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COMMITTEE ON RULES; FEDERAL, FOREIGN & MICRONESIAN AFFAIRS;
HUMAN & NATURAL RESOURCES, ELECTION REFORM, AND CAPITOL DISTRICT



I Mina'trentai Tres na Lihelaturan Guahan
THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

October 20, 2015

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

Speaker

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RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 171-33(COR) As Amended by the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District hereby reports out its findings and recommendations on **Bill No. 171-33 (COR) As Amended by the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District - "AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS (BSP) COLLECT DATA ON THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF ALL PRODUCE AND FISH IMPORTED TO GUAM, SUCH INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED QUARTERLY BY TYPE OF PRODUCE AND FISH ON BOTH THE BSP AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S WEBSITES AND TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DATA FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON THEIR PROCUREMENT OF LOCAL PRODUCE AND LOCALLY CAUGHT FISH,"** by Senator R.J. Respicio

Committee votes are as follows:

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

Very Truly Yours,

Rory J. Respicio

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ON
BILL NO. 171-33 (COR)

**As Amended by the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign
and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources,
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October 19, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
*Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources
Election Reform and Capitol District*

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio 

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 171-33 (COR) As Amended by the Committee on Rules,
Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources,
Election Reform and Capitol District

Transmitted herewith for your review and consideration is the **Bill No. 171-33 (COR) As Amended by the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District, - "AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS (BSP) COLLECT DATA ON THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF ALL PRODUCE AND FISH IMPORTED TO GUAM, SUCH INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED QUARTERLY BY TYPE OF PRODUCE AND FISH ON BOTH THE BSP AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S WEBSITES AND TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DATA FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON THEIR PROCUREMENT OF LOCAL PRODUCE AND LOCALLY CAUGHT FISH."** sponsored by R.J. Respicio

This report includes the following supporting documents:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 171-33 (COR) As Introduced
- Copy of Bill No. 171-33(COR) As Amended
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
- Fiscal Note Requirement for Bill No. 171-33 (COR)
- Referral of Bill No. 171-33 (COR)
- Public Hearing Notices
- 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 me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 171-33 (COR) As Amended by the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District - "AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS (BSP) COLLECT DATA ON THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF ALL PRODUCE AND FISH IMPORTED TO GUAM, SUCH INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED QUARTERLY BY TYPE OF PRODUCE AND FISH ON BOTH THE BSP AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S WEBSITES AND TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DATA FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON THEIR PROCUREMENT OF LOCAL PRODUCE AND LOCALLY CAUGHT FISH.," Sponsored by R.J. Respicio

	SIGNATURE	TO DO PASS	TO NOT PASS	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson		✓ 10/20/15				
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson		✓ 10/20/15				
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member		✓ 10/20/15				
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member		✓				
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member						
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member						
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member		✓ 11/1/20				
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member		✓				
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member		✓ 10/20/15				
Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader						
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member		✓				

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesia Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District convened a public hearing on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Public Hearing Room of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of **Bill No. 171-33 (COR)**- "AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS (BSP) COLLECT DATA ON THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF ALL PRODUCE IMPORTED TO GUAM, SUCH INFORMATION TO BE LISTED QUARTERLY BY TYPE OF PRODUCE ON BOTH THE BSP AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S WEBSITES," **Sponsor- Senator Rory J. Respicio**, and history is as follows:

- Introduced on September 4, 2015;
- Referral forwarded to this committee for public consideration on September 8, 2015.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via e-mail and facsimile to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on September 9, 2015 (5-Day Notice), and again on September 14, 2015 (48-Hour Notice), thereby meeting the noticing requirements of the Open Government Law. Notices were also transmitted to various stakeholders.

Senators Present

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson
Senator Mary C. Torres, Member
Senator James V. Espaldon

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

A. Sign-in Sheet for Bill No. 171-33 (COR):

1. Former Senator Ted Nelson, Farmer, provided oral testimony in support of the bill.
 2. Matthew LG Sablan, Director, Department of Agriculture, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill (*Please see attached for written testimony*).
 3. Mr. Manny Duenas, President, Guam Fisherman's Coop, provided oral testimony in support of the bill.
 4. Mr. Pedro A. Leon Guerrero, Jr., Director, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill (*Please see attached for written testimony*).
 5. Mr. Joe San Agustin, Director, Department of Corrections, provided oral testimony in support of the bill.
 6. Mr. Bill McDonald, Farmer, provided oral testimony in support of the bill.
 7. Ernie Wusstig, Farmer, provided oral testimony in support of the bill.
 8. Mr. Wil Castro, Director, Department of Bureau of Statistic and Planning, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill (*Please see attached for written testimony*).
- Other sign-in but did not testify:
9. Stacia San Nicolas, Farmer's Co-op, in support of the bill.
 10. Marilyn Salas, Farmer, did not state in support or opposition of the bill.
 11. Aleta A San Nicolas, Farmer, Pacific Farmers Together Coop, Inc., in support of the bill.

