law of the foreign country where rendered, is final, conclusive, and enforceable.
- 12 (2) This chapter does not apply to a foreign-country judgment, even if the 13 judgment grants or denies recovery of a sum of money, to the extent that the judgment
- a. a judgment for taxes;

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- b. a fine or other penalty; or
- 17 c. a judgment for divorce, support, or maintenance, or other judgment 18 rendered in connection with domestic relations.
- 19 (3) A party seeking recognition of a foreign-country judgment has the burden 20 of establishing that this chapter applies to the foreign-country judgment.

#### 21 Section 4. Standards for recognition of foreign-country judgment.

- 22 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, a court of the 23 Territory of Guam shall recognize a foreign-country judgment to which this chapter 24 applies.
- 25 (2) A court of the Territory of Guam shall not recognize a foreign-country judgment if any of the following apply:

- 1 a. The judgment was rendered under a judicial system that does not provide 2 impartial tribunals or procedures compatible with the requirements of due process of 3 law;
- 4 b. The foreign court did not have personal jurisdiction over the defendant;
- 5 c. The foreign court did not have jurisdiction over the subject matter.
- 6 (3) A court of the Territory of Guam need not recognize a foreign-country judgment if any of the following apply:
- 8 a. The defendant in the proceeding in the foreign court did not receive notice 9 of the proceeding in sufficient time to enable the defendant to defend.
- 10 b. The judgment was obtained by fraud that deprived the losing party of an adequate opportunity to present its case.
- 12 c. The judgment or the cause of action or claim for relief on which the 13 judgment is based is repugnant to the public policy of the Territory of Guam or of the 14 United States.
- d. The judgment conflicts with another final and conclusive judgment.

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- e. The proceeding in the foreign court was contrary to an agreement between the parties under which the dispute in question was to be determined otherwise than by proceedings in that foreign court.
  - f. In the case of jurisdiction based only on personal service, the foreign court was a seriously inconvenient forum for the trial of the action.
- g. The judgment was rendered in circumstances that raise substantial doubt about the integrity of the rendering court with respect to the judgment.
- h. The specific proceeding in the foreign court leading to the judgment was not compatible with the requirements of due process of law.
- 25 (4) A party resisting recognition of a foreign-country judgment has the 26 burden of establishing that a ground for non-recognition stated in subsection 2 or 3 27 exists.

#### Section 5. Personal Jurisdiction.

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- 2 (1) A foreign-country judgment shall not be refused recognition for lack of personal jurisdiction if any of the following apply:
  - a. the defendant was served with process personally in the foreign country;
- 5 b. the defendant voluntarily appeared in the proceeding, other than for the 6 purpose of protecting property seized or threatened with seizure in the proceeding or of 7 contesting the jurisdiction of the court over the defendant;
  - c. the defendant, before the commencement of the proceeding, had agreed to submit to the jurisdiction of the foreign court with respect to the subject matter involved:
  - d. the defendant was domiciled in the foreign country when the proceeding was instituted or was a corporation or other form of business organization that had its principal place of business in, or was organized under the laws of, the foreign country;
  - e. the defendant had a business office in the foreign country and the proceeding in the foreign court involved a cause of action arising out of business done by the defendant through that office in the foreign country; or
  - f. the defendant operated a motor vehicle or airplane in the foreign country and the proceeding involved a cause of action arising out of that operation.
- 19 (2) The list of bases for personal jurisdiction in subsection 1 is not exclusive.
  20 The courts of this state may recognize bases of personal jurisdiction other than those
  21 listed in subsection 1 as sufficient to support a foreign-country judgment.

# Section 6. Procedure for raising issue of recognition of foreign-country money judgment

(1) If recognition of a foreign-country judgment is sought as an original matter, the issue of recognition shall be raised by filing an action seeking recognition of the foreign-country judgment.

(2) If recognition of a foreign-country judgment is sought in a pending action, the issue of recognition may be raised by counterclaim, cross-claim, or affirmative defense.

#### Section 7. Effect of recognition of foreign-country judgment

If the court in a proceeding under section 6 finds that the foreign-country judgment is entitled to recognition under this chapter then, to the extent that the foreign-country judgment grants or denies recovery of a sum of money, the foreign-country judgment is:

- (1) conclusive between the parties to the same extent as the judgment of a sister state entitled to full faith and credit in this state would be conclusive; and
- (2) Enforceable in the same manner and to the same extent as a judgment rendered in the territory of Guam.

