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Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Acting Chairman

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

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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

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

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 419-32 (COR), as amended

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill 419-32 (COR), as amended, "An Act to Amend Section 2, Part I, Chapter II of Public Law 32-181, Relative to authorizing funding for Charter Schools" sponsored by Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, 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:

TO PASS

NOT TO PASS

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TO ABSTAIN

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Sincerely,

Vice Speaker Benjamin LF. Cruz Acting Chairman

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### COMMITTEE REPORT ON

Bill No. 419-32 (COR), As Amended Sponsored by Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

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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.B. Cruz,

Acting Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 419-32 (COR), As Amended

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This report includes the following:

- 1. Committee Voting Sheet
- 2. Committee Report Narrative
- 3. Copy of Bill No. 419-32 (COR), As Introduced
- 4. Copy of Bill No. 419-32 (COR), As Amended
- 5. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- 6. Copies of Written Testimonies
- 7. Copy of Fiscal Note Request
- 8. Copy of COR referral Bill No. 419-32 (COR)
- 9. Notices of Public Hearing
- 10. 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.

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#### **Committee Voting Sheet**

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#### Committee Report

Bill No. 419-32 (COR), An act to *amend* Section 2, Part I, Chapter II of Public Law: 32-181, relative to authorizing funding for charter schools.

#### I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation and Land convened a public hearing on November 20, 2014 at 1:00 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 November 13, 2014 (5-Day Notice), and again on November 18, 2014 (48 Hour Notice).

#### (a) Committee Members and Senators Present

Vice Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz, Acting Chairman Senator Tina Muna-Barnes Senator Aline Yamashita Senator V. Anthony (Tony) Ada

#### (b) Appearing before the Committee

Mr. Fred Nishihara, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General of Guam

Mr. Francis Santos, former Senator and Board of Trustees, iLearn Academy

Mr. Daniel Field, former resident of Yigo

Ms. Rachel Alguero

Ms. Yvonne Miranda

Ms. Rosa Salas Palomo, Chair, Guam Academy Charter Schools Council

Mr. Victor Perez, Trustee and Treasurer, Board of Trustees, Guahan Academy Charter School

#### (c) Written Testimonies Submitted

Ms. Rosa Palomo, Chair, Guam Academy Charter Schools Council

Mr. Francis Santos, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, iLearn Academy

Mr. Jon Fernandez, Superintendent of Education, Department of Education

Mr. Victor Perez, Trustee and Treasurer, Board of Trustees, Guahan Academy Charter School

#### II. COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: The Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation and Land and General Governmental Operations will now come to order. We have several bills on the agenda and two of the sponsors are not present so let's just jump ahead and we'll hear Bill 419, which I introduced.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Bill 419-32 seeks to amend Section 2, Part I, Chapter II of Public Law 32-181, relative to authorizing funding for charter schools.

I have signed up, Mr. Nishihara, Mr. Field, Ms. Alquero, Ms. Miranda and Mr. Santos. Can we add an extra chair and all come up? Let's start with Mr. Nishihara. We'll just go down the list.

Mr. Nishihara: I'll just defer to former Senator Santos.

Mr. Francis Santos: Vice Speaker Cruz, I'll defer since I represent the actual board of trustees of the iLearn Academy.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Is there anyone here from the Charter School Council?

Mr. Nishihara: Mr. Chairman, members of the Senate, I am Fred Nishihara. I'm here in my personal capacity and just for the record, I just finished a late OPA, so I am on my lunch break and I'll be leaving right after this. I am requesting that the Senate support this particular bill. I think it's important for the students of Guam to have an opportunity to try something new. The whole intent of the charter school was to give opportunities not currently available through the Department of Education. This is just a wonderful way to achieve that accomplishment. With that being said, the two amendments I would request that the Senate consider is, of course, the cap, the number of students. Right now, it is set at 250 students. If the cap could be lifted—my understanding, from speaking with the school personnel, is 358 instead of 250.

Another thing I took a look at is the fact that the amount of funding is good, during school year 2014-2015, depends on how you look at it, it doesn't cover summer

school, but for sure it doesn't cover the beginning of August through September 30<sup>th</sup>. I don't know the background of how the budget bill ran, but certainly I was thinking that an appropriate amendment would be for FY2015. In other words, to ensure that there is funding coverage through the end of this fiscal year. That's the only two things I have. Thank you for your time.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Thank you for your time. I understand you have to run back to the OPA. Any of you have questions for him? No? Ok, thank you.

Mr. Nishihara: Thank you very much.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: I want that procurement to be resolved soon so I don't want to keep you. Mr. Field?

Mr. Daniel Field: Hi, I am Daniel Field. I'm a former resident of Yigo, and I know that Yigo is one of the most populated parts of the island. With iLearn, we should give them the chance to invest in our future, the children. That's all I have to say.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Ok. Ms. Alquero?

Ms. Rachel Alquero: Hi, my name is Rachel Alquero. I am in support of this bill. I agree completely with Atty. Fred Nishihara when he expressed that I think it is important for the children and the students of Guam to have an opportunity to experience a different education outside of the public school system, how it's being run right now. It would be an amazing opportunity for the children of Guam.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Thank you. Ms. Miranda?

Ms. Yvonne Miranda: Hi, I'm Yvonne Miranda and I am in support of the bill. I have two children of my own, one is in elementary and I do believe with this modern technology, they will be able to learn at a different kind of level than what they are learning now.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Thank you. Mr. Santos? Senator?

Mr. Francis Santos: Vice Speaker Cruz, we have written testimony to submit. I don't know if you just want me to read this into the record or simply have it submitted for the record. I would like to introduce the other board of trustees of the iLearn Academy—Dr. Paul Pineda and Mr. Gus Sablan who are the other board of directors, including Ms. Rachel Alquero. The other board of trustee member who is not present with us today is Ms. Helen Nishihara, which Rachel and her represent the education component of our board of trustees. On the written testimony, we noted two changes that we'd like to submit and that's to reflect first the actual number of students we project to enroll. The estimated capacity of our school is estimated to be 358 students that we can enroll into our school.