B. Sign-in Sheet for Round Table Meeting on purchasing local produce over imports and to expand government procurement of local produce:

1. Former Senator Ted Nelson, Farmer.
2. Mr. Jesse Rosario, Guam Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs.
3. Charleen Hadap, Guam Department of Education, Food and Nutrition Division.
4. Mr. Mike Schnitger, Sodexo.
5. Ms. DeAnndra Chargualaf, Guam Department of Education.
6. Mr. Pedro A. Leon Guerrero, Jr., Director, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency.
7. Mr. Vincent Perez, Assistant Chief, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency.
8. Mr. Joe San Agustin, Director, Department of Corrections and Farmer.
9. Mr. Bill McDonald, Farmer.
10. Ms. Taling Taitano, Deputy Superintendent, Guam Department of Education.
11. Mr. Paul Cruz, Guam Department of Education, Food and Nutrition Division.
12. Mr. Ike Santos, Federal Programs Administrator, Guam Department of Education.
13. Mr. Wil Castro, Director, Department of Bureau of Statistic and Planning.
14. Mr. Matthew LG Sablan, Director, Department of Agriculture.
15. Mr. Manny Duenas, President, Guam Fisherman's Coop.
16. Mr. Ernie Wusstig, Farmer.
17. Ms. Marilyn Salas, Farmer.
18. Mr. Adonis Mendiola, Director, Department of Youth Affairs.

Chairman Rory J. Respicio called the public hearing on Bill No. 171-33 (COR) in conjunction with a Round Table Meeting on purchasing local produce over imports and to expand government procurement of local produce to order at 9:00 A.M. and provided remarks on the bill as the main sponsor.

Chairman Respicio

Chairman Respicio recognized that by way of Bill No. 171-33 is to build on a law that Vice-Speaker Nelson passed to require the Government of Guam, namely, the Department of Education (DOE), Department of Corrections, Department of Youth Affairs, the Guam Memorial Hospital Association, agencies that provide for meal services would provide for the procurement of these local laws from local farmers and fishermen and a requirement for the Department of Agriculture to be able to move on this law.

This bill was introduced for two reasons: 1) Institutionalize the process for which Customs has already been undertaking to collect the data for all the fruits, vegetables and fish stock being imported into the island and 2) In Section 2, to provide for agricultural data collection on a local basis. We want to find out on a quarterly basis how much the DOE is purchasing from the local farmers and fishermen. We want to have this data. And I'm encouraged working with the Director of Agriculture these past few months since he's been appointed to the position. He believes that if we base our decisions based on data, it is only going to help the outcome we want to achieve. In this case, if we are able to know on a quarterly basis, how much this government is purchasing from our farmers.

Over the years, a lot of work has been done already. I know DOE has been purchasing from the local farmers, DOC will do the same, as well as the hospital, and I know you are encouraging your private vendors to reach out to the local community and buy local before purchasing these local vegetables. I believe too that if we institutionalize this data collection, that we can move forward in agriculture and aquaculture. We are seeing the importation of produce from the mainland, certainly those same fruits and vegetables could be imported from one of the other islands and same with exporting items.

Senator Ted Nelson at the time introduced this bill that would require the departments and agencies to budget for these items and that there is a very strict provision of law that says you must buy from a local farmer before from buying from somewhere else.

Former Senator Ted Nelson

Thank you for introducing this bill. We are very happy and hoping that this bill will be passed. I would like to hear from all the speakers.

Director Matthew LG Sablan

(See attached for written testimony).

Director Wil Castro

(See attached for written testimony).

The Bureau stands in support of this bill. The bill addresses important aspects in food security and economic perspective. The bill would require the collaborating agencies to work together to address the data collection instrument which Mr. Chair I will submit for further review. The methodology for the data collection, roles, responsibilities and time for collating, distribution and analyzing data. It is correct that we do receive some data relative to agricultural produce. We would prefer the bill is clear in agencies that already have this data to submit it to the Bureau in electronic format whether it is in PDF or an Excel file. For example, we receive boxes and boxes of files from Customs and they do a fine job capturing that data at ports of entry, especially the Port as it relates to fisheries data then we manually get the material and manually get the data and enter it then disaggregate, discern and analyze. If we are looking at multiple data sources of data provisioning, you can imagine we will need another FT for this project but it would do well for the government if we can get this information in electronic format. Depending on the source of the data, the Committee would consider including the commodity and volume of that data be reported. It would also be nice for produce to be defined. Is it organically grown, transshipped, or frozen? Those are important considerations. There is also provision on how we collect data as required by the federal government that we protect certain proprietary information. We redact information that we get from Customs to protect the interest of the commercial providers. You can imagine if we provide that information, it can compromise a competitive advantage. We don't want to do anything that necessarily harms commercial activity.

Chairman Respicio

The bill doesn't speak to who is bringing it in, just on what is being brought in.

Director Castro

Also for purposes of discussion, if we are looking at in a food security perspective, and it really is to serve the greater good, we might want to have a follow-up discussion on in terms of agricultural products that are not necessarily imported but are generated here. When we talk about fisheries that come into the Port, that's one source of data but there is no opportunity to capture other data that are imported such as to Payless or commodities that come in from the Guam Airport through a cooler. That data is at a very generic aggregate level. It might help that there is greater specificity for the need for us to get together on a data collection instrument and methodology.

