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

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

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 176-33 (LS)

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 176-33 (LS) - An act to add a new item (5) to Subsection (o) of Section 1, Chapter V of Public Law 33-66 relative to the classification of personnel vital to the protection of Guam's Natural Resources.

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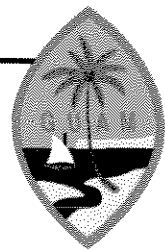
Respectfully,

SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

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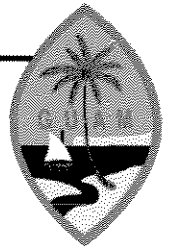
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REPORT

ON

BILL NO. 176-33 (LS)

“An act to add a new item (5) to Subsection (o) of Section 1, Chapter V of Public Law 33-66 relative to the classification of personnel vital to the protection of Guam’s Natural Resources.”



MEMORANDUM

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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. (176-33) (LS)**

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Bill No. (176-33) (LS) – (An act to add a new item (5) to Subsection (o) of Section 1, Chapter V of Public Law 33-66 relative to the classification of personnel vital to the protection of Guam’s Natural Resources.)

This report includes the following:

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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. 176-33 (LS) – “An act to add a new item (5) to Subsection (o) of Section 1, Chapter V of Public Law 33-66 relative to the classification of personnel vital to the protection of Guam’s Natural Resources.” sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Senator Rory J. Respicio, Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

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I. **OVERVIEW**

Bill No. 176-33 (LS) was introduced on September 14, 2015, by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Senator Rory J. Respicio, and 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 September 15, 2015.

The Committee on Guam US Military Relocation, Public Safety and Judiciary convened a public hearing on Bill No. 176-33 (LS) on a Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 4:00PM 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 Tuesday, September 15, 2015 (5-Day Notice), and again on Thursday, September 17, 2015 (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Chairperson
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Committee Member
Senator Rory J. Respicio, Committee Member
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D., Committee Member

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 4:00 PM.

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 we have Bill No. 176-33(LS), which is relative to the classification of personnel vital to the protection of Guam's Natural Resources. Just for the information of the public, the notification in compliance with the open government law was disseminated on the 15th. The initial information of notification was disseminated on the 15th of September and then the second notice went out to the public, to the senators, and to the media partners and the stakeholders also was sent out subsequent to that on the 17th. We do have, like I mentioned one particular measure on the agenda this afternoon. I would like to recognize my colleagues who have joined us the afternoon.

Chairman Aguon:

To my immediate right, is Senator Rory Respicio, who is the Chairman of the Department of Agriculture Oversight, and to my immediate left is Senator Nerissa Underwood, and to her immediate left is Senator Dennis Rodriguez. As was mentioned a little earlier, we do have one particular legislative measure that we will be entertaining. If I call your name, and you would like to present either written or oral testimony please join us in the front. Okay. I noticed that in the past, there's been a number of our people in the audience that who signed in just to express their support or their opposition to a measure, but did not want to oral testify, so I would extend that courtesy to you. Before I identify the sponsor of the legislation, I would like to invite, obviously the Director Mr. Matt Sablan, Ms. Jane Dia, and Joe Mafnas, who has already made himself, providing his own personal accommodations is already at the table, and then Mr. Michael Reyes. Mr. Director, before I recognize you, I would like to yield to the sponsor of Bill No. 176-33(LS) Senator Dennis Rodriguez. Senator.