#### Section 8. Stay of proceedings pending appeal of foreign-country judgment

If a party establishes that an appeal from a foreign-country judgment is pending or will be taken, the court may stay any proceedings with regard to the foreign-country judgment until the appeal is concluded, the time for appeal expires, or the appellant has had sufficient time to prosecute the appeal and has failed to do so.

#### Section 9. Statute of limitations.

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An action to recognize a foreign-country judgment must be commenced within the earlier of the time during which the foreign-country judgment is effective in the foreign country or fifteen years from the date that the foreign-country judgment became effective in the foreign country.

#### Section 10. Uniformity of interpretation.

In applying and construing this chapter, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact the "Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act".

#### Section 11. Saving clause.

- 1 The Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act does not
- 2 prevent the recognition under principles of comity or otherwise of a foreign-country
- 3 judgment not within the scope of that Act.

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# COMMITTEE ON GUAM US MILITARY RELOCATION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS HOMELAND SECURITY & JUDICIARY

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# SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR CHAIRMAN Wednesday, October 22, 2014 @ 2:00 P.M.

**Bill No. 400-32 (COR)** - An act to adopt the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act ("UEFJA") and the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act ("UFMJRA"). **(Sponsor: R.J. Respicio)** 

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#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Rory J. Respicio Senator MINA' TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN Member, Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary Suite 302, 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: <u>Bill No. 400-32</u>

Dear Senator Respicio:

I write in strong support of Bill 400-32 which would adopt two uniform laws proposed by the Uniform Law Commission: the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act ("UEFJA") and the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act (the "UFMJRA"). Adoption of these two uniform acts will make Guam a more attractive environment for companies that do business in other states and territories.

#### The Uniform Enforcement Of Foreign Judgments Act

The UEFJA provides a streamlined procedure to enforce judgments rendered in other U.S. states and territories. The U.S. Constitution requires all U.S. states and territories to recognize and enforce legal judgments rendered in other U.S. jurisdictions; however, the current law of Guam makes enforcing legal judgments rendered in other U.S. states and territories more costly and time consuming than in almost all other jurisdictions in the U.S. The UEFJA has been endorsed by the American Bar Association, and the UEFJA or a version of it has been adopted by 47 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the CNMI. When California enacted its Sister State Money-Judgment Act, the drafters of California's law noted that the text is "similar" to the UEFJA.

With the adoption of Bill 400-32, Guam will no longer lag behind nearly all other U.S. jurisdictions regarding enforcement of foreign judgments. The delays and costs of having to bring a brand new lawsuit on Guam to enforce a judgment rendered in another state or territory will finally be a thing of the past. This will also improve Guam's court system by helping to relieve court congestion, which benefits everyone.

#### CALVO FISHER & JACOB LLP

Honorable Rory J. Respicio October 21, 2014 Testimony on Bill No. 400-32 Page 2

#### The Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act

The UFMJRA simplifies international business by recognizing money judgments obtained in other nations. International law provides for reciprocity. This means that if a country recognizes and enforces the original judgments of another nation, it is more likely that the other nation will do the same in return. Thus, adopting the UFMJRA makes it more likely that Guam judgments will be recognized in foreign courts.

The UFMJRA provides a uniform and simplified procedure for enforcement of judgments of foreign nations while at the same time providing safeguards against foreign judgments that were rendered without due process of law. The UFMJRA has been endorsed by the American Bar Association and has been adopted by 32 states (including California, Hawaii and New York), as well as in the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

#### Conclusion

I thank Senator Respicio for introducing Bill 400-32 which will finally place Guam's enforcement of judgments law on an equal footing with laws of other U.S. jurisdictions. I respectfully urge the Guam Legislature to pass this important Bill.

Very sincerely,

CALVO FISHER & JACOB LLP

Michael A. Pangelinan

cc: Senator Judith T. Won Pat, Speaker

Senator Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Vice Speaker

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October 21, 2014

Honorable Frank B. Aguon, Jr.
32nd Guam Legislature
Committee on the Guam US Military Relocation,
Homeland Security, Veteran's Affairs and Judiciary
155 Hesler Place
Suite 104
Hagåtña, GU 96932

SUBJECT:

Bill 400-32; An act to adopt the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act

("UEFJA") and the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act

("UFMJRA"). AG Reference No.: LEG 14-0960

Dear Senator Aguon,

Buenas yan Hafa Adai. I write to you to support the passage of Bill 400-32 and both the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act (UEFJA) and the Uniform Foreign Money-Judgments Recognition Act (UFMJRA). I note that almost all of the other U.S. jurisdictions have adopted some form of these acts; the purposes of which are to make it simpler and easier to enforce properly entered judgments from other jurisdictions, and I support this purpose.