Director Pedro A. Leon Guerrero, Jr.

(See attached for written testimony).

We do support the spirit of the bill and support the farmers in getting the data.

Chairman Respicio

I want to work with the Administration particularly the BSP, Customs and other agencies in respect to this bill. We want data that is simple. We want to track the commodities that are coming in for commercial purposes.

Mr. Manny Duenas

On behalf of the fishermen, we support the intent of the bill.

Chairman Respicio

I purposely left out the mandates from the agencies or any penalties at this point because I believe we are at a point where we are all coming from a place of wanting to do good and providing this information. I wanted to have a Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting so we can have some type of reporting requirements and maybe some penalties for not reporting or things that would make it easier for BSP to generate this data.

Mr. Bill McDonald

The experience I've had with trying to get this data collection talking to the previous Director was that there was no process defined at the time and the other problem was they had no program to input the data wasn't available. In further research, I found out that USDA has that program. Do you have that program now?

Assistant Chief Vincent Perez

Yes, we do provide statistics to USDA. We also have issues in providing electronic data so we have been making efforts to centralize and collect data submitted to USDA. It is a tedious process.

Mr. McDonald

In talking with an economist, Albert, we discussed on what we can do to make it easier on Customs. We wanted to make it consistent on what the economist and Customs wants. Also, we discussed used the manifest. We might have problems on packages versus weight.

Chairman Respicio

When PPQ was under Agriculture, PPQ would collect this data routinely and now CQ&A is now collecting the data. Are you giving the raw data to BSP or do you break it down? How is that data presented to BSP?

Assistant Chief Perez

The data we are providing to BSP is raw, aggregate data in the form with the invoices that identify the commodities. We don't sit there and go through boxes of paper and convert. Perhaps we can create a standard measurement or streamline the data needed so that everyone is on the same page. Data is aggregate with a whole bunch of information. BSP goes through all the data.

Chairman Respicio

Those processes can be worked out through an MOU, we don't have to legislate that.

Director Castro

Absolutely. But if data is coming to me in the form of invoices and receipts, you can just imagine these five agencies if it doesn't come in electronic form or disaggregate it, we are talking rooms of material that needs to be inputted. We can have a follow-up meeting on strategy and the compiling of data.

Chairman Respicio

Let me ask the agencies, will you be able to get this data from your services vendors on how many pounds of eggplant, cucumber, or any of the commodities?

Director Joe San Agustín

Coming from DOC, that is very possible. I know for a fact that they are purchasing from local vendors. In regards to the mandates and collection of data, as a farmer and Director, I am all for that. It is a tool a manager can utilize to better plan the stock for the type of produce you need to order. If it going to be required that local agencies purchase food from local farmers, we need to make sure these farmers are certified and bona fide farmers.

Chairman Respicio

I would like to take the time to recognize the Directors of DOC and DYA who have their inmates and clients participating in some type of farming activity. So can you imagine as a prison industry is the farmers are to also be producing these local fruits and vegetables and selling it to DOE for example. I also want to generate discussion that through the years with Agriculture and with its renewed commitment from its new Director, we want to move farming as an activity into a science and into a commercial industry. And if a farmer, through the Farmer's Coop, they can secure a contract with the government agencies for "x" amount of money in a month and the farmers if I am not mistaken, can take that contract and go to the bank or go to USDA and get a loan for start-up purposes. This is why I am excited about this bill. It is not just about collecting data, its actually moving forward to entering into legitimate and tangible contracts. In order to do that, I know that the concerns from the government agencies and hotel and restaurant industries is the supply but the Farmers Coop throughout the years is doing that. The government has committed millions to a new building and the farmers recognize that if their contract to supply eggplant for example and this farmer is short, they have the ability to call another farmer. We want to try and have DOE for example work into its menu sweet corn from a local farmer. So if there is the economy of scale, then we can ask the farmers to recognize that the cost of doing produce maybe if they have a regular supplier and buyer.

Director Sablan

For Director San Agustin, at the Department of Agriculture, we do have a listing of certified and commercial farmers and we do monitor their activity and farming. I believe there are about 400 listed.

Chairman Respicio

I respect where DOE is coming from as a major player and buyer of these fruits, vegetables and fish stock if it's available. The issue is really supply. We know the demand is there, but how do we guarantee that not only are they going to supply what's needed but what's needed actually works into DOE's Food and Nutrition Program. I am encouraged from last week when DOE Superintendent Jon Fernandez during the signing of the contract with the new food services supplier talked about buying local. Can you tell us what the challenges have been over the years beyond procurement which is what those obstacles have been?

Deputy Superintendent Taling Taitano

Specifically in regards to statistics that will be required, certainly we will work with our vendors to provide the information that is necessary. We would need to get specificity as to what information is required that will help us to make inform the vendors of documentation requirements.