The second request is to replace on one of the sections to actually rename the iLearn Academy since Guahan Academy is also mentioned in the actual legislation. With respect to Atty. Nishihara earlier, I know we had the discussion on how to adequately address start up funds. I do recall during my tenure on the board of Education that we saw within the submitted budget a request from the Guahan Academy for start up funds for basically July, August and possibly September for some funding to pay for the salaries of I believe the principal and several administrators to begin the function of getting the school ready. We would hope that the legislature, when you look at this bill because it does provide funding for the school, we can address that because we're going to go through the same process. We need to set up to actually prepare for the opening of the school. We would ask the legislature, that as you deliberate and contemplate this bill that you allow us to receive funds to prepare for an opening of the new charter school on Guam.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Thank you. I'm really dismayed that there is no one here from the Council. I know we have written testimony from the department, but I don't have anybody from the Council. When your charter was approved, did it state specifically the number of students? How much did it state? What was on the approved charter?

Mr. Francis Santos: The charter included 358 students with a projection to go up to 450 and then with the opening of our new facility, in 3 years, it's potentially 900.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: But the initial approval was 358?

Mr. Francis Santos: 358.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Can you provide a copy of the resolution, if it was passed? I haven't seen anything.

Mr. Francis Santos: They did pass something, but there was no formal certificate. We were just there when the Council met and they gave their approval.

Senator Aline Yamashita: It should be in their minutes.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Yes, we'll have to find that. But they didn't give you any kind of certificate that shows approval?

Mr. Francis Santos: No, but we are happy to welcome you and thank you very much and now we have to go to the legislature – that's why we are here today.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Ok.

Senator Aline Yamashita: Thank you very much, Mr. Vice Speaker. Congratulations. I think this is a great endeavor. We met over a year ago already. It was awhile ago, so I'm glad to see that you're up and going. There are a couple of

comments that were made, and maybe you can help clarify some of them. Mr. Fields, when you said you are from Yigo, highly populated, what I take away from that statement is that we're investing in the village of Yigo. Is that what you meant to say?

Mr. Daniel Fields: More the children of the village of Yigo.

Senator Aline Yamashita: Ok, so when we had our first conversation, we talked about how this is really an island-wide opportunity, so you're not just closing this out just to the north?

Mr. Francis Santos: Absolutely not. This is a public charter school, open to all.

**Senator Aline Yamashita**: Good. So you'll have some kind of first come, first serve or some kind of lottery or whatever?

Mr. Francis Santos: The plan is a first come, first serve basis for the grades K through 5.

Senator Aline Yamashita: You didn't want to start with preschool?

Mr. Francis Santos: I believe we had the discussion and we are pretty much waiting for it if that is in fact going to be included in the curriculum moving forward for school year 2015-2016. We are prepared to do that if that's going to be part of the core requirement for school year 2015-2016.

Senator Aline Yamashita: Again, we have talked about this before and I would encourage ..... and I know that Helen Nishihara is very capable of adapting, and it really starts at age 3, age 2. It starts at the beginning. That would be great. Robotics. A couple of you made comments that this is not offered at DOE, but it really is, and our GATE program, we offer Robotics in different threads. The DOE has invested great amounts of money in sending teachers and they have come back and have such great competition. But what you can say, what I would recommend for you to think about is that you are offering this to a wider number of children that are not necessarily identified for GATE. Perhaps this is the type of curriculum that is needed for the other intelligences to thrive. It is in the school system, and they do compete and they do wonderful things.

Senator Santos, I was looking at Superintendent Fernandez's testimony that was signed by Mr. Malay, and they had recommended we find supplemental funding for you. I'm sure the Appropriations Chair has a way of looking at this and navigating it. But if you haven't seen it....

Mr. Francis Santos: I obviously haven't seen that. We've had conversations with Superintendent Fernandez, and I did get a call this morning from Ms. Taling Taitano, informing us that their request was to ask that you guys seek supplemental funding. I said that that is not the way the law is written, but I would ask the Senators if that is a

possibility. Sure, I certainly understand where they are coming from. I can only recommend. Again, we understand where GDOE is coming from. Anytime you start depleting funds from their already strapped budget, we can understand that, but the current laws as they exist, it comes out of their budget. I've had this conversation with you several years ago that the intent is that this is a public charter school.

Senator Aline Yamashita: Yes, so with that said, Senator, there was just one other statement that I wanted to say. I think it is great GACS trustee, Victor Perez has submitted a letter of support and encouragement of our second charter. On page 2, he says they can appreciate your prompt funding as GACS didn't get the same expeditious funding in its initial year when its charter was approved. For the record, the first year when its charter was approved, Mr. Perez was not involved with the school at that time, they didn't have a facility, so it was a different setting. Once we got a facility for GACS, they did get an advanced appropriation. That was worked out so I would think that we would give you some kind of support.

**Senator Tony Ada**: Senator, when do you foresee opening the iLearn Charter School?

Mr. Francis Santos: We have a projected opening date of January 27, 2015 and the clock is ticking. We have a big challenge ahead of us, Senator Ada.

**Senator Tony Ada**: So, knowing that we're already in the last week of November, and not sure when Madame Speaker will be calling session for December...

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Let's invite the Chair of the Council. We'll excuse the three of you. Thank you. Rosa, stay, and Victor, come join them. Why don't we hear both of your testimony, and some of the questions that Senator Ada has may be addressed. Why don't we get your testimony first, Madame Chair?

Ms. Rosa Palomo: [Read attached written testimony verbatim.] Adds before recommended changes section: This would take them through the beginning of school year 2015-2016, August/September. in preparation for July, August and September.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Thank you very much for that. I think that clarifies a lot of questions. I apologize I didn't realize that it was 358. I was having early discussions at 250 and in my haste to try to address it, I introduced it without amending it to the 358 but we can make that amendment very easily and especially now that we have the testimony that the Charter School Council has approved 358 because it's important that we deal with what you direct us to do. I try not to do other and with that we'll hear Mr. Perez's testimony. We had discussions and so he is going to have to do some ...

Ms. Rosa Palomo: Thank you.

Mr. Victor Perez: Thank you Vice Speaker, Senator Yamashita, Senator Ada. Before I begin I would like to say that my Chairman, Mr. Roger Cooper is just unable to be here today and he asked me to testify on his behalf.

My name is Victor Perez and I'm a member of the Board of Trustees of Guahan Academy Charter School, the treasurer and finance committee Chairperson. Bill No. 419 proposes an amendment to the current Charter school to provide funding for the newly approved Charter School ILearn Academy. The proposed amendment does not affect Guahan Academy Charter School, however the board is in support of the intention of the amendment as to provide funding for Guam's second newly approved Charter School. I thought that you capped it already Mr. Chairman at 250 and I put in some information to assist us on our behalf but being that you are looking at approving 358 I am in full support of that number as well. If you've had a chance to read through it, do we, you still want me to go ahead?