However, I recommend revision of Bill 400-32 prior to passage. Guam currently has in place two statutes which govern the subject of enforcement and enforceability of other state/territorial and foreign judgments in Guam: 1) 6 GCA § 4214; and 2) 6 GCA § 4215.

#### 6 GCA § 4214 currently states:

Effect of State Record. The effect of a judicial record of a state, territory, commonwealth, possession or trust territory of the United States and the District of Columbia is the same in Guam as in the place where it was made, except that it can only be enforced in Guam by an action, and except, also, that the authority of a guardian or a committee, or of an executor or administrator, does not extend beyond the jurisdiction of the Government under which the person was invested with his authority.

#### 6 GCA § 4215 currently states:

Effect of Foreign Judgments. A final judgment of any tribunal of a foreign country having jurisdiction, according to the laws of such country, to pronounce the judgment, shall have the same effect as a judicial record of a state, as provided by 4214, above.

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The provisions of the UEFJA included in Bill 400-32 contrast directly with Guam's currently existing statute, 6 GCA § 4214, specifying that judgments from other jurisdictions must be enforced through an action. Although the Legislative Findings and Intent acknowledge the existence of the current formal procedure for recognizing a judgment from another jurisdiction in Guam, the Legislative Findings and Intent do not acknowledge that this formal procedure is currently statutorily mandated by 6 GCA §§ 4214 and 4215. Based on this possible oversight, there appear to be no specific repeal provisions in Bill 400-32 with regard to 6 GCA §§ 4214 and 4215. In addition, Bill 400-32 sets forth that foreign judgments will now be required to be enforced by an action. This UFMJRA requirement would not necessarily directly conflict with the provisions of 6 GCA § 6215 regarding foreign judgments; however, 6 GCA § 6215 contains a reference to the procedure of 6 GCA § 4214, which would no longer be in effect if the UEFJA and UFMJRA are adopted. Thus, to avoid or minimize possible confusion, an explicit repeal of both statutes should be included in Bill 400-32.

I respectfully submit that this bill should be further revised before it is considered for passage into law. I recommend that Bill 400-32 be revised to include a provision for the specific repeal of both 6 GCA §§ 4214 and 4215, to avoid a possible conflict of laws.

This matter is brought to your attention for the sole purpose of supporting the effective passage and implementation of Bill 400-32, the intent of which is strongly supported. Please do not hesitate to contact Deputy Attorney General John Weisenberger of my office if we may be of assistance. Mr. Weisenberger can be reached at 475-3324 x 3115 or care of Marie L. Cruz at <a href="mailto:mlcruz@guamag.org">mlcruz@guamag.org</a>. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sinseramente,

LEONARDO M. RAPADAS

**Attorney General** 

Cc: Committee on the Guam US Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veteran's Affairs and Judiciary

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October 22, 2014

#### **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Senator Frank B. Aguon Jr., Chairperson, Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs, and Judiciary I MINA'TRENTAL DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 155 Hesler Place Hagatna, Guam 96910



Re: Comment in Support of Bill No. 400-32(COR)

Dear Chairman Aguon:

Hafa Adai. Please allow me to provide testimony in support of Bill No. 400-32(COR), AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT ("UEFJA") AND THE UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT ("UFMJRA"). My name is Cesar Cabot and I am a principal attorney at Cabot Mantanona LLP.

The adoption of these two uniform acts will (1) bring the law of the Territory of Guam into harmony with the majority of states and territories of the United States, (2) protect local businesses while encouraging the growth of Guam as a major player in the interstate and international marketplace, and (3) relieve congestion in our overburdened court system.

The current procedure to enforce judgments rendered in other U.S. states and territories in Guam courts is an arduous process that places a burden on local businesses while at the same time poses a disincentive to outside entities looking to do business on Guam. UEFJA will streamline the process to enforce outside judgments on Guam, which will make Guam more attractive to investors in other states and territories who want to conduct business on Guam but are hesitant due to the possibility of protracted litigation to enforce a judgment obtained in another state. Adoption of UEFJA will place Guam on an equal playing field with the forty-seven states, the District of Colombia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the CNMI who have all adopted this uniform legislation or a version thereof.