Chairman Respicio

We will work with Wil here and Agriculture to do that sample data sheet. Also, Ike Santos is here from DOE Federal Programs. Back to Taling, can you share with us your perspective or experiences on how we can move forward and honor the commitment to buy local, everyone wants to do it. This government spends millions a year in food services. Last time I checked it was somewhere around 4 million but it is going up because the increase of population in the schools and the requirements of USDOE. If we capture a small percentage of that for the local farmers, you have this kind of business relationship but can you share with us your perspective over the years as to why it has been difficult?

Deputy Superintendent Taitano

The Department doesn't buy directly from farmers. We work with wholesalers that's because we need to ensure that the produce we are buying meets certain USDA requirements to make sure the food is safe to eat, that its graded appropriately. I know there were concerns of how the corn was being provided, having it cleaned. I know that was one of the issues we had with the corn. Certainly, we looked at initiatives that work local produce into our menus and we commit to doing that.

Chairman Respicio

Has there been some ideas over the years of how we can continue to commit to doing that? If the issue is production and the supply is just cucumbers, what does DOE do with all these cucumbers and if its going to be cucumbers five days a week. I would like to recognize Ike at this time.

Mr. Ike Santos

We do have records, in fact as Ms. Taling had noted, currently, we are required to procure a commodity through the US Department of Defense's prime vendor and we have procured since 2010 local produce. In fact, in SY 2012 and 2013, we procured over 1,680 pounds of tomatoes, bananas and bokchoy. In fact, it has dwindled on the menu. We have been working very closely with the farmers like Mr. McDonald and Mr. Wusstig. However, there are specific requirements that prevent us from continuing the relationship and that is for example, the corn. Mr. Wusstig, we want the corn, however, the issue is that we are required to get the corn husked. Once it gets husked, it goes through a different regulatory requirement and Public Health tells us that it is considered a processing requirement and it falls into a different area and so we are caught between a rock and a hard place. We want to support the local farmers. For local farmers, there is a process for fresh fruits and vegetables. You have the greens, the yellows, the purples, etc. We are not able to connect the requirements as well as the packaging. Our cafeterias cannot accept sacks of tomatoes and cucumbers. They have to be properly weighed, barreled or crated and then sent to the schools for proper usage.

Senator Espaldon

I understand the last part of the discussion focused on the expense of buying local. I do understand the concept of having the private contractors ply...are in it for-profit. This is the first time I've heard of the Farmers-School Program.

Ernie Wusstig

Years and years of neglect.

Director Sablan

It is very resourceful. We do have challenges. Like what Sen. Espaldon and Mr. Wusstig mentioned. Farming is a risky business. Federal insurance is out there. I just wanted to put it out there for farmers to avail themselves to.

Ernie Wusstig

We all need help. We all want to eat the same. It is good to have money available so that when the risk period comes along, everyone will be able to get back on their feet. Just like the water rates.

Chairman Respicio

The help you talk about will come in the form of steady, reliable buyer for the produce you are going to be generating. Just to wrap things up, I am pleased to hear from CQ&A that they are collecting data and they have the capacity to transmit that data to BSP and you are open to letting you know for BSP and this Legislature, this Committee and sharing with all the individuals here to letting you know exactly in terms of data collection, what types of commodities and how they are being brought in. Mr. Castro, with BSP, made some good recommendations on how these agencies should be mandated and information be submitted to BSP in electronic form and to allow these agencies to get together on their own by way of a MOU on how this data is to be collected and that

whole process will be revolved around from the different coops as well as the government. We spent a lot of time this morning talking to DOE and really getting DOE's perspective that they want to buy from the farmers but there are just some federal challenges that there are any local obstacles that you believe that is preventing you from buying from the local farmers and fishermen and those are things you need to know. Those are the things we need to hear is Public Health is saying that you can't receive corn, and I subscribe to Senator Espaldon's argument or reasoning that maybe that should not be considered processing. But even if the processing or husking of those corns were not an issue, we heard from DOE that the issue is manpower and having their staff to husk those things. Mr. Wusstig, I wonder if you are doing that volume sales to DOE. I was wondering if you are willing to deliver the corn husked or if you are going to do that at your farm, maybe we can get those people with health certificates with a health concession.

Mr. Wusstig

I use to husk corn to make it easier. I just leave one so it doesn't take you a whole minute to do one or you can boil it.

No further testimony being offered, Chairman Respicio then declared that Bill No. 171-33 (COR) was duly heard.

III. WRITTEN TESTIMONY

1. **Matthew LG Sablan, Director, Department of Agriculture, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill** *(Please see attached for written testimony).*
2. **Mr. Pedro A. Leon Guerrero, Jr., Director, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill** *(Please see attached for written testimony).*
3. **Mr. Wil Castro, Director, Department of Bureau of Statistic and Planning, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill** *(Please see attached for written testimony).*
4. **Mr. Tony Aguon, Farmer, provided written testimony in support of the bill** *(Please see attached for written testimony).*

IV. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District hereby reports out **Bill No. 171-33 (COR) As Amended by the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District- "AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS (BSP) COLLECT DATA ON THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF ALL PRODUCE IMPORTED TO GUAM, SUCH INFORMATION TO BE LISTED QUARTERLY BY TYPE OF PRODUCE ON BOTH THE BSP AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S WEBSITES,"** by Senator Rory J. Respicio with the recommendation to **TO DO PASS.**

I MINA TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2015 (First) Regular Session

Bill No. 171-33 (COR)

As Amended by the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign
and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources,
Election Reform and Capitol District

Introduced by:

R.J. Respicio

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LOCALLY CAUGHT FISH.

