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

Speaker

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155 Hesler Place

Hagatna, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules /

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 123-33 (COR)

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 123-33 (COR) - An act to amend subsection (c) of §4401 of Article 4, Chapter 4, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, relative to expanding the powers of the Magistrate Judge.

Committee votes are as follows:

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Respectfully,

SENATUR FRANK B. ACCON, JR.

Concentee Chairman on Guella U.S. Military Relocation | Public Safety | Judiciary | 1 Mina Trentai Tres Na Laeslaturan Guåhan | 33rd Guam Legislature





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# COMMITTEE REPORT ON

BILL NO. <u>123-33 (COR)</u>

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# **MEMORANDUM**

To: ALL MEMBERS

Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety, and Judiciary

From: Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr

Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 123-33 (COR)

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Bill No. <u>123-33 (COR)</u> – <u>An act to amend subsection (c) of §4401 of Article 4, Chapter 4, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, relative to expanding the powers of the Magistrate Judge.</u>

This report includes the following:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. <u>123-33 (COR)</u>
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
- Referral of the Bill No. 123-33 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of Public Hearing Agenda
- 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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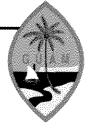
# **COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET**

Bill No. 123-33 (COR) – "An act to amend subsection (c) of §4401 of Article 4, Chapter 4, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, relative to expanding the powers of the Magistrate Judge." sponsored by SENATOR FRANK AGUON, JR.

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#### COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

#### I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. <u>123-33</u> (COR) was introduced on June 8, 2015, by Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Public Safety and Judiciary on June 10, 2015.

The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Public Safety and Judiciary convened a public hearing on Bill No. <u>123-33</u> (COR) on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 9:00AM in I *Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room.

# **Public Notice Requirements**

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Monday, June 15, 2015 (5-Day Notice), and again on Thursday, June 18, 2015 (48-Hour Notice).

# **Senators Present**

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Chairperson Senator Tom Ada, Vice Chairperson Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz, Committee Member Senator V. Anthony Ada, Committee Member Senator T.R Muña-Barnes Senator Mary Torres

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 9:00 AM.

# II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

# Chairman Aguon:

The public hearing held by the Committee on Guam U.S Military Relocation, Public Safety and Judiciary is hereby convened. On the agenda today we do have several pieces of legislation. The first item is Bill No. 111-33(LS), which is relative to the assignment of police officers. Bill No. 123-33 relative to expanding the powers of the magistrate judge. Bill No. 124-33 relative to authorizing the expenditure of funds from the judicial client services fund to support language assistance services at the judiciary of Guam.

# Chairman Aguon:

Bill No. 125-33, which is relative to advancing compliance with the peace officer standards and training commission by designating probation officers of the Superior Court of Guam as uniformed officers and by adding the Chief of Probation to the peace officers standards and training commission, and then finally we will conclude today's public hearing with Bill No.126-33 relative to authorizing Government of Guam employees to join the Volunteer Deputy Marshall Reserve Program. For the information of the public, the initial notices were disseminated electronically on Sunday, June 14th with the first notice of public hearing, and then subsequently on Monday June 15th. The notices went out also to the senators as well as some additional stakeholders. The second notice of public hearing for this particular public hearing was disseminated to the community and to the stakeholders on Wednesday, June 17th and also on June 18th disseminated to all the Senators. I want to, on a personal note as Chairman of the Committee thank our media partners for assisting in this process and ensuring the community is aware of some of the pieces of legislation that will be entertained this morning so thank you very much to our media partners. As we proceed with the first item, I would like to recognize and thank the Senators who have joined us this morning thus far. The Senator to my immediate left is Senator Tina Muna-Barnes thank you very much Senator for joining us. To her immediate left is Senator Camacho Torres and to my right is Senator Tony Ada. Thank Senators for joining us in this public hearing this morning.

We will now proceed to Bill No. 123-33 relative to expanding the powers of the Magistrate Judge and if I can invite the Chief Justice to please join us, Mr. Joshua Tenorio, Savina Charfauros, Trishia Suzuki, Marissa Cruz, Doris Mafnas, and Anthony Toves. If many of you had just signed in to show your support then we are good on that. Okay, you don't need to join the Chief Justice because I'm sure he speaks on behalf of the entire Judiciary. Chief Justice please if you can identify yourself.