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More than any other U.S. state or territory, Guam is positioned to be the gateway for international business in Asia looking to participate in the United States economy. As a hub for international business, it is imperative that Guam endeavors to protect its local businesses and provide incentives for international entities to conduct business in this jurisdiction. The reciprocal nature of enforcing foreign money judgments under international law requires a straightforward statement that foreign money judgments will be recognized in Guam. The UFMJRA will make it easier for foreign courts to understand Guam's procedure for foreign judgments and provide assurances that Guam will uphold its duty under an agreement of reciprocity. The UFMJRA will also present a solid statutory framework to protect local interests from being subjected to foreign judgments rendered without due process of the law.

In order to grow Guam's economy and solidify Guam's role in the interstate and international marketplace, it is imperative that Guam law presents a clear, straightforward, and streamlined process for enforcing foreign judgments. Bill No. 400-32(COR) will provide a solid basis for domestic and international business by adopting the EUFJA and the UFMJRA. As such, it is my recommendation that the legislature pass Bill No. 400-32(COR).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony regarding the aforementioned Bill.

Very Truly Yours

CESAR C. CABOT

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#### Fwd: Sponsor Statement for Bill No. 400-32 (COR)

Frank Aguon, Jr. <aguon4guam@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 3:14 PM

To: William Iglesias <admin@frankaguonjr.com>, "Fred R. Rico Taitague III" <committee@frankaguonjr.com>

Respectfully,

#### SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

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Hafa Adai Senator Aguon,

Please see attached Sponsor Statement for Bill No. 400-32 (COR).

Thank you!

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Chairman

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Re: Sponsor Statement for Bill No. 400-32 (COR)

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing in reference to Bill No. 400-32 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT AND THE UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT," which I introduced and is being publicly heard by your Committee. This bill seeks the adoption of two uniform laws proposed by the Uniform Law Commission, a national organization that provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law. By adoption of the Uniform Enforcement Of Foreign Judgments Act ("UEFJA") and the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act (the "UFMJRA"), the process of seeking enforcement of judgments rendered in other US jurisdictions and in other countries would be updated and simplified.

The Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act provides a streamlined procedure to enforce judgments rendered in other U.S. states and territories. The U.S. Constitution requires all U.S. states and territories to recognize and enforce legal judgments rendered in other U.S. jurisdictions. But the current law of Guam makes enforcing legal judgments rendered in other U.S. states and territories more costly and time consuming than almost all other jurisdictions in the U.S. The UEFJA has been endorsed by the American Bar Association and the UEFJA or a version of it has been adopted by 47 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the CNMI, and a bill to adopt the UEFJA has been introduced in Massachusetts. In 1974, before the UEFJA had been widely adopted, California enacted its own Sister State Money-Judgment Act. The drafters of California's law noted that the text is "similar" to the UEFJA for the domestication of sister-state money judgments.

Adoption of the UEFJA will make Guam a better environment for businesses engaged in interstate commerce or that do business in other states and territories. It will bring Guam in accord with the other

U.S. jurisdictions and eliminate the delays and costs of having to bring a new lawsuit to enforce a judgment rendered in another state or territory. It will also improve Guam's court system by helping to relieve court congestion, which benefits the public as well.

The Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act simplifies international business by recognizing money judgments obtained in other nations. International law provides for reciprocity, i.e., if a country which originates a judgment recognizes and enforces the original judgments of the country that is being asked to recognize and enforce it, then that country is likely to recognize and enforce the judgment. Adopting the UFMJRA makes it more likely that Guam judgments will be recognized in foreign courts.

All U.S. jurisdictions are already required to recognize foreign judgments as a matter of comity under certain circumstances. Most states have elected to adopt some version of the Uniform Act to provide uniformity and simplify the procedure while providing safeguards against foreign judgments that were rendered without due process of law. The UFMJRA has been endorsed by the American Bar Association and has been adopted by 32 states (including California, Hawaii and New York), as well as in the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

I thank the Committee for hearing this legislation and beginning the process of receiving input from the Attorney General, regulatory agencies, and the legal community on this measure. I believe the objective of streamlining the legal process while safeguarding individual rights is one shared by all of us. I certainly welcome any comments or possible suggestions for improvement of this measure that may be forthcoming as a result of today's hearing. Si Yu'os Ma'ase!