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura Guahan*

3 finds that our island imports a significant amount of produce that could be

4 grown here in Guam. Our island's farmers are capable of providing many

5 of the varieties of fruits and vegetables that consumers need and desire, yet

6 information on the type and quantity of the individual fruits and

7 vegetables imported into Guam is not readily available. *I Liheslatura*
8 further finds that Chapter 68 of 5 GCA mandates the Department of
9 Agriculture to ensure that the crops of the farmers and the fish products of
10 the fishermen of Guam are first procured by agencies of the government,
11 such as Department of Education, Department of Youth Affairs,
12 Department of Corrections, the Guam Memorial Hospital, and the
13 Government House. At a recent public hearing on the nomination of the
14 new Director of Agriculture, former Vice-Speaker Ted S. Nelson, who
15 sponsored, the provision noted that this law had never been fully complied
16 with by executive agencies.

17 *I Liheslatura* intends that the Bureau of Statistics and Plans be
18 mandated to expand and publish their data on the types and amounts of all
19 produce imported into Guam, to include the type and individual amounts
20 of the various types of produce being imported, for each calendar quarter.
21 As part of this process, the Bureau shall also incorporate data on
22 government procurement of local produce. This data resource will be
23 beneficial not only for government policy makers but also for our island's
24 farmers, who will be better able to know which crops to plant, how much

25 they need to produce, how much they may be able to export, and which
26 imports can be substituted by local products.

27 **SECTION 2. A NEW Sub item (j) is *added* to Title 5 GCA Chapter 1**
28 **§ 1209, to read:**

29 “(j) Agriculture Data Collection. The Bureau shall collect data on all fresh
30 produce and fish imported into Guam. Such data shall include type and
31 name of produce, weight (in pounds) of produce, and country from which
32 it is imported. The Bureau shall report this data on a quarterly and annual
33 basis. Such data shall be posted on the Bureau’s website and the
34 Department of Agriculture’s website.-The Bureau shall also collect data on
35 a quarterly basis on all government procurement of local produce and fish
36 by the Department of Education, Department of Youth Affairs, Department
37 of Corrections, the Guam Memorial Hospital, Government House, and any
38 other government agencies involved in such procurement. This data shall
39 be reported on a quarterly basis and such reports shall be posted on the
40 websites of the Bureau and the Department of Agriculture, distributed to
41 the media; and made available in printed form at the Department of
42 Agriculture’s offices. All departments and agencies that handle documents

43 containing information on the data required to be collected and published
44 herein shall cooperate with the Bureau to ensure the completion of the
45 reports as required herein."

46 SECTION 3. § 68102 of 5 GCA Chapter 68 is hereby amended to
47 read:

48 "§ 68102. **Budgeting & Payment System Required.** All Government of
49 Guam Agencies mentioned in § 68101 above, will include in their budget
50 request a plan for purchase of farm and fish products from local farmers
51 and fishermen including a specific line item for local produce and fish
52 purchases in the budget digest incorporated in the respective agency's
53 annual budget submission to I Liheslatura; provide the Bureau of Statistics
54 and Plans quarterly information on actual purchases of local produce and
55 fish; and provide the Department of Agriculture with quarterly projections
56 on procurement of local produce and fish. No funds shall be expended for
57 off island purchases of farm or fish products unless preference is first given
58 to local farmers and fishermen. All participating agencies are mandated to
59 establish a system where payment for these products will be made in an
60 expeditious manner with a minimum delay of no longer than two working


61 days. The Department of Agriculture shall establish and maintain a
62 computerized match making system which would provide the farmers and
63 the fishermen with a listing of prospective buyers, the products, and the
64 amount needed. The Department shall also provide a listing of all farmers
65 and fishermen to prospective buyers indicating the types of produce and
66 fish available, the quantity, and when the produce and fish can be made
67 available."

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I MINA TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2015 (First) Regular Session

Bill No. 171-33(COR)

Introduced by:

R.J. Respicio 

AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS (BSP) COLLECT DATA ON THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF ALL PRODUCE IMPORTED TO GUAM, SUCH INFORMATION TO BE LISTED QUARTERLY BY TYPE OF PRODUCE ON BOTH THE BSP AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S WEBSITES.

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 SECTION 1. **Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslatura Guahan*

3 finds that our island imports a significant amount of produce that could be

4 grown here in Guam. Our island's farmers are capable of providing many

5 of the varieties of fruits and vegetables that consumers need and desire, yet

6 information on the type and quantity of the individual fruits and

7 vegetables imported into Guam is not readily available. *I Liheslatura*

8 further finds that Chapter 68 of 5 GCA mandates the Department of

9 Agriculture to ensure that the crops of the farmers and the fish products of

10 the fishermen of Guam are first procured by agencies of the government,

11 such as Department of Education, Department of Youth Affairs,
12 Department of Corrections, the Guam Memorial Hospital, and the
13 Government House. At a recent public hearing on the nomination of the
14 new Director of Agriculture, former Vice-Speaker Ted S. Nelson, who
15 sponsored, the provision noted that this law had never been fully complied
16 with by executive agencies.