# **Chief Justice Torres:**

Hafa Adai, I'm Chief Justice Robert Torres. With me is our clerk of court Daniel Rossetti and Josh Tenorio our administrator of the courts. We have a number of Bills on the public hearing agenda today that deal with the Judiciary and our Administrator of the Courts will provide testimony on most of those bills, but I did want to of course come and show support for the four bills and specifically talk about the expansion of the duties of the Magistrate Judge. As you know in my State of the Judiciary Address I talked about the component to obtain the funding for a new Magistrate Judge. The position already being authorized by law, but having no funding to fill it and then this Bill 123-33 represents the second component of addressing our needs and that's to expand the authority of the magistrate judge to perform additional procedural and preliminary matters. We've recognized particularly with the increase in the therapeutic courts and the specialty court dockets the increase supervision and attention that this required from our judges and we are confident that this legislation will help reduce some of that strain by providing the magistrate with additional authority to precede over those preliminary and procedural matters. In criminal cases, Bill 123-33 is going to authorize the magistrate to do preliminary hearings; rule and procedural discovery case motions, and conduct criminal trial settings. All of those powers are already contained within the Federal Magistrate Act and what the Federal Magistrate is permitted to do. With regards to Civil Cases the Magistrate Judge will handle discovery disputes, do initial scheduling conferences, pre-trial conferences and also settlement preceding's again those are all similar duties to what are all already contained within the Federal Magistrate bill and finally what we want with the consent of the parties and upon special designation by the Chief Justice allow the Magistrate to conduct non-jury civil trails and criminal misdemeanor trials.

#### **Chief Justice Torres:**

Again that is also language that we picked up looking at from the Federal Magistrate Provision. We recognize the time standards our judges are under and we've been very conscientious in pushing to get those cases done within the time standards that have been adopted and I think that if Bill 123-33 is enacted, it definitely will give us the opportunity even with the cases that are coming forward even with the increased time and effort required by our specialty courts give the authority and enable the judges to be able to move there dockets and allow Magistrate and the additional Magistrate that we are asking for funding with our budget submission to the legislature which our public hearing will be on Wednesday. And I think that by giving these new powers to the Magistrate we think it's the best use of resources that can be given to us opposed to looking at another full time Judge on the bench. So we ask the legislature to whole-heartedly support the Bill 123-33, which expands the duties and powers of, the Magistrate Judge by amending Article four, Title Four Chapter seven.

# Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Chief Justice Torres Joshua?

#### Mr. Tenorio:

Good morning Chairman Aguon and members of the committee. I just wanted to add on a couple of things to set the context for this Magistrate Judges are appointed for a term of four years, and the current one, Judge Tolentino has been reappointed under the statue that was amended several terms ago. If the Judicial Counsel unanimously recommends retention then the judge will be able to sit for a second and final four years. He is half way into his second term. He has two more years left and he will not be subject to reappointment and I mention that because there is a study going on taking a look at the big picture and analyzing the case loads and taking a look at the time to disposition in seeing what the changes are and what the charges are being made criminally, for example we are seeing more of an increase in class a felonies being charged under this new Attorney General and misdemeanor cases and trying to analyze that time. There has been some critique from the private bar that because of the time standards on the criminal cases. There are time standards for the civil cases, but they are a year and a half as opposed to one year for the felonies that there is somewhat of a slow down in the civil docket and I think this initiative is to help address what we are seeing but reserve final decision to the legislature upon the Judiciary's report about analyzing these cases and perhaps in the future when the second Magistrate term expires, the court will face a decision whether or not to just go ahead and look for a new candidate pursuant to the laws. Send them down for confirmation or at that time make a report with the Judicial Counsel with the Chief Justice certifying that there may be a need to have an 8th trial court judge. I don't think we are there yet to make that kind of recommendation to the Legislature but I do see this additional Magistrate position which we have included in our budget request as a way to really be responsive to the practioners out there especially on the civil side, but really to get a lot of these cases and the time to disposition close to the time standard that the supreme court has adopted.