Very truly yours, Ropy J. Respicio

Rory J. Respicio

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# Certification of Waiver of Fiscal Note Requirement

This is to certify that the Committee on Rules submitted to the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) a request for a fiscal note, or applicable waiver, on **BILL NO. 400-32 (COR) – R. J. Respicio,** "AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT ("UEFJA") AND THE UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT ("UFMJRA")." – on September 23, 2014. COR hereby certifies that BBMR confirmed receipt of this request September 23, 2014 at 2:22 P.M.

COR further certifies that a response to this request was not received. Therefore, pursuant to 2 GCA §9105, the requirement for a fiscal note, or waiver thereof, on Bill 400-32 (COR) to be included in the committee report on said bill, is hereby waived.

Certified by:

Senator Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

November 25, 2014

Date

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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes-Bill No. 397-32 (COR) through 401-32(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Calvo:

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 note for the referenced bills.

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

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Rory J. Respicio

Mary J. Respicio

Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Bill Nos.	Sponsors	Title
397-32 (COR)	R. J. Respicio. J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D., T. C. Ada	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$600,000 FOR A GYMNASIUM AND SPORTS CLASSROOMS IN NORTHERN GUAM.
398-32 (COR)	Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.	AN ACT TO SUPPORT GUAM'S MUSICIANS AND ENTERTAINERS BY AMENDING §3414 OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PERMITTING ONSALE LICENSEES TO SELL AND SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING EXTENDED HOURS.
399-32 (COR)	R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO AMEND § 3218, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, TITLE 16 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO UPDATE THE CURRENT STANDARDS ON THE SALE OF OLD TIRES.
400-32 (COR)	R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT ("UEFJA") AND THE UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT ("UFMJRA").
401-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER V (o)(3) OF PUBLIC LAW 32-181 RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF GUAM'S NATURAL RESOURCES.

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#### **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. 400-32(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bill No. 400-32(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 Received Bill Log Sheet

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
400-32 (COR)	R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT ("UEFJA") AND THE UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT ("UFMJRA").	9/17/14 4:04 p.m.	09/18/14	Committee on the Guam U. S. Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veteran's Affairs, and Judiciary			



# FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing on Bill No. 400-32(COR) and Bill No. 407-32(COR)

Office of Senator Frank Aguon, Jr. Admin <admin@frankaguonjr.com>

Tue, Oct 14, 2014 at 9:06 AM

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October 14, 2014

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Honorable Senators / Stakeholders/ Media

FROM: Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Chairman, Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary

SUBJECT: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 2:00PM

#### Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veterans' Affairs and Judiciary has scheduled a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 22, 2014 beginning at 2:00PM** at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Included on the agenda are the following bills:

- Bill No. 400-32 (COR) An act to adopt the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act ("UEFJA") and the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act ("UFMJRA"). (Sponsor: R.J. Respicio)
- Bill No. 407-32 (COR) An act to repeal and reenact §58.60 of Chapter 58, Title 9 Guam Code Annotated relative to the crime of promoting prison contraband; which may be cited as the Contraband Reform Act of 2014. (Sponsor: B.T. McCreadie)

If you feel the aforementioned items impact your agency or organization, we encourage you to participate in this upcoming Public Hearing. The Committee requests that, if written testimonies are to be presented at the hearing, copies be submitted one day prior to the public hearing date, to the Office of Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., or via fax to 475-GUM3(4863), or via email to: aguon4guam@gmail.com. Copies of the aforementioned Bill(s) may be obtained at I Liheslaturan Guåhan's website at: www.guamlegislature.com.

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Attached: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing Letter

Copy of Bill No. 400-32(COR)
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Public Hearing Agenda

#### Thanks!

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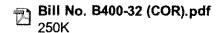
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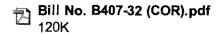
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# SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 2:00PM

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October 17, 2014

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Honorable Senators / Stakeholders/ Media

FROM: Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

Chairman, Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary

SUBJECT: SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 2:00PM

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TO:

All Honorable Senators / Stakeholders/ Media

FROM:

Senator Frank B. Aguon,

Chairman, Committee on Sua h US Military Relocation, Veterans' Affairs,

Homeland Security and Judiciary

SUBJECT:

FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 2:00PM

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TO: All Honorable Senators / Stakeholders/ Media

FROM: Senator Frank B. Aguon, Un

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#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 2:00PM

I Liheslaturan Guahan's Public Hearing Room, Hagåtña

#### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order at 2:00PM
- II. Opening remarks/Announcements

#### Bills for discussion:

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- III. Closing Remarks
- IV. Adjournment

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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes-Bill No. 397-32 (COR) through 401-32(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Calvo:

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 note for the referenced bills.