[Proceeded to read testimony verbatim. See attached]

Thank you.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Thank you very much Mr. Perez. Ms. Palomo, I have to apologize that I'm not familiar with all of the documents and resolutions you guys have. I had a discussion with Mr. Perez yesterday and as I understand it and I guess as testified by Mr. Santos also, when the council approves a charter it sets a cap on the number of students for a period and it's my understanding from discussions with both of them that in that initial approval you've also included increases of the enrollment for subsequent calendar school years. You've already testified for iLearn, the approval was for 358 for the remainder of this school year, this budget. For the GACS one, can you recall what you're approval was as it relates to what quarter should have been the enrollment for the school year 14-15?

Ms. Rosa Palomo: Yes, thank you. Before I answer your question I'd just also like to recognize that one of our council members, Dr. Suzanne McManus is also here with her daughter to support us here.

The very first year for Guahan Academy, the enrollment figure was 490 students. That was in their enrollment growth chart that included in the application in the petition. That first year they were awarded for up to 500 students rather than the 490 request that was made. The following year - and that 490 Mr. Vice-Speaker was for that duration of the months just up to fiscal year 2014, 13-14 which would have taken them up from I think July, August and September of 2013 and then the new fiscal school year rolled in with the new year the school year already came in but the fiscal year for 2014 started in September. From September until the following September which would be 2014 the amount that they were... the number of students that they were the council recommended for approval was for 520 students but they only had an enrollment of 515 for that first school year - the first full school year.

Then this particular school year of 2014-15 looking at their enrollment chart, they actually should be at 520 students. We've had a discussion about this how these figures are determined because there was also in our hand a revised petition application or a revision of their current petition and those numbers really increased dramatically increased. The council was very concerned about the facility. We already knew that the existing facility that housed 515 students was already small for the population and to increase was just going to most likely create another problem. At that point, Senators and Mr. Vice-Speaker, we did not know of the intent to go to the Trades Academy to rent space. However it was made known to me by the new Board of Trustees that there were 601 students and that was well over but that was after the fact.

Also in the process of communicating with the former principal and CEO, the council always made it known to her that the cap was 520 and that we were following the enrollment growth chart that was in the original petition. Later on we finally arrived at what the problem was at least to me and I saw that the council was following the original enrollment growth, which was in the petition that was filed that we approved and not the enrollment growth that was in the revised petition - the revision that was submitted in August of 2013. We've talked about that now, the current Board of Trustees and the council members now are all in agreement. I actually even sent a communication to the Attorney General's office and asked for clarification. Basically, the clarification if we were following first year, second year, third year, in my mind I was following school years and not when the petition was actually approved.

If we follow when the petition was actually approved, the timeline for Guahan Academy would terminate this year, next year actually in March or May. But I was looking at it and I believe some of my council members also thought the same way. We were looking at actual school years of implementation. So Guahan Academy is currently in its 2<sup>nd</sup> full year of implementation in which the enrollment chart puts it at 520 students and that's what we followed.

Next year we know that the number is going to increase. We also know that for iLearn Academy their numbers are also going to increase. So I think that we have a better handle of the enrollment figures and if anyone else is interested in submitting an application I will make it a point that they look very carefully at their growth for enrollment chart that they put together because we do hold them accountable to that. We have been talking with Guahan Academy as to how to make sure that for fiscal year 2015-16 that those 81 students that they currently have are accommodated.

Senator Aline Yamashita: You could not imagine how wonderful it is that there is collaboration and communication occurring. Thank you. So we've grown a lot.

Ms. Rosa Palomo: We have.

Senator Aline Yamashita: We've learned a lot and probably people don't want me to raise this but we know that we have to and that is the situation of GACS still has a

huge issue in front of it, Madam Chair and that is they are in an incubator space. So this next year, we should already be looking for another space unless there have been conversations that have occurred that I am not aware of and that is always possible. Unless that has happened we need to find a facility and determine what is going to happen after next year. So as you are talking about enrollment going up and I don't know if they are going to move to Trades Academy because I don't know about those issues, but that is a very big issue Mr. Vice-Speaker on the sustainability of GACS. I know that you are looking and I'm really glad you are on the trustees Mr. Perez because I think you are very reasonable. I think you are seeing the monies that you are being given and you're making it work so I do appreciate that. But Madam Chair that's a huge issue and that's different from iLearn because iLearn has a facility and they're those kinds of issues that were up against are not issues that Senator Santos is going to be up against as far as I know. So that's something that is right there in front of us. Thank you.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: So would the council have any objection to my amending the law to put the 601 figure for this current year?

Ms. Rosa Palomo: Definitely not.

Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz: Ok thank you.

Ms. Rosa Salas Palomo: Can we add retroactive to the start of the school year?

[inaudible]

Ms. Rosa Salas Palomo: I do want to add that the atmosphere and the attitude has changed drastically. The fact that we can come to the table and not feel anxious about what may or may not happen and be honest because I do stress, you know I can't read your minds, you need to tell me what's in your head so I can know and the rest of my council members can know. Even in the few weeks that we've been coming together, we've actually come together a couple of times to talk about amendments to the law and we have them with us. One of the things that I'd like to, as Chair is implement maybe once a quarter meet with the charter school's representatives and just talk. Maybe other things can come up before they actually happen so that we can begin to anticipate and not react when something comes up. I know that for me, I am really extremely happy and to me this is a great Thanksgiving and Christmas gift and I thank them.

Senator Tony Ada: Senator (addressed to Mr. Francis Santos), with iLearn is that just a start out facility or is that going to be the facility for... we're not looking halfway down the year.

Mr. Francis Santos: Oh no, we anticipate to be in a new building, which we will be coming to you shortly because we are going to need some zone changes to reflect the

property that has already been selected; it's right behind St. Paul School where a brand new building will go up to house the next, basically 2 years, 2 and a half years.

Senator Tony Ada: So then the Yigo facility is just....

Mr. Francis Santos: It's just temporary in our vision. Again, we don't envision being there by year 3.

Senator Tony Ada: Ok. Thank you.

Ms. Rosa Palomo: Senator, in their petition they indicated that by year 3 they will have a growth of about 600 students with the anticipated move to a larger facility.