#### **Chief Justice Torres:**

And one of the thing with the Magistrate Judge is althought the process of appointment of the Magistrate Judge is through the three names recommended by the Guam BAR Association after a search and then the Chief Justice appointment, it is subject to legislative confirmation.

# Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Chief Justice, Mr. Tenorio. Any other comments? Senators? Vice-Speaker Cruz?

# Vice-Speaker Cruz:

I guess both of you anticipated my questions. Senator Ada was asking me those questions and I was telling him it was four years with confirmation if the Chief Justice and confirmed by the legislature.

#### **Chief Justice Torres:**

Telepathy

# Vice-Speaker Cruz:

Now, you could feel all that. I want to thank you both for being fiscally responsible about not asking for an 8th judge yet and to have the opportunity for this program to move forward to see whether or not one, we can have new candidates for the Magistrates and maybe even if there is recommendations for the 8th judge, that there will be somebody that's had extensive experience by that time eight years. This last week one of the other Senators and I had lunch with a constituent that was very concerned about the delay especially. I am really happy that you are addressing this and I am hoping that that constituent is watching knowing that we are all trying to figure out a way to resolve this issue and so I'm glad that you're talking about getting a second Magistrate on and having that person devoted to the Civil Calendar and I also just wanted to commend the court for all the therapeutic work that you're doing and I understand that Joshua is bald because of the fact that I'm constantly screaming at him about the time standards and there isn't a day where the poor thing doesn't suffer a phone call from me about what happened to this and what happened to that and so I am happy you're addressing that but can you just expand on the duties that you're hoping that this new person would be doing so that my colleagues understand how important that this new person is going to be.

#### Ms. Rosetti:

I will just highlight at least as an example for civil cases. Currently the Magistrate Judge is assigned

# Chairman Aguon:

Ms. Rossetti, I'm sorry please identify yourself for the record.

# Ms. Rosetti:

Daniel Rosetti, clerk of court for the Superior Court. Our current Magistrate is assigned to handle civil maters that are filed before the Superior Court. According to the current statute he only handles post judgment so our intent that if this new legislation is passed a lot of the pre-trial, non dispositive motions that come in for example motions for discovery perhaps there is procedural motions for attorney's fees that are kind of are not the Trial Judges have to hear but because there are specialty court dockets and the time it takes them to preside over those matters along with the increase number of criminal jury trials that we are experiencing those hearings are delayed. They are pushed because a defendant asserts his right to a speedy trial. If you had a discovery motion that was supposed to be heard today your hearing would be moved and the criminal cases are taking precedent as we are seeing at the Superior Court. One of the other things that we are hoping to try and add an additional duty is to have the Magistrate Judge preside over unlawful detainer matters. Those are currently assigned to the Trial Court Judges as they come in when they are filed but really the procedural part of it is just someone coming in wanting to remove the person from premises. As it is now the Trial Judges are assigned to that and by statute we set a hearing in five days and so the hearing has to happen. Its not one of those that you push. So if we had a procedure where we just assign all unlawful detainer cases to the Magistrate we would already know at the onset where it would be assigned to and then it would be resolved in a more timely manner. I think is what we are really looking forward to.

# **Chief Justice Torres:**

Mr. Vice-Speaker, you mentioned about trying to be responsive to the business community and delay in the civil cases because the assertion of speedy trial by criminal defendants and by law they have to take precedence. We actually as I mentioned in the State of the Judiciary, we have formed a committee to examine the establishment of a business court. A specialized business court to help address some of those issues involving the business community and as Josh said it was premature we felt to in and argue for the establishment and creation of an additional judge until we better understood how the case load was coming in, what the delay was and we worked with the Magistrate at first, which we thought was a more cost effective way to approach this issue and at the same time evaluate the business docket, look at the need for establishment, and that committee is being chaired by Justice Marimand. The members have been appointed and the committee is actively looking at the establishment of that specialized docket to be responsive to the business communities concerns with the delay that is resulting from the assertion from criminal speedy trial issues.