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

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Rory J. Respicio

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Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Bill Nos.	Sponsors	Title
397-32 (COR)	R. J. Respicio. J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D., T. C. Ada	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$600,000 FOR A GYMNASIUM AND SPORTS CLASSROOMS IN NORTHERN GUAM.
398-32 (COR)	Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D.	AN ACT TO SUPPORT GUAM'S MUSICIANS AND ENTERTAINERS BY AMENDING §3414 OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PERMITTING ONSALE LICENSEES TO SELL AND SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING EXTENDED HOURS.
399-32 (COR)	R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO AMEND § 3218, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, TITLE 16 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO UPDATE THE CURRENT STANDARDS ON THE SALE OF OLD TIRES.
400-32 (COR)	R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT ("UEFJA") AND THE UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT ("UFMJRA").
401-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER V (o)(3) OF PUBLIC LAW 32-181 RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF GUAM'S NATURAL RESOURCES.

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To: Rennae Meno

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From: Senator Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

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Subject: Referral of Bill No. 400-32(COR)

Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 400-32(COR)**.

Senator Frank Blas Aguon, Jr. 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 Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member

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

Senator
V. Anthony Ada
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Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

Senator Aline Yamashita Member Attachment

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#### I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2014 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

Bill No. 400-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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R.J. RESPICIO

AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT ("UEFJA") AND THE UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT ("UFMJRA")

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section I. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that to enforce a sister-state judgment in Guam, the judgment creditor must bring an action on the judgment; when a Guam judgment is obtained, the execution may issue. This manner of enforcing judgments of sister states requires all the normal trappings of an original action: The judgment creditor must file a complaint. There must be personal or quasi in rem jurisdiction. The creditor may obtain a writ of attachment, if available, to preserve assets until such time as a writ of execution may be issued. A trial (however summary) must be held, at which time the judgment debtor may raise any defenses to the validity of the sister-state judgment. Only after the entry of the Guam judgment may the judgment creditor seek execution on the debtor's assets in Guam.

I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that the formal, traditional process for enforcing sister-state judgments is time-consuming and inefficient. A simpler and more efficient procedure is offered by the revised Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act of 1964 ("UEFJA"). Under the UEFJA, a sister-state judgment may be filed with the court in the state where enforcement is sought and is then treated as a judgment of that court. It provides a streamlined procedure to domesticate judgments rendered in other states or territories of the United States. It avoids the cost and delay that results from needing to bring a new lawsuit to enforce a sister-state judgment, and it relieves court

- congestion. It has been adopted by 47 states, the District of Columbia and the CNMI.
- 2 I Liheslaturan Guahan finds that the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments
- 3 Recognition Act ("UFMJRA") simplifies international business by recognizing money
- 4 judgments obtained in other nations. International law provides for recognition by
- 5 foreign countries of judgments obtained in the adopting state. While all states are
- 6 required to recognize foreign judgments as a matter of comity under certain
- 7 circumstances under Hilton v. Guyot, 159 U.S. 113 (1895), most states have elected to
- 8 adopt some version of the UFMJRA to provide uniformity and simply the procedure.
- 9 Moreover, because many civil law countries condition recognition of money judgments
- 10 from foreign courts upon reciprocity, codification of the UFMJRA will make it more
- 11 likely that judgments rendered in the Territory of Guam will be recognized in foreign
- 12 countries.

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- 13 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to adopt and enact the UEFJA
- 14 and the UFMJRA in the Territory of Guam.
- 15 The Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act ("UEFJA") is hereby
- 16 enacted to read as follows:

#### 17 THE UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT OF 2013

- Section 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the "Uniform Enforcement of Foreign
- 19 Judgments Act of 2013".
- Section 2. Purpose. To provide a simpler and more efficient procedure to
- domesticate judgments rendered in other states or territories of the United States that
- result from needing to bring a new lawsuit to enforce a sister-state judgment.
- Section 3. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,
- 24 "foreign judgment" means any judgment, decree, or order of a court of the United
- 25 States or of any other court which is entitled to full faith and credit in the Territory of
- 26 Guam.
- Section 4. Filing and Status of Foreign Judgments. A copy of any foreign

judgment authenticated in accordance with an act of Congress or the statutes or court rules of the Territory of Guam may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Guam. The Clerk shall treat the foreign judgment in the same manner as a judgment of the Superior Court of Guam. A judgment so filed has the same effect and is subject to the same procedures, defenses and proceedings for reopening, vacating, or staying as a judgment of the Superior Court of Guam and may be enforced or satisfied in like manner.