Senator Tony Ada: Alright, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Senator Aline Yamashita: Senator (addressed to Mr. Francis Santos), you know we've referenced St. Paul's a couple times.

Mr. Francis Santos: Right.

Senator Aline Yamashita: But this is not a St. Paul's....

Mr. Francis Santos: Absolutely not.

Senator Aline Yamashita: I think that needs to be really, really clear.

Mr. Francis Santos: We all pray to the same God I think, so we're ok.

Senator Aline Yamashita: Right, I mean really, really clear.

Mr. Francis Santos: No. it's clear.

Senator Aline Yamashita: It's a public school.

Mr. Francis Santos: It's not a sectarian. I just happen to be Catholic just not sure which one but something along those lines. Anyways, you know since we're talking house cleaning items and with all due respect to my friends at DOE maybe it's time that you remove the charter schools out of the... not sure if it's the purview or the supervision or the ... not sure really what we were doing when we first got it when I sat on that board. I said, it's very nice that you can give me a budget but I have no oversight. I'm sorry, the board of GDOE board had really nothing to do with it. It's simply meant that you give your budget to GDOE because you're part of the educational system of Guam but there was some... we didn't really know what we were supposed to do with it other than collect it and then give it.

My conversation earlier with Taling Taitano was that I said, so Taling do you expect me to submit our 2016? She says, it's part of the budget call. You should be working

on it. I said, ok so understanding that that's supposed to happen it behooves us in the two charter schools to start preparing to submit it together with GDOE but I think moving forward if we really want to satisfy what GDOE is saying that you know, if we are going to go be looking for our own funds then separate us and we can come on our own behalf and come and plead our case before the Guam Legislature when it comes to looking for our own funds and I will the first to tell you I understand the plight of GDOE because every single year they face the same issue of not getting enough funds to properly their schools. Now I'm biased because I want to make sure that we have funds for our school. So, we come and do our own lobbying and pleading and they should do the same thing.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: But I want one thing very clear to both of you. You will answer to the Internal Auditor of GDOE. I do not want to hear anything come back to me that you refuse to provide documents to the Internal Auditor of GDOE because these are government funds. These are government funds gentlemen. So someone has to have oversight and the Internal Auditor of GDOE will have oversight of all the expenditures to make sure that it is being done properly. I will not tolerate anyone refusing to provide documents to them so they can look at it because they're going to be the one that says, this is how we spent our \$178M whatever number - \$115M - whatever the number is. They're going to have to document it. I know there is a request to try to figure out about the feeding and all kinds of other things.

But really seriously, I understand that you will get your own federal grants separately and you will come to us to lobby maybe an increase in the 5500 that's both of your purview but what I am saying is that as long as it's government funds, it has to be reviewed by someone and whether it may eventually be the OPA but right now it is money that has come through GDOE and so the Internal Auditor of GDOE must and should be apprised and be able to look at the books so that he can tell what is happening.

Mr. Francis Santos: Vice Speaker Cruz I just have one request on that. I believe the Charter School law requires us to do an audit also. So that's in our opinion there's two types of expense there, the audit requirement outside with an external auditor is an expense to us. If you're asking us to duplicate basically the service of an auditor, to us it doesn't really matter which one. I just want to know if we can excuse the one, not bypass the one on the external auditor side because then we don't have to really pay for one if it is the wisdom of the legislature that the Internal Audit for DOE is sufficient.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: But I think as a not-for-profit or a non-profit whatever you guys are, you would want to have your own audit done outside separate... because the questions the internal auditor is going to be asking is going to be completely different and so you may as board members to satisfy your own fiduciary duty as your board members have your own external audit to explain to your board - what I mean in appearance what is happening. But as far as money going through DOE I want them to have an answer because I don't want a third party custodian that we've had for the last

10 years. Someone has got to answer and somebody has to know where the money is being expended; invoices and receipts, everything has to be documented so we can follow it.

Ms. Rosa Palomo: I understand that the internal audit is not an added expense to the charter school because that's absorbed by GDOE. I would like say that in fact just a couple of Monday's ago, the GDOE auditors were at Guahan Academy. I think they spent almost all day looking at all the documentations and the feelings and the behaviors of the past is no longer there. The Guahan Academy is up to speed with their paperwork, their documentation and I thank again the board of trustees for getting a better, a good handle at what has been going on. I don't think it's going to happen with iLearn Academy because I think that's pointed out often enough. Also Guahan Academy has just been given their clearance for the 2013-14 school year audit, right?

Mr. Victor Perez: Correct.

Ms. Rosa Palomo: So, that should be coming to your desk soon and they are preparing their annual reports. All those that are due maybe even if it's a few days late but they have had a lot of work to do as a result of what has happened.

Senator Aline Yamashita: Your lunch program, are you officially in the school lunch program?

Mr. Victor Perez: We forgot the data on the Trades Academy and once it's completed it should be in order. But I want to add that not only are we working well with the council we are working well with Mr. Cooper-Nurse at the IAO office. Everything is submitted and no allotments are cleared unless they are happy.

**Senator Aline Yamashita**: That's wonderful news. So, the oversight of the Charter School Council, and I only see this in the news...we have tried to connect a couple of times, but we haven't yet. Do you have a principal?

Mr. Victor Perez: That is forthcoming.

Senator Aline Yamashita: So who is the lead of the school right now?

Mr. Victor Perez: The board of trustees have taken an active role in assisting with the current personnel, and we are trying to move people from within. The principal should come on board the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

Senator Aline Yamashita: It's a charter school, you do things differently, outside of the box, just as long as the rules and regs are in place. The students are learning, the teachers are teaching and there is that support. But it comes to mind, who ends up being responsible for that? It might be that the Charter School Council is responsible to ensure that. It's good that you're there, and Mr. Cooper-Nurse, and things are moving. But what if you weren't there? What if things hadn't changed in the last few months, and believe me when, and it wasn't you, someone else was here and wouldn't

talk to us in this room. It's really good to see that we have moved forward. But it comes to mind, changes, who ultimately is responsible? If your principal is not at a GDOE school, the superintendent is ultimately responsible, and maybe the board, maybe not. I guess it would be the board. Anyway, that comes to mind, as you're saying, Madame Chair, we're learning, and it's getting better. Also, Madame Speaker is very interested in amending the charter school law. We've been talking about that for about 2 years now, so we do have some amendments and I do know her chief of staff does have some amendments that I'm sure next term will be addressed. Thank you, Mr. Vice Speaker.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: If you have suggestions, please, submit it to us so that we can...these growing pains, we'd like to avoid with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Rosa Palomo: We hope to submit it before this year ends. We were actually on page 8 of the document right now, and we will continue on Tuesday again.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: Great. Thank you.