# Vice-Speaker Cruz:

And just so that its clear that we are not creating a new wheel, some strange thing, right now on Guam, though we refer to him as Judge Manibusan is the Magistrate of the District Court. And the duties you've described under the federal rules he is currently executing those responsibilities to assist Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood in her responsibilities and all we are doing in this legislation is to establish that same kind of authority and power in the Superior Court of Guam that currently exists with the Magistrates that sits at the District Court.

# **Chief Justice Torres:**

There is nothing really novel in regards with the expansion of the duties compared to what's go on with the Federal Magistrate.

# **Vice-Speaker Cruz:**

And he currently does quite a bit of this civil stuff for Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood and that's what you're hoping to establish at the Superior Court here to assist the judges that are going through trials constantly.

#### **Chief Justice Torres:**

And also the specialty dockets, the Mental Health Court and the Veterans Court both take a significant amount of time and effort, as does the Family Violence Court because of the therapeutic approach and the manner in which it is done. So its been more time intensive for our judges and this by allowing the Magistrate to do these preliminary and procedural manners then the judges don't have to devote their time and resources to getting that done and it will be a much more efficient and effective operation.

# Vice-Speaker Cruz:

They weren't established when I was there, but the Juvenile Court is very time intensive and so I understand that these new therapeutic courts will be time intensive and the judges will be very busy so I am hoping that this isn't a novel idea. Magistrate Roque Manibusan is doing the District Court here using the very same powers and bring it over to the Superior Court in local statute. It will be just assisting and again I thank you, commend the court for the way that you're moving your trials. I mean the criminal trials are moving and I'm happy to see that, but we are getting concerns about the civil docket and I'm glad this is going to try and address that.

# **Chief Justice Torres:**

Thank you Mr. Vice-Speaker.

# Chairman Aguon:

Thank you Mr. Vice-Speaker. Senator Torres?

#### **Senator Torres:**

I certainly understand the piece of legislation and I think it's a very good measure going forward, but my question has to do with logistics. Do you for see with an increase capacity now with the Magistrate Judge, do you see any problems accommodating additional traffic or calendaring with your present facility or with the use of the Northern Court Satellite? Are there any concerns that we should be aware of?

#### Mr Tenorio:

We are actually planning that right now. We're, In the State of the Judiciary they talked about it in the beginning, there were five trial court rooms at the Guam Judicial Center then it went to seven and now we have ten including this small traffic room. So part of it is management and that will only help us to a certain extent. We have been talking with our Chairman with some of our plans I think that one of the big plans that we are looking at is converting our MIS server room and section which is actually on the first floor and all of their area encompasses a court room and chambers the child court judges have. That's exactly the same amount of space. It also would allow us to connect that to the prisoner holding areas. To do that we have about three offices that we are thinking about pushing out of the building because the space is quite tight and I think that there might be some opportunities for us to look at that. We've been talking with our Oversight Chair and the Chair of Appropriations about an opportunity that we may have to fund some of that. If we are able to draw down the balance of loan authorization that we've had six years ago that we may need to try and drop upon to get some resources, but we are looking at some language. I expect to ask Chairman Aguon to introduce something that will allow us to look at that. That is a big issue, including Dededo. We are at the end of the lease period. There is another lease period or two more lease periods to go up there, but we need to do some improvements. You couldn't have a criminal trial court up there because there's a sound barrier issue between the jury room and the trial room. It wasn't really designed at that time to be a child court room and I think we are looking at that and also expanding kind of the services we have up north to mitigate what's happening down here in Agana. Because you're right, space is hard to come by and there is some issues.

#### **Senator Torres:**

And at present your maximum lease period is five years? Like with an early court satellite.

# Mr Tenorio:

Actually yes, and you can have options. And we did do the five. We are on I think our second option, but the maximum amount of time there wasn't anything more than another five that was contemplated for a full to have as a period of course, but we 're about seven into it. There's been some investment up there so

# **Senator Torres:**

That was my point. You want to invest in permanent structure.