#### Section 5. Notice of Filing.

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- (a) At the time of the filing of the foreign judgment, the judgment creditor or the judgment creditor's lawyer shall make and file with the Clerk of Court an affidavit setting forth the name and last known post office address of the judgment debtor and the judgment creditor.
- (b) Promptly upon the filing of the foreign judgment and the affidavit, the Clerk shall mail notice of the filing of the foreign judgment to the judgment debtor at the address given and shall make a note of the mailing in the docket. The notice shall include the name and post office address of the judgment creditor and the judgment creditor's lawyer, if any, in the Territory of Guam. In addition, the judgment creditor may mail a notice of the filing of the judgment to the judgment debtor and may file proof of mailing with the Clerk. Lack of mailing notice of filing by the Clerk shall not affect the enforcement proceedings if proof of mailing by the judgment creditor has been filed.
- (c) No execution or other process for enforcement of a foreign judgment filed hereunder shall issue until 30 days after the date the judgment is filed.

#### Section 6. Stay.

(a) If the judgment debtor shows the Superior Court in which the judgment is filed that an appeal from the foreign judgment is pending or will be taken, or that a stay of execution has been granted, the Court shall stay enforcement of the foreign judgment

- I until the appeal is concluded, the time for appeal expires, or the stay of execution
- 2 expires or is vacated, upon proof that the judgment debtor has furnished the security
- 3 for the satisfaction of the judgment required by the state or other jurisdiction in which it
- 4 was rendered.
- 5 (b) If the judgment debtor shows the Superior Court in which the judgment is
- 6 filed any ground upon which enforcement of a judgment of the Superior Court of the
- 7 Territory of Guam would be stayed, the Court shall stay enforcement of the foreign
- 8 judgment for an appropriate period, upon requiring the same security for satisfaction of
- 9 the judgment which is required in the Territory of Guam.
- Section 7. Fees. Any person filing a foreign judgment shall pay to the Clerk of
- 11 Court a filing fee equal to that established by Court rule for the filing of civil actions.
- Section 8. Optional Procedure. The right of a judgment creditor to bring an
- 13 action to enforce his judgment instead of proceeding under this act remains
- 14 unimpaired.
- Section 9. Uniformity of Interpretation. This act shall be so interpreted and
- 16 construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states
- and other jurisdiction which enact it.
- 18 The Uniform Foreign Money-Judgments Recognition Act is hereby enacted to
- 19 read as follows:
- 20 THE UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY-JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT OF 2013
- Section 1. Title. This Chapter shall be known as the "Uniform Foreign Money-
- 22 Judgments Recognition Act of 2013".
- 23 **Section 2. Definitions**. As used in this Chapter:
- 24 (1) "Foreign country" means a government other than:
- a. the United States;
- 26 b. a state, district, commonwealth, territory, or insular possession of the
- 27 United States: or

c. any other government with regard to which the decision in this state as to whether to recognize a judgment of that government's courts is initially subject to

determination under the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the United States Constitution.

- 4 (2) "Foreign-country judgment" means a judgment of a court of a foreign
- 5 country.

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#### 6 Section 3. Applicability of article.

- 7 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), this Chapter applies to a 8 foreign-country judgment to the extent that the judgment both:
- 9 a. grants or denies recovery of a sum of money; and
- b. under the law of the foreign country where rendered, is final, conclusive, and enforceable.
- 12 (2) This chapter does not apply to a foreign-country judgment, even if the 13 judgment grants or denies recovery of a sum of money, to the extent that the judgment 14 is:
- a. a judgment for taxes;
- 16 b. a fine or other penalty; or
- 17 c. a judgment for divorce, support, or maintenance, or other judgment 18 rendered in connection with domestic relations.
- 19 (3) A party seeking recognition of a foreign-country judgment has the burden 20 of establishing that this chapter applies to the foreign-country judgment.