Senator Dennis Rodriguez:

Hafa Adai, and thank you very much Mr. Chairman and good afternoon to everybody. Bill 176 is very similar to a provision that we have included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Act, which we are operating on this year up to the end of this month, and what it does is allocate a certain amount, in this case \$367,238, which is an amount that was provided by the Department of Agriculture, and which is the allocation to ensure the salaries and benefits of the eight forestry aide officers and three conservation officers are set aside and maintained for fiscal year 2016. This fiscal year, we did that during floor discussion during the budget session and so we have that and put that in, in response to the Department of Agriculture's Request to ensure we do that. I understand that these individuals were on a limited term appointment, and so we wanted to make sure that the service they provide to the public is not interrupted, and so that was made during that budget session. We were also told in a short during that time that after that was incorporated, the department now, would initiate the process of perminizing these individuals to these positions. However, we understand that hasn't happened for the past two years maybe and that hasn't happened. We are concerned that now we are in this situation where the department has not acted on perminizing these positions and so what this bill calls for is number one, to ensure that the service protecting our Guam's natural resources are not interrupted and hopefully if we can get this on before the start of the fiscal year, then we can be assured of that, but also the second aspect of this is ensuring that we perminize these individuals who have been occupying these positions for the past, I believe two or even three years maybe. So that's what this measure does Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Senator Rodriguez and the first individual I would like to identify is the director. Mr. Sablan.

Director Sablan:

Thank you Mr. Chair.

[Written Testimony Attached]

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Mr. Sablan. Ms. Dia, if you can please identify yourself for the record and proceed.

Ms. Jane Dia:

Jane Dia, resource information and education officer within the Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources at the Guam Department of Agriculture. Hafa Adai Senators, Thank you so much for this opportunity. I am a campaign manager for a marine preserve campaign called the Piti Pride Tepungan Wide, and some of the outcomes of that was having the community do a pre-opposed survey where they identify threats to the natural resource management of the Piti Bomb Holes Preserve. So one of the recommendations from the public and the community was an increase in enforcement and they felt that out of all the activities, that would be something they would need and so in support of that, the US Fish and Wildlife Sports Fish Restoration Grant afforded us to move forward with the program and also a non-profit organization from the states called Rare funded a lot of the activities for this campaign as well as the University of Guam Sea Grant. So there was a lot of investment for this program, which needed the support of law enforcement. We could not have done this campaign without law enforcement. The success of this campaign is a hotline that was developed so there was a greater increase in communication with the public and the community to our law enforcement. They have an increase in patrols. The funding sources were able to get them much needed repairs for equipment so they can continue those patrols. So going forward, the conservation recruits have training and we were almost able to give them more training if they were classified employees. So the non-profit organization had it as one of their requirements to give them more funding for different training, but because they weren't classified we had this table set for another time. So, in closing, it was really important that we have law enforcement numbers. We need an increase in force, having a break in that kind of service, you know with budget not being approved, it would impact the communities perception of the support we went forward with the campaign saying that law enforcement would be there, so it really is important for us and also going forward we are extending to Tumon Bay and we need more presence and so reducing the numbers would really impact the beginning of this other Tumon campaign. So I'm grateful for their efforts because, not only that, they were able to give us a lot of needed data and the data they collected between three years, they are able to do better management practices. Also it is a good tool to give back to our community and say what they have been doing. I really am in favor for this opportunity for them to continue service. As well as our forestry aides, because we do a ridge to reef approach to conservation and their support really impacts our efforts for fisheries management and so you know we really do need all this man powers in our agencies and service. So thank you so much for this opportunity.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Ms. Dia for your testimony this afternoon. Mr. Mafnas.

Cheif Joe Mafnas:

Hafa Adai Chairman Aguon, Senator Rodriguez, Senator Underwood, and natural resource Chair Senator Respicio. Hafa Aai and thank you.

[Written Testimony Attached]

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Mr. Mafnas for your testimony this afternoon. Mr Reyes?