17 *I Liheslatura* intends that the Bureau of Statistics and Plans be
18 mandated to expand and publish their data on the types and amounts of all
19 produce imported into Guam, to include the type and individual amounts
20 of the various types of produce being imported, for each calendar quarter.
21 As part of this process, the Bureau shall also incorporate data on
22 government procurement of local produce. This data resource will be
23 beneficial not only for government policy makers but also for our island's
24 farmers, who will be better able to know which crops to plant, how much
25 they need to produce, how much they may be able to export, and which
26 imports can be substituted by local products.

27 SECTION 2. A NEW Sub item (j) is *added* to Title 5 GCA Chapter 1

28 § 1209, to read:

29 “(j) **Agriculture Data Collection.** The Bureau *shall* separate data collected

30 relative to the types and amounts of all types of produce imported into

31 Guam, and report such data on a quarterly and annual basis. Such data

32 shall be posted on the Bureau’s web site and the Department of

33 Agriculture’s website, to include the poundage of each type of produce.

34 The Bureau shall also collect data on a quarterly basis on all government

35 procurement of local produce by the Department of Education,

36 Department of Youth Affairs, Department of Corrections, the Guam

37 Memorial Hospital, Government House, and any other government

38 agencies involved in such procurement. This data should be made

39 available to the media. Copies of the posting in printed format shall be

40 made available at the Department of Agriculture’s offices. All departments

41 and agencies that handle documents containing information on the data

42 required to be collected and published herein shall cooperate with the

43 Bureau to ensure the completion of the reports as required herein.”

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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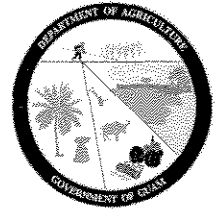
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September 16, 2015

Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson
 Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs; Human &
 Natural Resources; Election Reform and Capitol District

Subject: Testimony on Bill 171-33 (COR)

Buenas Yan Hafa Adai!

The Guam Department of Agriculture supports Bill No. 171-33(COR). This Bill will provide local farmers and fishermen with valuable marketing data to greatly benefit the agricultural industry. Quarterly data collection and analysis pertaining to agricultural and aquaculture imports will assist local farmers and fishermen in their decisions on seasonal production for marketing their products. This Bill will promote government, public and private partnerships to BUY LOCAL.

Sincerely,

Matthew L.G. Sablan
 MATTHEW L.G. SABLAN

Eddie Baza Calvo
Governor of Guam



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I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guahan
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: BILL 171-33: AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS (BSP) COLLECT DATA ON THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF ALL PRODUCE IMPORTED TO GUAM, SUCH INFORMATION TO BE LISTED QUARTERLY BY TYPE OF PRODUCE ON BOTH THE BSP AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S WEBSITES.

Dear Senator Respicio,

Hafa Adai! The Bureau of Statistics and Plans (BSP) supports the intent of Bill 171-33 specifically as it relates to the collection of data for produce imported to Guam.

Accurate and complete data is a key element in improving decision-making. Such information is important from a food security as well as economic perspective.

BSP will rely heavily on the agency or agencies whose responsibility it is to capture and transmit this information in accordance with the proposed legislation.

A collaborative effort among and between all affected parties to establish an efficient and effective data collection system is essential. The data collection instrument, methodology for data collection, roles, responsibilities and timelines for collating, distributing and analyzing the data are important planning considerations. Additional full-time BSP staff will be needed to compile, disaggregate, analyze and publish the data in accordance with the provisions of Bill 171-33.

The following points are offered for the committee's consideration:

1. Data be transmitted to BSP in an electronic format,
2. Commodity type and volume be reported,
3. Produce be defined (vegetables and fruits? Frozen items included?), and that a
4. Provision to protect commercial/corporate data be included.

Further, if the intent is to establish the levels of supply and demand for agricultural products such as fruits and vegetables on Guam, it may be equally important to collect data on agricultural products grown on Guam for commercial and personal consumption.

In closing the Bureau of Statistics and Plans supports the intent of Bill 171-33 aimed at improving data collection systems and the dissemination of information to all concerned.

Senseraamente,



William M. Castro

Director



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*Director of Customs – Pedro A. Leon Guerrero, Jr.
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September 16, 2015

Senator Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules: Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District
155 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Subject: Bill No. 171-33 (COR)

Håfa Adai Chairman Senator Respicio and Esteemed Members of the 33rd Guam Legislature,

I am Pedro A. Leon Guerrero, Jr., Director of Customs & Quarantine Agency. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this Public Hearing and Round Table Meeting regarding Bill No. 171-33 (COR).

For the record the Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency (CQA) fully supports the spirit of this bill, an act to MANDATE that the Bureau of Statistics and Plans (BSP) collect data on the amount and type of all produce imported to Guam and ensure that such information will be listed quarterly on both the BSP and Department of Agriculture's websites.