# Mr Tenorio:

Honestly you know I had a meeting with Mayor Savares and our team a couple of months ago and I was telling that I was even looking at the old mayors office to try and look for additional space so we can have some more treatment and supervision services up there and the first thing she asked was you're not telling me that you're going to closed the court. I said well no not right now, but I'm going to protest but I'm not looking for. You know she said it really is, she sees the court even though she loses it to Yigo at least its up there and it's placed somewhere where people can have some public transportation options. To get too, but she said its been a good part of that community. We agree also.

# **Chief Justice Torres:**

And the numbers and the usage of the Northern Court Satellite just show just how important it is for the community and the way its being utilized. It only has room for one magistrate up there. The other Magistrate will have to come to Agana. And we are looking at you know, as we said the options to create the space to allow that Magistrate and its going to take some time obviously, the selection process for the Magistrate then the confirmation process but we expect that we can work in tandem to try and identify and get him hitting the ground running once the legislature confirms whoever the candidate is. If they have passed the bill or give us the funding for the expansion of the duties and the funding for the additional position.

# Chairman Aguon:

Thank you Senator Torres and Chief Justice Torres. Any other questions on Bill No.123?

This concludes the committee's agenda this morning. As was mentioned a little earlier the committee will continue to receive written testimony for the subsequent ten days from this hearing date. And then the committee report will be closed there after so thank you very much again.

The public hearing was adjourned at 10:11 AM.

#### III. WRITTEN TESTIMONY

The following individuals submitted written testimonies to the Committee on Guam U.S Military Relocation, Public Safety, and Judiciary before or after the schedule public hearing on Monday, June 22 2015 at 9:00AM in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room.

1. Joshua F. Tenorio, Administrator of the Courts, Judiciary of Guam

# IV. FINDINGS & RECCOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Guam U.S Military Relocation, Public Safety, and Judiciary hereby reports out Bill No. 123-33(COR) with the recommendation:

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AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (c) OF § 4401 OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXPANDING THE POWERS OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE.



# BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the expansion of the statutory authority of the magistrate judges of the Superior Guart of Guam following the federal model will provide the courts with an efficient supplemental judicial resource to assist in expediting its workload.

The request to expand the powers of a magistrate judge was proposed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam during the 2015 State of the Judiciary Address. This additional authority will allow magistrate judges to perform additional duties such as disposing of procedural motions in criminal matters, addressing discovery disputes, presiding over unlawful detainers, overseeing settlement efforts in civil cases, and with the consent of the parties, hearing civil matters and criminal misdemeanors.

- Section 2. Expanded Powers of the Mågistrate Judge. Subsection (c) of § 4401 of Article 4, Chapter 4, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended*, to read:
  - "(c) As assigned by the Chief Justice, a magistrate shall:
    - (1) preside over and render decisions and judgments in small claims cases, traffic cases, change of name petitions, and collection cases, and may

1	grant uncontested divorces in cases where there is a notarized consent on
2	file;
3	(2) enter judgment upon confession of judgment or default judgment
4	in a civil case when a party alleges a sum certain is due;
5	(3) preside over post-judgment collection proceedings in civil cases
6	and restitution judgments in criminal cases, and issue writs of execution and
7	other orders in such proceedings;
8	(4) preside over first appearances of criminal defendants and
9	arraignments in criminal cases, set bail and order pre-trial release conditions,
10	take pleas, including accepting guilty pleas in misdemeanor cases,
11	sentencing misdemeanants and entering judgments accordingly;
12	(5) issue summons, issue bench warrants, and hear return of warrants
13	in all cases to which assigned;
14	(6) preside over any matters which may be heard by a Referee of the
15	Superior Court of Guam;
16	(7) serve as a Special Master upon appointment by the Presiding
17	Judge;
18	(8) serve as Judge Pro Temporare upon appointment by the Chief
19	Justice; and
20	(9) serve as a settlement judge in a civil or domestic case upon
21	appointment by the Presiding Judge-;
22	(10) conduct criminal trial setting hearings;
23	(11) preside over preliminary hearings in criminal cases and render
24	decisions and judgments over procedural and discovery motions in criminal
25	matters;

(12) preside over initial scheduling conferences in civil matters, to include but not limited to: initial pretrial conferences, case scheduling, discovery disputes, motions, and settlement efforts;

(13) preside over unlawful detainer proceedings; and

(14) notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon the consent of the parties and when specially designated by the Chief Justice to exercise such jurisdiction, conduct any or all proceedings in a jury or nonjury civil trial or criminal misdemeanor trial and order the entry of

judgment in such case."