Senator Tina Muna Barnes: Si yu'os ma'åse', Mr. Vice Speaker. I just want to thank the panel for coming together, and really working in collaboration, taking care of all the kinks. I do see some of the support staff from GACS and it's really important because as a lot of the parents come to talk to us about supporting the charter schools, and then second one coming up, I think it's important because you're starting to see the families and the parents coming together to support this concept. It would be a waste if that collaboration doesn't come together. And now that I'm seeing this happen, I'm just going to say we're here to see what ideas you want and what amendments that will be needed to make that change. We are the ones who introduced this charter concept to make sure it works and we want to see it really successful. What better way than to see you here, knowing that it's going to work, and I know that the support staff is also behind you, so for me that is very important. Thank you, Mr. Vice Speaker, for truly hearing the updated status on the bill that is before us today. Saina ma'åse'.

**Senator Aline Yamashita**: Senator Santos, just one more question about iLearn, and we had talked about this, but on the record, those of us with disabilities are welcomed to sign up?

Mr. Francis Santos: Yes, absolutely.

Senator Aline Yamashita: Thank you very much.

Ms. Rosa Palomo: It's very clear in the law, unless they are over their number, first come, first serve. I would like to add, Mr. Chair, I will be asking GDOE for the latest, as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, per pupil cost in the GDOE schools. The figure that will come before you when the budget is submitted will change from \$5500 to whatever that figure is. We still have to discuss whether that figure will be broken down by the

elementary, middle school level and the secondary school level or just get an average. We'll look at it from all sides and see what would be the best thing to recommend to the legislature. That's just a heads up in addition to the growth in numbers, we also anticipate a growth in the per pupil cost. Thank you.

Acting Chairman BJ Cruz: My office has done some of that, and so if you want just contact the office and they'll send you the information they have, and you'll have to figure out whether or not you add in the free rent or the inclusion of rent.

Thank you very much. Madame Chairwoman, thank you very much for coming and clarifying things and I thank both gentlemen for working together and this was much easier than I thought it was going to be.

This concludes the testimony on Bill No. 419-32 (COR). There being no additional individuals to present any additional testimony, this Committee will continue to remain open for ten (10) working days from today and testimonies can be sent to 324 W. Soledad Ave, Suite 101, Hagatna, Guam 96910 or fax it to 473-4238 or email to the Committee, which is cipo@guamlegislature.org

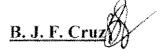
#### III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation and Land, hereby reports Bill No. 419-32 (COR) as amended with the recommendation O REPORT OUT ONLY

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

Bill No. 419 37 (40)

Introduced by:



AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2, PART I, CHAPTER II OF PUBLIC LAW 32-181, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

Section 1. Section 2, Part I, Chapter II of Public Law 32-181 is hereby *amended* to read:

"Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law, for the School 3 Year 2014-2015, pursuant to Title 17 GCA, Chapter 12, §12116(e), the 4 Department of Administration (DOA) is hereby authorized and directed to 5 deduct Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) per enrollee of the 6 Guåhan Academy Charter Schools Council Academy Charter Schools 7 chartered by the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council, not to exceed 8 five hundred twenty (520) students for the Guåhan Academy Charter School 10 and two hundred fifty (250) students for one other Academy Charter School chartered by the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council during School 11 Year 2014-2015, if any, as recommended by the Guam Academy Charter 12

Schools Council, from the total General Fund appropriation in Section 1 of this Part of this Chapter to the GDOE, based on the actual enrollment at the time, multiplied by the per pupil cost, as established in this Section. The

16 Guåhan Each Academy Charter School shall submit a monthly invoice to

the DOA. Upon receipt of said invoice, the DOA shall remit it to the GDOE.

- 1 Upon receipt of the remitted invoice, the GDOE shall verify the invoice for
- 2 accuracy and report its findings within ten (10) days of receipt of said
- 3 invoice to the DOA prior to the release of funds. If the GDOE fails to report
- 4 its findings, the invoiced amount received by the DOA shall be
- 5 automatically transmitted to the Guåhan each Academy Charter School."
- 6 Section 2. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon 7 enactment.
- Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end the
- 12 provisions of this Act is severable.

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## Testimony on Bill No. 419-32(cor) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2, PART I, CHAPTER II OF PUBLIC LAW 32-181, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

November 20, 2014

Buenas Tåtdes yan håfa adai, Vice-Speaker Cruz and Honorable Senators. Un gof dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse' for the opportunity to submit testimony on Bill No. 419-32(cor).

My name is Rosa Salas Palomo, tootao Barigåda. I come before you this morning to support Bill No. 419-32(cor) but with a recommended change. I am the Chair of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council created by the Charter Schools Act of 2009. However, my testimony this afternoon is not on behalf of the Council as we have not yet had an opportunity to discuss the Bill in order to submit testimony from the Council. I have spoken with some members of the Council on the contents of the Bill and find that they support the intent of Bill No. 419-32(cor). With that, although I know that the Council members share my sentiments, I am here representing myself as an individual Council member.

Yes, the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council recommended that Guahan Academy Charter School be funded at 520 students @ \$5,500/student for FY201S totaling \$3,190,000.

As Chair of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council, just last Monday, November 17, 2014, I transmitted the newest authorized charter school budget, *iLearn* Academy Charter School, to the Superintendent of Guam Department of Education as well as submitted a copy of said transmittal to the offices of the Speaker and Vice-Speaker. In the transmittal memo, I indicated that *iLearn* Academy, the Council recommended funding *iLearn* Academy Charter School at 358 students @ \$5,500 per students totaling \$1,969.000. Also, I noted in the communication that *iLearn* Academy Charter School would open its doors at the beginning of the second semester of School Year 2014-2015 in January, 2015. This was a very important piece of information; in January 2015 three months of the fiscal year would have already passed and the school would only need funding for the remaining 9 months of the FY totaling \$1,476,750 or \$492,250 per quarter.

Thus, my recommended change to Bill No. 419-32(cor) is as follows:

On Line 10 change "and two hundred fifty (250) students for one other Academy Charter School... to "...and three hundred and fifty eight (358) students for the *iLearn* Academy Charter School..."