Mr. Reyes:

[Written Testimony Attached]

Chairman Aguon:

Thank very much Mr. Reyes, and because we do have your ASO here we'll go ahead and ask the senators if they have any questions, but thank you very much for your testimony this afternoon. Senator Rodriguez. Just a quick statement in regards to how this process can proceed forward because we all understand we are still a week, maybe a week and a half off from the conclusion of this physical year. It's very timely if in fact the legislature will go into session and address this before the end of the physical year, but like what's done previously, if in fact it breaks into the next FY we certainly will push to try to expedite consideration by the legislative body. The intent here behind expediting this public hearing Mr. Director and to everyone who is here is to not only ensure we bring this issue to the forefront, we recognize it, but that you also understand that the legislature is behind all of our employees who are present in these positions. The commitment was made last year when Senator Rodriguez had introduced it into the legislation, and it was added into the budget to allow for the carry over for these individuals in the limited term capacity. I guess my one question would be, as we allow this additional extension for another year, can we get perhaps some level of commitment from you Mr. Director, if its not too much to ask, having approached the front office, but I'd like to see these individuals classified, made permanent because that was the intent last year, and right now a full year has turned full circle and you have not been in that position the entire physical year, so we would like to see if by any chance you can get some level of commitment and that the legislature will allow this limited term continuation of our conservation officers and the additional personnel and at least on your end be able to work with the front office to see what you can do to get them classified and perminized because we heard about the requirement you shared with us about the requirement in terms of enforcing the natural resources laws.

Director Sablan:

Yes Senator, and I do appreciate the introduction of this bill. With this bill, to carry them over uninterrupted service and not to repeat what happened previously. Again, we appreciate your efforts on this and I am committed as a director to make sure they are classified. I've been working closely with my liaison, Ms. Antonia Santos and were going to work diligently on this and also communicate with you senators and the front office. Everybody is going to be on the same sheet as we go along. We will be giving you updates. Again thank you for this opportunity and my goal is not to repeat. It's a challenge every Fiscal Year. Where do we go? Where do we get the funds? Is there budget cuts? So, I will not repeat this. Thank you.

Chairman Aguon:

Well I just want to say that because they are already occupying these positions, the funding is already there, and the Legislature borrowing any major financial crisis, has yet to terminate employees. So you can almost be assured that going to the next FY and the subsequent Fiscal Years that the funding for these particular positions will remain there and we just need to have you work with the front office to see what you can do to expedite this, but your commitment is very much appreciated Mr. Director. There is only so much you can do, but you have the commitment at least from this end on behalf of myself and the sponsors of the legislation and I'm sure Senator Underwood would incur that in this case, that allowing these individuals to continue on uninterrupted into the next fiscal year I think is critical again in giving you the opportunity to be able to classify them.

Director Sablan:

And with the budget that's appropriated, it's actually a two phase. No interruption of service and in the mean time put that classification in place. So all the figure here is incorporated in the two phase.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Mr. Director. Senator Respicio.

Senator Rory Respicio:

Thank you Mr. Chair. Before you dismiss this panel and go onto the next I wanted to state for the record, particularly to the individuals that stand to have this period of uncertainty become certain if this bill passes and sign into law that the new director has been very committed to seeing this particular issue resolved. I can't thank the governor enough for appointing you Director Sablan to the agriculture and you've been there well after the budget was submitted for the upcoming fiscal year, but you did bring this to our attention and I want to recognize also yourself and Senator Rodriguez for having this bill before us. I think the difference with this bill and what Senator Rodriguez was able to do last budget cycle was in the last budget cycle, through his efforts we were able to continue them on an LTA basis. This bill is different because they would automatically go from LTA to classified. Then we talked about that and we agreed as senators, as legislatures that doing something like this should not be doing in the budget process. Only because it's very different from what was done last time. If we were going to continue the status quo that's one thing, but this bill will do far better and this is what Senator Rodriguez is trying to do, which is why he introduced the bill we cosponsored and we are having a public hearing right now to discuss the merits. I also want to point out that come October 1st, they will be able. Right Director? To continue in a limited term capacity, funding will still be there, and should this bill pass, I think Speaker is going to call us into session mid October. Should this bill pass, and the governor signs it into law, then certainly as Senator Rodriguez points out in this bill that the 8 forestry aides and the three conservation officers will have a seamless transition. But I wanted to point that out Tony so that the individuals

Ms. Antonia Santos

That's correct. What we plan to do if we can get them from limited term to limited term and then while during that process, we are going to be working with BBMR to see how we can classify them, but not terminating them.