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June 22, 2015

The Honorable Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Chairman Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety and Judiciary I Mina' Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Ste. 502A DNA Building Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Testimony on Bill No. 123-33 (COR)

Dear Chairman Aguon:

Hafa Adai! Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to submit public testimony IN SUPPORT of Bill No. 123-33 (COR), AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (c) OF § 4401 OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXPANDING THE POWERS OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE, which you introduced.

During his State of the Judiciary Address on May 1, 2015, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres spoke about addressing the needs of our island's court system, with the first component to obtain funding for a new magistrate judge position already authorized by law. Bill No. 123-33(COR) represents the second component for addressing the courts' needs -expanding the statutory authority of magistrate judges to perform additional duties.

Bill No. 123-33(COR) responds to the increased demand on our judicial officers, arising from more criminal felony cases and jury trials, and from the expansion of the specialty court dockets, which require intensive supervision and attention from our judges. We believe this legislation will reduce the strain on judges by investing the magistrate judge with additional authority to preside over preliminary and procedural matters.

Specifically, in criminal cases, Bill 123-33(COR) would authorize the magistrate judge to conduct preliminary hearings, rule on procedural and discovery cases motions, and conduct criminal trial settings. With regard to civil cases, the amendment gives the magistrate judge authority over initial scheduling conferences, including presiding over pretrial conferences and case scheduling, discovery disputes and motions, and settlement proceedings. Finally, in new language that reflects the federal magistrate model, Bill 123-33 (COR) allows the magistrate, with the consent of the parties and upon special designation by the Chief Justice, to conduct non-jury civil trials and criminal misdemeanor trials.

The Honorable Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Testimony on Bill No. 123-33(COR) June 22, 2015
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At the Judiciary, our judges must adhere to case age and time standards to ensure that cases proceed through the judicial system. If Bill 123-33(COR) is enacted, the demands on our judges would be alleviated, as the magistrate judge would be given the authority over certain proceedings.

As stewards of public funds, we believe that giving these new powers to the magistrate reflects the best use of the resources given to us, and we continue to work towards improving its operations and internal processes for the benefit of all who come before our courts for justice.

Senseramente.

JOSHUA F. TENORIO

Administrator of the Courts

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Rennae Meno To:

Clerk of the Legislature

Senator Thomas C. Ada From:

Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

**Fiscal Notes and Fiscal Note Waivers** Subject:

Hafa Adai!

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

# **FISCAL NOTES:**

Bill No. 8-33(COR)

Bill No. 67-33(COR) Revised

Bill No. 75-33(COR)

Bill No. 78-33(COR)

Bill No. 87-33(LS)

Bill No. 88-33(LS)

Bill No.93-33(LS)

# FISCAL NOTE WAIVERS:

Bill No. 72-33(COR)

Bill No. 102-33(COR)

Bill No. 119-33(COR)

Bill No. 123-33(COR)

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



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The Bureau requests that Bill No(s)	123-33 (COR)	be	granted	a	waive
pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as ame	ended for the following reason(s):				

Bill No. 123-33 (COR) is an act to amend subsection (c) of §4401 of Article 4, Chapter 4, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, relative to expanding the powers of the Magistrate Judge.

The intent of the bill is administrative in nature and poses no fiscal impact upon any funds of the Government of Guam.