At this point in time, *iLearn* Academy Charter School has been approved by the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council. Thus, it seems only appropriate that the specific information be included in the amendment. Also, there are no other Petitions before the Council at this time.

Please allow me to close with my sincerest appreciation for this timely amendment. But more importantly, for your support of and believe in alternative forms of education for the school children of Guam.

Ta'lo, si Yu'os ma'ôse'. God speed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Rosa Salas Palomo Taotao Barrigada Chair, Guam Academy Charter Schools Council

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendent of Education

FROM: Chair, Guam Academy Charter Schools Council

SUBJECT: Transmission of iLearn Academy Charter School 2014-15 Budget

DATE: November 14, 2014

Buenas yan hâfa adai.

Attached herewith is the FY 2014-2015 budget for the *iLearn* Academy Charter School for transmission to the Guam Education Board, per the enabling legislation, and then transmittal to the Guam Legislature. *iLearn* Academy is the second charter school Petition authorized by the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council at its meeting on November 6, 2014.

ILearn Academy Charter School proposes to serve 358 kindergarten thru fifth grade students in the northern part of Guam. Its primary curriculum is Achieve 3000, coupled with Houghton Mifflin e-books and other computer assisted programs. The curricular foci are science, reading and technology, an innovative curricula program not yet implemented on Guam. ILearn Academy Charter School is ready to begin operations in January, 2015 at the beginning of the second semester.

iLearn Academy Charter School's Board of Trustees are: Mr. Francis Santos, Chairman; Mr. Gus Sablan, Secretary/Treasurer; Ms. Rachel Alquero; Ms. Helen Nishihara; and Dr. Paul Pineda. Its proposed site is in Yigo.

The Guam Academy Charter School Council recommends the approval of *iLearn* Academy Charter School's budget of \$1,969,000 (358 students @ \$5,500/student) prorated over the balance of the 2014-2015 School Year (January, 2015 – September, 2015) at \$164,083.33 times 9 months totaling \$1,476,749.90 or \$1,476,750.

Un gof dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'ase' for your expeditious action on this matter. Please know that your support of charter schools is greatly appreciated.

Attachment: iLearn Academy Charter School FY 2014-2015 Budget

cc: Speaker Judith Won Pat

Vice-Speaker Benjamin Cruz

Members, Guam Academy Charter Schools

Mr. Francis Santos, Chair, iLearn Academy Charter School Board of Trustees



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Department/Agency:	Guam Charter School Council
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iLearn Board of Trustees:	Francis Santos, Chairman of the Board of Trustees
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#### iLearn Academy Budget For the Fiscal Years 2015

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	Total Revenues			1,969,000		2,475,000		4,950,000
Expenses								
	Salaries & Wages			599,041		752,995		1,505,989
	Supplies and Materials	Schedule C		30,430		38,251		76,501
	Professional Development/Travel	Robotics training & other		35,000		43,995		87,990
	Utilities	est. \$7,000/monthly utilities		84,000		105,588		211,176
	Employee Benefits	Insurance-Medical/Dental		134,344		168,870		337,740
	Workman's Compensation			5,000		6,285		12,570
	Bank Charges			5,000		6,285		12,570
	Contractual Service	Schedule B		244,580		307,437		614,874
	Miscellaneous	Schodule E		141,480		177,840		355,681
	Extended Learning	Extended Learning \$200/day		36,000	\$300/day	54,000		108,000
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	Total Expenses			1,969,000		2,475,000		4,950,000

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#### Schedule B- Contractual

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Education & Testing	358	10	\$	3,580.00		
Student Information Systems	13	450	3	5,400.00		
Renter's Insurance	Ī	4(X)X	5	4,640.00		
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Building Sanitary Permits	2	400	5	800.00	•	
Payroll Services	26	X(X)	5	20,800.00		
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#### Schedule C - Supplies & Materials

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Supplies, Instruction	358	5 20	\$ 7,160.00		**************************************
Supplies. Administration	3,58	\$ 25	\$ 8,950.00		
Supplies, Custodial	358	S 25	\$ 8,950.00	X	
Library Materials	358	5 15	\$ 5,370.00		
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#### iLearn Academy Charter School Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Digest

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November 19, 2014

The Honorable Benjamin F. Cruz
Vice-Speaker, 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature
Acting Chairman, Committee of Appropriations,
Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks,
Recreation, Historic Preservation and Land
Hagatna, Guam

Re: Bill 419-32 (COR)

Dear Vice-Speaker Cruz:

Thank you for introducing Bill 41932 (COR) which will provide funding for the iLearn Academy Charter School.

On November 6, 2014, the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council approved the application for the iLearn Academy Charter School. The mission of iLearn Academy Charter School is to provide a quality learning institution that provides a rigorous academic curriculum for grades K through 5. Our main goal is to enrich student learning in all content areas but with special emphasis in technology, science, and math. In utilizing technology, the iLearn Academy students are given the individualized attention they need to ensure success.

Preparations have begun for the opening of our school on January 26, 2015, the beginning of the third quarter for school year 2014-15.

Our projected enrollment for the opening of this school year is 358 students. We have submitted our budget of \$1,969,000. (\$5,500, X 358 students) based on the authorized amount of \$5,500 per student pursuant to Title 17 GCA, Chapter 12, subsection 12116(e). Our proposed budget is attached.

In our review of the proposed bill, we want to note and request two minor changes:

Section 2. please change the number "two hundred fifty (250) students" to three hundred fifty-eight (358) students

Section 2, replace the words "one other" with "iLearn"

Page 2 Testimony Bill 419-32 November 19, 2014

On behalf of the board of trustees of iLearn Academy Charter School, our students, faculty and staff, we want to thank you and the members of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature for their support and approval of Bill 419.

Sincerely

Francis E. Santos

Chairman, Board of Trustees

iLearn Academy Charter School (ESLR's): School is SIMPLE

- S- Social
- I-Intellectual
- M-Moral
- P-Physical
- L-Love for Learning
- E-Emotional



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

JON J. P. FERNANDEZ Superintendent of Education

November 19, 2014

The Honorable Benjamin JF Cruz Vice Speaker 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Street Hagatna, GU 96910

Re: iLearn Academy Charter School FY15 Budget Appropriation

Hafa Adai Vice Speaker Cruz!