Senator Rory Respicio:

But I wanted to point that out Ms. Toni so the individuals here know it wasn't really imperative or time sensitive that this be entertained in the budget process. You know the budget process contains all sorts of issues that identifies the governor's priorities, the legislature's priorities and to put something like this in a budget, might have just made it harder for this thing to go forward. So I appreciate Senator Rodriguez recognizing that it's better we do it outside the budget act, so they can have a fair shake at this initiative that the senator is trying to propose. Just so you know because it was mentioned come October 1st you'll lose these individuals. Just to make it perfectly clear, come October 1st you will not lose these individuals. They would remain in LTA and then through the efforts here in the legislature, everything could be applied retroactively. Chief, are you okay with that explanation?

Chief Joe Mafnas:

Yes, I just got one other question if you don't mind. On the verbiage it says up to 8 forestry aide positions. What was the rationale instead of just saying 8 positions?

Chairman Aguon:

Up to eight because in that particular case, there are 8 individuals in that position and we wanted to ensure that it highlighted that and it recognized that, but we can change the verbiage. That was a concern that was brought up by the director a couple days back and perhaps we should just highlight 8 conservation positions, but initially the information that was disseminated to us was that number.

Chief Joe Mafnas:

Just to eliminate any form of interpretation on that issue.

Senator Rory Respicio:

But if also if the thing is enacted and there's only six incumbents, that's probably why Senator Rodriguez put up to eight, but it's not less than 8, it's not more than 8 because if the time comes and there's only six warm bodies someone might say, wait a minute, we cannot implement this because it says 8, but there's only 6.

Chief Joe Mafnas:

Thank you.

Senator Rory Respicio:

I just want to close by thanking you Mr. Chairman, Senator Rodriguez, and Senator Underwood and others that have been involved in this process and to just underscore the director's commitment and just so it's not misunderstood that when you leave here today come October 1st that you would still be in the same limited term capacity, but should this bill be passed and signed into law, everything will be seamless, and this bill would still need to provide the funding at some point in the fiscal year. I also want to make it clear that the additional 667,000 from your existing budget doesn't mean you have an extra 267,000.

Ms. Antonia Santos

At least in the department's budget.

Senator Rory Respicio:

But you would have a shortfall. In Senator Rodriguez's fore thinking, getting the authorization is 99.9 percent of the battle, and the governor will always be able to step forward and use his transfer authority and that's where the director's strength comes in and the governor also is saying that he believes his revenue estimates are going to be higher than what the legislature adopted and when that time comes, there would be an opportunity for supplemental budget and the authorization is here and the funding will just flow and so it's like a multi prong approach to making their period of uncertainty, more certain so they can finally be classified and take advantage of the training you talked about, so I just want to let everybody know what the game plan is and what the goal is and that there's no misunderstandings, and I appreciate you saying that. We don't have 367,000, but you understand too what the next 12 months are going to have be like in order for these individuals. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Senator Respicio and just to add to those comments to all of you who are impacted by this piece of legislation. Just understand the nature of the conversation is that in fact you continue your employment with the Government of Guam uninterrupted come October 1st and well work with the director through Senator Rodriguez's legislation to be able to work on classifying all of you. So that's the intent behind this particular measure so Mr. Director and to everyone thank you very much for your testimony this afternoon. I would like to invite the following individuals, Mr. Mark Aguon, Roland Quitugua, Bel Soliva, and Chris Castro please. If I can also invite the following individuals, Gage Santos, and Daniel Anderson. Okay Gentlemen, if you can identify yourself for the record and proceed with your testimony. We'll start with Mr. Aguon.