CQA already provides BSP with the necessary data on a monthly basis to produce these reports and we will continue to provide them this information. The only addition to existing protocol that CQA can facilitate would be to require importers report produce by weight (lbs.).

It must be noted that any additional mandates may affect CQA negatively in our capacity to operate effectively and would therefore need further discussion.

Sincerely,

Pedro A. Leon Guerrero, Jr.
Director, Customs & Quarantine Agency



Elaine Tajalle <etajalle@guamlegislature.org>

Support for Bill No. B171-33 (COR)

1 message

Tony Aguon <taguon1@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 10, 2015 at 9:40 AM

To: "Rory J. Respicio" <roryforguam@gmail.com>, etajalle@guamlegislature.org

Cc: Krisinda <krisinda@gmail.com>, Bill McDonald <billcmcd@yahoo.com>

Greetings! My wife and I are in support of Bill No. B171-33 (COR). We are local farmers and we find said bill to be greatly beneficial to our island and our people. Nothing but good will come from growing our own food. Limiting or eliminating the import of fruits and vegetables to Guam will definitely drive food prices down, create jobs, keep Guam dollars on Guam, make Guam food sustainable, limit spoilage, reduce our carbon footprint and perhaps create an export industry. The list of benefits are endless.

However, this piece of legislation is only one part of a large puzzle that must be put together in order for farming on Guam to be successful. Farmers need support and resources in order to make farming on Guam successful. Local farmers, particularly commercial farmers must have access to land in order to expand their operations. Guam must be surveyed and all land together with its soil must be inventoried in order for farmers to produce the best variety of produce that can be cultivated on said land. Water and power must be reduced if not made free to farmers in order for prices to remain low. A comprehensive scheduling of crop growth and distribution must be made in order to reduce waste and profit loss. This must entail a "contracted" commitment on behalf of the farmer, the government agencies and consumers that when crops are grown, they will be purchased from the local farmer at an agreed price, this is key. Again, we support the bill and wish to see it passed.

Regards!



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September 28, 2015

Memorandum

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Notes**

Hafa Adai!

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

FISCAL NOTES:

Bill No. 170-33(COR)

Bill No. 171-33(COR)

Bill No. 175-33(COR)

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

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

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**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 171-33 (COR)**

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Agriculture	Dept./Agency Head: Matthew LG Sablan, Acting Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	3,471,679
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	90,131
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$3,561,810

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2014 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2015 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2015 Appro. (P.L. 32-181 thru 33-07)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill

	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2015 (if applicable)	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Gen. Fund I/	\$54,746	\$0	\$54,746	\$56,822	\$58,973	\$61,208
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$54,746	\$0	\$54,746	\$56,822	\$58,973	\$61,208

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

Analyst: *Raymond Rieta* Date: *9/13/15* Director: *Jose S. Calvo* Date: **SEP 24 2015**
Raymond Rieta, BMA I Jose S. Calvo, Director

Footnotes:

1/ See attached comments.

COMMENTS TO BILL No. 171-33(COR)

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BSP currently captures import data for four months out of the year, releasing the "Guam Import Data" report detailing what was imported into Guam during a specific month and how much was paid to bring such items on island. Bill No. 171-33(COR) intends that BSP be mandated to expand and publish their data on the types and amounts of all produce imported into Guam, to include the type and individual amounts of the various types of produce being imported, for each calendar quarter. The bill also intends BSP to incorporate data on government procurement of local produce.

Because of the anticipated additional research and data required to meet the provisions of this bill, the fiscal impact of this legislation may involve the cost of hiring additional FTEs. Assuming that BSP were to recruit two (2) additional personnel (Statistical Technicians I – E-1, \$21,095 Per Year), the estimated average costs of Salaries and Benefits for the next 4 years for these new hires would be about \$57,937 per year.

The Guam Department of Agriculture is in support of the bill as the "available marketing data will benefit the agricultural industry and local producers".



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September 8, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 171-33(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 171-33(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.

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First Notice of Public Hearing– Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

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Wed, Sep 9, 2015 at 12:23 PM

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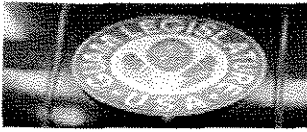
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Mon, Sep 14, 2015 at 9:00 AM

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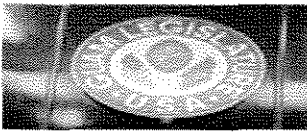
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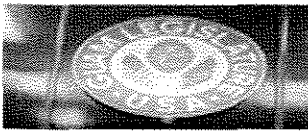
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I invite you to appear before this committee and provide testimony on Bill No. 171-33 (COR) and participate in the Round Table Meeting. Please feel free to extend this invitation to other interested members of our community. Testimony should be addressed to Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson, Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District, and may be hand-delivered or mailed to my office at 155 Hesler Place, *Hagåtña*, Guam 96910; e-mailed to cor@guamlegislature.org; or faxed to (671) 472-3547. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or service shall contact and submit their request to Elaine Tajalle at my office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to your attendance and participation. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase!*

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rory J. Respicio".