The Guam Department of Education (GDOE) fully supports providing parents a choice regarding their children's education. We congratulate and applaud the iLearn Academy Charter School for their vision and strongly believe that technology use should be incorporated into the curriculum to provide students with a 21st century education.

Based on the FY15 appropriation, the Guam Education Board passed a resolution on the spending priorities, to which GDOE has begun implementing. As a result, we would ask that supplemental funding be explored for the new charter school rather than reducing the current GDOE budget. Going forward, let's find a way to be able to support new charter schools as well as ensure that the needs of traditional public school students and families are met.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the budget request. I hope that you will consider our recommendations so that our students are not negatively impacted.

Senseramente.

🥌 JON J.P. FERNANDEZ

Superintendent of Education

Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Date: || \_\_Time: 9:44

File No.: 32-964

Received By:



# TESTIMONY OF VICTOR A. PEREZ TRUSTEE AND TREASURER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES GUAHAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

RE: BILL NO. 419
"An Act to Amend Section 2, Part I, Chapter II of Public Law 32-181,
Relative to Authorizing Funding for Charter Schools"
Introduced by: B.J.F. Cruz

My name is Victor A. Perez and I am a member of the Board of Trustees of Guahan Academy Charter School (GACS), and I am also the Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance and Procurement Committee.

Bill No. 419 proposes an amendment to the current Charter School Act to provide funding for the newly-approved charter school, *I Learn* Academy Charter School. The proposed amendment does not affect Guahan Academy Charter School; however, the Board is in support of the intention of the amendment as to provide the necessary funding for Guam's second newly-approved charter school.

GACS congratulates the Board, Administration, Faculty and Staff of *I Learn* Academy Charter School and is pleased that the charter approval and funding process appear swift and not as protracted as the process GACS had undergone.

GACS distinguishes itself as Guam's first charter school and Guam's first choice in public education — and one that was faced to challenge most of the unknown obstacles. By our struggles and experiences, GACS certainly has been the center of debate in the media and within the educational community and with that, we have allowed an open conversation, whether our people support or oppose charter schools. The discussion may have allowed parents and guardians of students to understand that they now have a choice in public education.

GACS can appreciate *I Learn* Academy Charter School's prompt funding as GACS didn't get the same expeditious funding in its initial year when its charter was approved. Not getting funded in the initial year of charter approval places the charter school in a tenuous foundation and only invites unnecessary delays in the implementation of the approved projected 5-year enrollment plan of the charter. GACS speaks from experience.

We want to acknowledge the work of Guam Academy Charter Schools Council — whose work has led to a collaborative effort towards the establishment of Guam's second charter school.

We look forward to working and sharing commonalities with Guam's second charter school with a joint mission focused on improving the education of our children.

Thank you.



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GACS would like to take this opportunity, Vice-Speaker Cruz and members of this Committee, to point out that the funding cap of 520 has placed a burden on the funding of our additional 80 students who are enrolled and receiving their daily classroom instructions at the Trades Academy.

As GACS was formalizing its recruitment and enrollment of its students, the Board and management approved an enrollment that was in concert with the approved charter plan projection, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

As you are aware, GACS charter was approved in 2010, but GACS did not open as a school till 3 years later in August 2013, when it received on April 1, 2013, its initial funding for the last quarter of FY2013. The budget for FY2014 was at the same funding level of \$5500 for 515 students – an enrollment which was 5 less than the approved charter enrollment projection of 520 if Guahan Academy Charter School were to open in School Year 2012-2013.

As GACS progressed into its second year of operation, the Board and management looked to its approved charter and moved forward to the approved enrollment projection of 680 – however, our enrollment today is 600 – 80 less than the 680 but 80 short of the funding cap of 520. If we are to accurately reflect the correct enrollment plan for GACS for School Year 2014-2015 from its approved charter, that approved number will be 890 for this school year.

The budget for FY2015 did not get transmitted to the Guam Legislature till August 8, 2014, 10 days before the first day of school. GACS had already enrolled the 80 students when the funding cap budget was being recommended by the Council. The budget language was an amendment on the floor which was passed on August 19, 2014, and tacked on to Bill 269-32, as substituted. This was one day after school already started on August 18, 2014. The FY2015 budget eventually became law in September with the funding cap of 520 for GACS.

We seek the committee's reconsideration to the funding cap of 520.

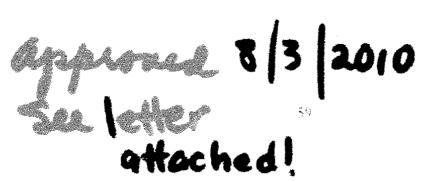
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### **GUAM ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL**

(As Authorized in Guam Public Law 29-140 as amenced)

August 20, 2010

Dr. Donna Dwiggins
Guam On-Site Coordinator
National Institute for Direct Instruction

Dear Dr. Dwiggins:

Buenos yan Hafa Adai: On behalf of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council (Council), I would like to congratulate you on your successful petition for Guam's first Charter School authorized under Guam Public Law 29-140.

The Council had met on August 3, 2010 to discuss and vote on your application which was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Please accept this letter as the official approval of your petition. We will be communicating with you and your organization in the coming weeks to finalize and assist your group in the establishment of Guam's first ever Charter School.

A copy of the August 3, 2010 meeting minutes will be available shortly after the Council's next scheduled meeting in September, 2010.

Once again, congratulations and best wishes for a successful charter school.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase"

Rosa Salas Palomo

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Council Chairperson

Copy: All Guam Academy Charter Schools Council Members
Dr. Judith T. Won Pat. Speaker – 30 Touam Legislature



### Marilyn Manibusan <theislandsadvocate@gmail.com>

## Transmittal of Guahan Academy Charter School's FY2015 Budget

2 messages

### Rosa Palomo <kailee.rosapalomo@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 13, 2014 at 1:37 PM

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Buenas yan hafa adai, Acting Chairman Cooper,

This is to inform you that last Friday, August 8, 2014, I personally transmitted Guahan Academy Charter School's FY2014 budget to Superintendent Jon Fernandez. Yesterday afternoon, I submitted a copy of the transmittal letter and budget to Madame Speaker Judi Won Pat. This morning, I delivered a copy of the transmittal letter and budget for you at Guahan Academy Charter School. Ms. Cruz-Sayco received the document.