Mr. Mark Aguon:

Hafa Adai Senators, I'm Sergeant Mark Aguon, I'm the Operations Sergeant for the law enforcement section. First and foremost I would like to thank you for taking time to consider our position within the Department of Agriculture. Right now we are in dire straights and I mean really bad in regards to enforcement and responding to the public's needs and protection our natural resources. As you can see right here I have two of the LTAs in front right here and one of my senior guys. The rest have other commitments right now. One cannot be here because his wife had surgery. The other one has to go run and take care of his daughter because the wife works. What am I left with? This is a problem that's been happening for a long time, and it needs to be addressed. I don't want to go back and rehash what my boss has already explained to you, but I will tell you this. Since we brought these guys on board, since the time they actually started working, they actually already accumulated 16 cases in regards to violations to Guam law. The most current one, and this is the one I'm so far most proud of. We actually apprehended career criminals in this last one. One happens to be a pedophile, one happens to be an illegal arms dealer/ bomb maker, and then the other one is a beyond control criminal. We do not just do natural resource. We are out there to protect the public as well. Our hours of operation is none other than the same than anybody else. We work the Gaga hours persay and we are the ones who go out there and look at these parts and look at for these people that attack people trying to do exercise, or just take the time, their personal time to be away. All of a sudden they have a perpetrator on them. We are the guys in shadows. That's how we work, but I'm losing ground. I too am in the position to retire already. So is my boss. Where is the experience, the guidance that's going to take over and train these guys when we are gone. Basically we are putting them in harms way because they have no senior leadership because of this problem has been happening for a long time. So I am really grateful that you took the time today to hear us and heed the call that we need guys desperately and not just three. We need more. We need more guys. The last guys that I have left that are 24 years. Never got promoted. Where is the fairness in that? Where is the fairness? You need to go home and sleep on that. These guys are, I don't know how we are still here. I moved up once in 24 years. Our classmates, Guam Police Department guys that I graduated with moved three or four times. So why are we not treated equal. We don't understand that, but todays fight is for these guys to stay on so that Guam's natural resources are protected. We work with forestry. We are arson investigators for forestry. We have 17 court mandates. We do everything. We don't have a criminal section. We don't have an investigative section. We don't have an evidence processing section. We do it all. We don't go home until the whole process is done, and that where in lie is where the government loses. You give us so little people to work with, you pay overtime. Why? Give me more guys. I can work three shifts and we would cut that down drastically. Cover more area. In closing, will tell you this you are not working alone. We found a way to help ourselves. Right now we have a CEA. A Cooperative Enforcement Agreement with Noah law enforcement. We found a way to get us the equipment we need. So we are asking you to meet us half way. We are in the LESSER program down at big navy. We are in that too. We just got approved. So we are trying to fix ourselves so meet us half way. Now you need to help us give us numbers. Help us keep these guys and then move forward and give us just a little bit more, and then don't forget my colleagues. The two guys, 24 years of dedicated service and not once did they get promoted. So please look at the Senator and fix that problem. Ill be ashamed to know that.

Mr. Mark Aguon:

You know you wont sleep good tonight knowing that how can this government servant work 24 years and never get promoted and he earned it through training, education, and experience. So please today, all Im going to ask now is consider this bill and fight for it. I know you have more votes to gain, work hard to get it and help the other guys. Thank you.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you Mr. Aguon for your testimony this afternoon. Gentlemen, I don't think you're going to mind, but can you yield to the young lady in the far right.

Ms. Bel Soliva:

Good afternoon Senators. My name is Bel Soliva. I'm one of the foresters. I am here to support and I am almost to retire as well. I am not prepared to say anything, but my boss Mr. Mafnas did say anything that we want to be here this afternoon and those people in the front, they are our forestry aides at the LTA position and we would want them to continue working in the Forestry Division of the Department of Agriculture because their services is very important. They are the people that go to the jungle collect seeds, especially our native species, start the propagation and provide it to the landowners. So without these people, we don't have seedlings to give away free of charge under the federal grants. So we really need their services and to be permanent because they also have family to feed and everything like us, so we really need their services, and as I said, I am retiring soon so we want them to take care of Forestry Division and the needs of the land owners that is doing good in our environment or protection of our natural resources in this island. Not only protection, but to beautify as well because that's very important for the tourist that we are here enjoying in our island. Thank you.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Ms. Soliva for your testimony this afternoon. Gentlemen. Please identify yourself for the record.