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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes - Bill Nos. 123-33(COR) through 126-33(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Calvo:

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

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

Very Truly Yours,

Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cru Acting Chairperson of the Committee on

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Rennae Meno

Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje Legislative Legal Counsel

From:

Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Acting Chairperson of the Committee or

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 123-33(COR)

As the Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 123-33(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 Tres 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 Tres 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
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# Office of Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. <admin@frankaguonjr.com>

# 1st Notice - Public Hearing on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

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

Mon, Jun 15, 2015 at 8:05 AM

To: "Office of Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr." <admin@frankaguonjr.com> Cc: Committee < committee@frankaguonjr.com>, Ivan Palacios < communications@frankaguonjr.com>, Lourdes Eclavea <staff@frankaguonjr.com>, Senator Aguon's Assistant <officeassistant@frankaguonjr.com>, "Senator Frank B. Aguon Jr." <aguon4guam@gmail.com>, Tricia Benavente <media@frankaguonjr.com> Bcc: antoniot@guamairport.net, arthur.paulino@gpd.guam.gov, bobcamacho@guamairport.net, chuck.ada@quamairport.net, cimiculka@quam.gannett.com, cme.guam@gmail.com, communications@guam.gov, dcaquero@portguam.com, ebanderson@guamaq.org, elaine.gogue@guam.gov, emiller@guampdsc.net, eric.fisher@qpd.quam.gov, euntalan@fhb.com, faguon@portguam.com, governor@quam.qov, guamwardeny2k@yahoo.com, janela@spbguam.com, joey.sannicolas@gfd.guam.gov, joseph.i.cruz@gpd.guam.gov, madeleine.bordallo@mail.house.gov, matt.sablan12@yahoo.com, michael.cura@dpr.guam.gov, michael.uncangco@gfd.guam.gov, philip.taijeron@cqa.guam.gov, phnotice@guamlegislature.org, "Raffaele.sgambelluri@cqa.guam.gov" <raffaele.sgambelluri@cqa.guam.gov>, raymond.blas@dpr.guam.gov, robert@mvguam.com, Carla Borja <carla.borja@doc.guam.gov>, "chris.duenas" <chris.duenas@guam.gov>, Christopher Budasi <cbudasi@quamcourts.org>, "clynt@spbguam.com" <clynt@spbguam.com>, Cynthia Ige <cynthia.ige@gpd.guam.gov>, "Honorable Robert J. Torres" <guamjustice@hotmail.com>, "hottips@kuam.com" <a href="mailto:</a>, Jon Calvo <a href="mailto:</a>, "jose.sanagustin" <a href="mailto:</a>, "jose.sanagustin" <jose.sanagustin@doc.guam.gov>, "Joseph I. Cruz" <joseph.i.cruz66@gmail.com>, "joseph.duenas" <joseph.duenas@guam.gov>, Joshua Tenorio <jtenorio@guamcourts.org>, Joy Unpingco <joy.unpingco@guam.gov>, Ken Quintanilla <kenq@kuam.com>, kim santos <kim.santos@gpd.guam.gov>, "louella@mvguam.com" <louella@mvguam.com>, "Lt. Paul Sayama" <paul.sayama@qpd.guam.gov>, "manuel.babauta" <manuel.babauta@gpd.guam.gov>, Mark Calvo <mark.calvo@guam.gov>, Maurice Sayama <maurice.sayama@gpd.guam.gov>, "monica.salas" <monica.salas@gpd.guam.gov>, "mvariety@pticom.com" <mvariety@pticom.com>, "news@guampdn.com" <news@guampdn.com>, "Pedro A. Leon Guerrero, Jr." <pedro.leonguerrero@cqa.guam.gov>, Ray Tenorio <ray.tenorio@guam.gov>, "ronald.taitano" <ronald.taitano@qpd.quam.gov>, Rose Ramsey <rose.ramsey@quam.gov>, Shawn Raymundo <sraymundo@guam.gannett.com>, "susan. reyes" <susan.reyes@gpd.guam.gov>, Valerie Cruz <vcruz@guamcourts.org>, mis <mis@guamlegislature.org>, sgtarms@guamlegislature.org

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To: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders

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#### Thanks!

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# 2ND NOTICE: Public Hearing on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

Office of Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr. <committee@frankaguonjr.com>

Thu, Jun 18, 2015 at 7:44 AM

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# Respectfully,

# Lawrence Jay Alcairo

Office of Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders

Fr: SENATOR FRANK B, AGUON, JR.

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