#### Section 4. Standards for recognition of foreign-country judgment.

- 22 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, a court of the 23 Territory of Guam shall recognize a foreign-country judgment to which this chapter 24 applies.
- 25 (2) A court of the Territory of Guam shall not recognize a foreign-country 26 judgment if any of the following apply:

- 1 a. The judgment was rendered under a judicial system that does not provide
- 2 impartial tribunals or procedures compatible with the requirements of due process of
- 3 law;

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- 4 b. The foreign court did not have personal jurisdiction over the defendant;
- 5 c. The foreign court did not have jurisdiction over the subject matter.
- 6 (3) A court of the Territory of Guam need not recognize a foreign-country judgment if any of the following apply:
- 8 a. The defendant in the proceeding in the foreign court did not receive notice 9 of the proceeding in sufficient time to enable the defendant to defend.
- 10 b. The judgment was obtained by fraud that deprived the losing party of an adequate opportunity to present its case.
- 12 c. The judgment or the cause of action or claim for relief on which the 13 judgment is based is repugnant to the public policy of the Territory of Guam or of the 14 United States.
- 15 d. The judgment conflicts with another final and conclusive judgment.
- 16 e. The proceeding in the foreign court was contrary to an agreement 17 between the parties under which the dispute in question was to be determined 18 otherwise than by proceedings in that foreign court.
  - f. In the case of jurisdiction based only on personal service, the foreign court was a seriously inconvenient forum for the trial of the action.
- g. The judgment was rendered in circumstances that raise substantial doubt about the integrity of the rendering court with respect to the judgment.
- 23 h. The specific proceeding in the foreign court leading to the judgment was 24 not compatible with the requirements of due process of law.
- 25 (4) A party resisting recognition of a foreign-country judgment has the 26 burden of establishing that a ground for non-recognition stated in subsection 2 or 3 27 exists.

#### Section 5. Personal Jurisdiction.

- 2 (1) A foreign-country judgment shall not be refused recognition for lack of personal jurisdiction if any of the following apply:
- 4 a. the defendant was served with process personally in the foreign country;
- b. the defendant voluntarily appeared in the proceeding, other than for the purpose of protecting property seized or threatened with seizure in the proceeding or of contesting the jurisdiction of the court over the defendant;
  - c. the defendant, before the commencement of the proceeding, had agreed to submit to the jurisdiction of the foreign court with respect to the subject matter involved:
  - d. the defendant was domiciled in the foreign country when the proceeding was instituted or was a corporation or other form of business organization that had its principal place of business in, or was organized under the laws of, the foreign country;
  - e. the defendant had a business office in the foreign country and the proceeding in the foreign court involved a cause of action arising out of business done by the defendant through that office in the foreign country; or
  - f. the defendant operated a motor vehicle or airplane in the foreign country and the proceeding involved a cause of action arising out of that operation.
  - (2) The list of bases for personal jurisdiction in subsection 1 is not exclusive. The courts of this state may recognize bases of personal jurisdiction other than those listed in subsection 1 as sufficient to support a foreign-country judgment.

# Section 6. Procedure for raising issue of recognition of foreign-country money judgment

(1) If recognition of a foreign-country judgment is sought as an original matter, the issue of recognition shall be raised by filing an action seeking recognition of the foreign-country judgment.

(2) If recognition of a foreign-country judgment is sought in a pending action, the issue of recognition may be raised by counterclaim, cross-claim, or affirmative defense.

#### Section 7. Effect of recognition of foreign-country judgment

If the court in a proceeding under section 6 finds that the foreign-country judgment is entitled to recognition under this chapter then, to the extent that the foreign-country judgment grants or denies recovery of a sum of money, the foreign-country judgment is:

- (1) conclusive between the parties to the same extent as the judgment of a sister state entitled to full faith and credit in this state would be conclusive; and
- (2) Enforceable in the same manner and to the same extent as a judgment rendered in the territory of Guam.

#### Section 8. Stay of proceedings pending appeal of foreign-country judgment

If a party establishes that an appeal from a foreign-country judgment is pending or will be taken, the court may stay any proceedings with regard to the foreign-country judgment until the appeal is concluded, the time for appeal expires, or the appellant has had sufficient time to prosecute the appeal and has failed to do so.

#### Section 9. Statute of limitations.

An action to recognize a foreign-country judgment must be commenced within the earlier of the time during which the foreign-country judgment is effective in the foreign country or fifteen years from the date that the foreign-country judgment became effective in the foreign country.

#### Section 10. Uniformity of interpretation.

In applying and construing this chapter, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact the "Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act".

#### Section 11. Saving clause.

- 1 The Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act does not
- 2 prevent the recognition under principles of comity or otherwise of a foreign-country
- 3 judgment not within the scope of that Act.

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