Mr. Gage Santos:

Good afternoon Senators, my name is Gage Michael Ferajen Santos. I am a limited term appointment conversation officer recruit in the Department of Agriculture and I am here today in support of Bill176-33. I first heard about this LTA position back in January 2013. A fellow cycle mate of mine the Criminal Justice Academy at GCC, she was actually one of the first LTAs here at the Department of Agriculture for the Conservation Section. She told me 2013 that they had openings for the position, the LTA position. So I went in and applied for it. I wasn't picked up until 2014 April was when I was picked up when I was applying for the job and she was no longer here. She left the LTA position to pursue a permanent Gov. Guam position at DOC. So shes now a DOC guard. We still keep in touch from time to time, just the process of waiting to get hired here from hearing it in January 2013 and finally coming aboard in April 2014, you know so that was a waiting process. So one of my concerns was before you clarify that we are working through October 1st, one of my concerns was if that didn't happened and you would announce the position come October 1st for a classified permanent position that we would have to reapply, then how long would we wait until we were selected you know or had to do the written test or physical test, then the interview then when would we come aboard. So that was one of my concerns, but you guys clarified that for me. The government has invested a lot of time and money in us and we are here for the long haul.

Mr. Gage Santos:

Just give us the opportunity. We have a passion for the job already being here for a year and five months. We love it and we are here to preserve our land and our oceans for future generations to enjoy, like our kids when we do have our grandkids. Everybody's family is here. So we are here to protect that. Another thing is a lot of the older guys, the senior guys; they are on their way out to retirement. They have a lot of knowledge that we can gain from them. Without their guidance, we would be struggling out there. There's a few guys in the military as well. They get called for deployments and serve our country and you're left with the two guys that are not in the military. If we didn't have a position so we are here and we want to work. Also the manpower out there. We have come across big groups, fishing groups. They are armed. They have knives. They have spear guns. The poaching community, they are armed with shotguns, crossbows, handguns, assault rifles and these groups there is up to four of them, maybe more. You have two-three officers responding to that call without any back up. So that's an issue too, officer safety. I've never done this before so you know it's my first time. I'm in support of the bill and thank you for support everybody, and I'm here for the long haul.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Mr. Santos.

Mr. Daniel Anderson:

Good afternoon senators. My name is Daniel Anderson. I'm currently an LTA for the Conservation Section. The guys pretty much explained the crisis we are in and importance of our natural resources. I just want to say I'm young, and I don't have kids right now, but when I do have kids, I want them to see, and I want them to be able to fish where there is fish. I want them to see how beautiful the island is and without us conservation recruits and the forestry aides, that wont happen because of the fact that you got the water shed and you got these illegal fishing in the preserves. Without the preserves, fish have nowhere to go and reproduce so that a really important thing. Like Officer Santos said, its my first time being here too so I'm nervous, but I'm doing my best. Since I started here we worked hard to get to where we are at right now. I was fresh out of high school. I joined the academy. Instead of hanging with my friends and having fun I wanted to work hard because I wanted to be in law enforcement. I wanted to protect the public and when I joined the academy my two top choices were customs and conservation. I happened to get lucky and get one of them so natural resources is important to me as well as the island and that it.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you Mr. Anderson for your testimony. Mr. Castro.

Mr. Kris Castro:

Good afternoon Senators. I am Officer Castro, conservation. For the past few weeks I have been working with at least the three LTAs that we have for conservation and they've been sitting up here longer than me and I can only imagine the forestry aide. I just like to thank you for the support for these individuals because without the clarification that Senator Respicio just gave. A lot of them are stressing out. I've seen one of them, like they could not even think on a daily basis, losing sleep, losing weight. Seeing that in person, and as a colleague, it concerns me and now that you've given them that hope, it's really inspiring and I thank you for that.