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Wednesday, September 16, 2015 • 9:00 AM
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AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Announcements

III. Items for Public Consideration

- Appointment of William T. Detry, Member, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Board
Length of Term: Three (3) Years
- **Bill No. 171-33 (COR)- "AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS (BSP) COLLECT DATA ON THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF ALL PRODUCE IMPORTED TO GUAM, SUCH INFORMATION TO BE LISTED QUARTERLY BY TYPE OF PRODUCE ON BOTH THE BSP AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S WEBSITES."** Sponsor- **Senator Rory J. Respicio**
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IV. Closing Remarks

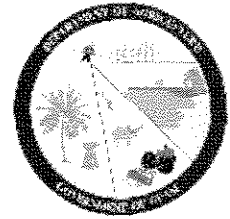
V. Adjournment

For copies of the above mentioned bills, please visit the Guam Legislature's website at www.guamlegislature.com. Testimony should be addressed to Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson, and may be submitted via hand-delivery to our office or our mailbox at the Main Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagatna, Guam 96910, via e-mail to cor@guamlegislature.com, or via facsimile to (671) 472-3547. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services shall contact and submit their request to Elaine Tajalle at our office. For more information, please call 472-7679. We look forward to your attendance and participation. *Si Yu as ma'åse'*



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News Release
For Immediate Release

Guam Agriculture Director supports Bill No. 171-33 (COR) to provide help to farmers and fishermen

September 8, 2015- Guam Department of Agriculture Director Matthew L.G. Sablan today expressed his support for Bill No. 171-33 (COR) introduced by Senator Rory J. Respicio. The legislation would require quarterly collection of data on the import of fresh produce and fish as well as on government procurement of local produce. Sablan stated, "This bill will provide a valuable resource that will help farmers and fishermen, as well as in developing effective policies to boost local agricultural production."

Sablan went on to explain, "Any expansion of available marketing data will greatly benefit the agricultural industry and local producers. Our local farmers and fisherman will have access to better information about what products the private and public sectors are buying and this will help them in their own decisions about production. Additionally, the Department of Agriculture will have a larger data base to utilize in carrying out our mission to expand the agricultural sector of economy and aid local farmers and fishermen."

Under the current law, the Department of Agriculture is empowered to promote procurement by government agencies for local agricultural produce whenever possible. "The new data reporting provision called for in the bill will give us a valuable tool to assess the effectiveness of our ongoing efforts," Sablan said.

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**RESPICIO SPONSORS BILL TO COLLECT DATA TO AID
LOCAL FARMERS AND FISHERMEN**

September 6, 2015— Senator Rory J. Respicio has introduced Bill No. 171-33 (COR) which will provide local farmers and fishermen with two new data sources to help in marketing their products, and make good on the government's long standing commitment to buy local. The legislation requires the Bureau of Statistics and Plans (BSP) to collect data on the importation and government-purchases for local agricultural produce, as well as fish. This data must be compiled on a quarterly basis, and posted on BSP and Agriculture's website. "This information will provide local agricultural producers with important marketing information that will aid in their decisions on which crops to plant, or fish to catch, how much the market will bear, which imports can be substituted with local products, and in identifying possible export opportunities," said Respicio. In addition to the collection of this data, Respicio believes that the collection of this data will provide for better coordination between the Department of Agriculture, the Government of Guam agencies who are able to purchase local agriculture and aquaculture produce as well as organizations such as the Guam Farmer's Cooperative and local fishermen.

Respicio went on to note that the current law sponsored by former Vice Speaker Ted Nelson mandates government agencies such as the Guam Department of Education, Corrections, Youth Affairs and the Hospital to procure local produce whenever practicable.

Respicio said, "With quarterly reports on the local produce procurement of these agencies, we will be able to better monitor their compliance with the existing statute, and it will provide an institutionalized process whereby the meal planners and nutritionists will be able to plan meals to coincide with the seasonal production of the fresh local produce. I realize that these meals are provided mostly by private contractors, but their compliance is still subjected to federal and local statutes. I also believe that our private sector partners want to buy from our local farmers and fishermen, and that the submission of this data will only strengthen that commitment."

Respicio said "Guam's agriculture and aquaculture industry remains a sleeping giant, and the only way to wake this sleeping giant up is to subscribe to the law of supply and demand and to have a more coordinated, data-driven approach to buying local. This legislative effort may also lead to the importation of fresh produce from within our region, as well as exporting fresh produce regionally."

Respicio announced that his legislative committee will hold a public hearing on Bill 171-33 (COR) on September 16, 2015, 9:00AM in the Legislature's Public Hearing Room. A roundtable will also be held in conjunction with Bill 171-33 (COR) where Respicio will moderate a community discussion with stakeholders and the concerned citizens on how to identify and remove existing barriers to reducing the importation of fresh produce, as well as mandating that the government purchase local agriculture and aquaculture produced by the island's farmers and fishermen.

For more information, please contact Senator Respicio's office at 472-7679.

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Attachment: Bill No. 171-33 (COR)

UNSWORN DECLARATION: I hereby declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury of the laws of Guam, this declaration being sworn and made in lieu of an affidavit pursuant to Title 6 Guam Code Annotated §4308, at the place and date identified herein.