Si Yu'os ma'ase', si Rosa Salas Palomo Chair, Guam Academy Charter Schools Council

### Roger Cooper <pacificrko@hotmail.com>

Wed, Aug 13, 2014 at 4:08 PM

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Dear Ms Palomo,

Thank you very much for the update.
As allways, we appreciate your time and assistance.

Roger Cooper

Date: Wed, 13 Aug 2014 13:37:52 +1000

Subject: Transmittal of Guahan Academy Charter School's FY2015 Budget

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# I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÂHAN FLOOR AMENDMENTS/CHANGES

Bill No. 269-32 (LS), As Substituted

# J.T. Won Pat, Ed.D., A.A. Yamashita, Ph.D. Senator Proposing Amendment

Section 2 of Chapter II, Part I of the Bill is hereby amended, beginning on page 11, line 5, to read:

"Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law for the School Year 2014-2015, pursuant to Title 17 GCA, Chapter 12, §12116(e), the Department of Administration (DOA) is hereby authorized and directed to deduct Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) per enrollee for the Guahan Academy Charter School, not to exceed 520 students as recommended by the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council, from the total General Fund appropriation in Section 1 of this Part of this Chapter to the GDOE based on the actual enrollment at the time, multiplied by the per pupil cost, as established in this Section. The Guahan Academy Charter School shall submit a monthly invoice to the DOA. Upon receipt of said invoice, the DOA shall remit it to the GDOE. Upon receipt of remitted invoice the GDOE shall verify the invoice for accuracy and report its findings within ten (10) days of receipt of said invoice to the DOA prior to the release of funds. If the GDOE fails to report its findings, the invoiced amount received by the DOA shall be automatically transmitted to the Guahan Academy Charter School."

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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. 419-32 (COR) – B.J. F. Cruz, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2, PART I, CHAPTER II OF PUBLIC LAW 32-181, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS.,"— on November 18, 2014. COR hereby certifies that BBMR confirmed receipt of this request November 19, 2014 at 8:01 A.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 419-32 (COR) to be included in the committee report on said bill, is hereby waived.

Certified by:

Senator Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

December 16, 2014

Date

# **COMMITTEE ON RULES**



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Anthony C. Blaz Director Bureau of Budget & Management Research P.O. Box 2950 Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Request for Fiscal Notes-Bill Nos. 417-32(LS) through 423-32(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Blaz:

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'āse' for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Thomas C. Ada

Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Bill Nos.	Sponsors	Title
417-32 (LS)	B. J. F. Cruz	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REVENUE (SAR) FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL UNPAID OVERTIME COSTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
418-32 (COR)	B. J. F. Cruz	AN ACT TO ADOPT THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF PEACE OFFICERS AND STANDARDS FOR EMPLOYING AGENCIES AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, TO BE CODIFIED UNDER A NEW CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 27 - GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS.
419-32 (COR)	B, J. F. Cruz	AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2, PART I, CHAPTER II OF PUBLIC LAW 32-181, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS.
420-32 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	AN ACT TO APPROVE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR GUAM EDUCATORS.
421-32 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	AN ACT TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5A, GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS.
422-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE PROCEDURES RELATIVE TO AN EMERGENCY DETENTION ORDER FOR THE INCUBATION PERIODS OF SEVERE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, BY AMENDING SECTIONS III AND IV OF THE ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 10 OF DIVISION 1, 26 GAR., AND PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF BODIES, BY ADDING A NEW § 4502(H) AND AMENDING § 4505, BOTH OF CHAPTER 4A, 10GCA, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$130,000.00) FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
423-32 (COR)	B. J.F. Cruz	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEM (18) TO § 4102(a) OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE PERSONNEL NEEDS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM AND THE PUBLIC AUDITOR.

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Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson Majority Leader

November 10, 2014

Senator
Thomas C. Ada
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Assistant Majority Leader

MEMORANDUM

To:

From:

Rennae Meno

Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje

Legislative Legal Counsel

Senator

Speaker

Member

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

Judith T.P. Won Pat. Ed.D.

Member

Senator Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of

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

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

forwarded to all members of I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guâhan.

Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member

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Subject: Referral of Bill No. 419-32(COR)

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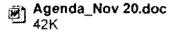
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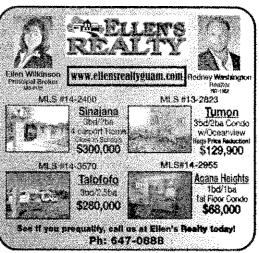
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> isn't been cheap. original cost of Massats' website was estiat \$174 million. That imped to \$254 million. launched, the website

problems. The problems were so bad, federal officials gave the state three extra months to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act.

Patrick said there won't be a repeat of the disastrous roll-out this time around, saying the state has "been testing and retesting" the revamped website.

Minnesota's state-run exchange, MNsure, ready for prime time when it launched in 2013. Some of the technical elitches that frustrated consumers remained unresolved by the time the open enrollment center workers and a website that's 75 percent faster. But they also acknowledge the system won't be perfect.

California's exchange also was ill-prepared to handle the high volume of calls, triggering long wait times at help centers and foreing the state to extend open enrollment for two weeks beyond the original March 31 wasn't deadline.

> "It swamped us," said Covered California Executive Director Peter Lee, promising increased website capacity and extra call

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The euro zone is the best of 20 percent of the global nomy," James Knightley, an nomist with ING, said. "The ger the stagnation goes on the re Japan-like it becomes."

sed expectations that the Euroan Central Bank is preparing to esen its purse strings further to to rekindle growth.

Against this backdrop, ermany's Centre for European conomic Research's (ZEW) bouthly barometer of sentiment. he on Nov. 18, will provide ore insight into business confiince levels.

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Russia has denied sending ...ilitary forces to help separatist rebels in that region launch a new offensive in a conflict that has killed more than 4.000 people.

### G20 summit

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said at the G20 leaders' summit on Saturday in Brisbane that the European Union was considering further financial sanctions against Russian individuals because of the crisis.

Fallout from the Ukraine conflict is exacerbating the euro zone's problems, with European sanctions squeezing Russia's banks and companies and having knock-on effects

particularly on Germany.

A company purchasing managers' survey on Nov. 20 will offer a snapshot of whether companies are expanding in Germany, France and across the euro zone.

That follows new monthly information on international trade, due out on Monday, which will show the extent of falls in exports to Russia.

The bleak picture in Europe contrasts with brighter prospects for the United States, where an update on the how the country's manufacturers are faring is also out on Monday.



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