Mr. Kris Castro:

I like to keep things simple, but these three individuals that I work with Officer Rios, Officer Anderson, Officer Santos, they've busted their butts off for the time that they were working here. We rang them through the ringer. They even done officer survival course through the water and that's something even I don't want to repeat myself. So if we want to keep them, that's absolutely great because if we were to retrain new folks, I don't think they have the fortitude that these three individuals showed. I would just like to express my gratitude and thank you.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you Officer Castro, Officer Anderson, Officer Santos, and Officer Aguon and Ms. Soliva. Thank you for your testimony. You pulled the mic.

Mr. Mark Aguon:

Yes sir. I just want to say one more thing before I get up here. Not only did you here coming from their hearts. Nothing rehearsed. We asked them to come if they wanted to and give them the opportunity to fight for themselves, at the same time we promised to come up here to and fight for them. Another thing that I would like to address to this committee too is that not only is it about this situation here. What you leave me with if this does not happen, overloaded workforce of 5 guys for the whole island. There's just no way. Then what is going to say. We have communities out there that are going to stand up and say we're not doing our job. Bring it to you, another headache go around. That's happening already, so we are trying to stop that process. We need these guys and more. We do, seriously. The time we spent training them, the money we spent training them, the response to the community like Ms. Dia said. We get calls all the time. As soon as I parked my car in the garage last night, I got a call on my cellphone, my personal phone, which I give out as a response and requesting for CO to go down to Merizo, they are net fishing, which is illegal. I'm so ashamed to call their wives to say, can I get Gage. It's just too much. We need help. So I don't know how much more I have to tell you. So please, think about this, fix it, and then help us some more. It's not yet over. Sorry to say, its just not over yet.

Senator Rory Respicio:

Mr. Chair, very quickly I just want to say that the existing authority to allow you to continue as an LTA was through Senator Rodriguez's current law. What he is proposing here is better than what we were thinking about with the director and the ASO. So you have existing authority and if this thing goes through, it will put you in a better position and I wanted to clarify that make sure come October 1st that none of you are going to the governor's office, or going to any of our offices asking what happened. You heard the director and the ASO say that from now until the bill passes and hopefully becomes law that nothing should change. Right Director? What Senator Rodriguez is proposing, is far better than what we ever talked about right director? Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much gentlemen and just to reiterate. This is the second time we are going through this entire process of extending the limited term positions into the next FY. So you already have the commitment of 75% of the members of the body by virtue of last year, and I say 75% because we have 4 wonderful new colleagues who joined the 33rd Guam Legislature and you have one to my immediate left.

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Chairman Aguon:

I don't envision any concerns with regards to passing this legislation, allowing the director to continue to retain his resources and allowing these men to contribute to the community through their efforts. What we would like to do Mr. Director. Two things. One is first of all, thank you very much for allowing your people to be able to testify. I say that speaks volumes about your leadership within the department allowing your respective employees to be able to testify on legislation that could impact them or could impact their divisions or their sections so thank you very much on that note. Secondly is Mr. Director there's a site issue that was mentioned by Officer Aguon and I don't want it to leave this public hearing without being recognized. If by any chance you can work with the Chairman or myself or any of the senators, Senator Rodriguez or Senator Underwood or any of the senators in the legislature so that we can work on that promotional structure that you need in law enforcement because really 24 years, an individual not being merited and I literally say merited with a promotional opportunity within 24 years, says something about that we need to revisit the structure that you have for your law enforcement division. We will work with you and please we need your cooperation on the support of the front office and thank you recognizing that Mr. Director. Thank you gentleman, and Ms. Soliva for your testimony. If I can invite now Mr. Roland Quitugua, Ms. Angelita Mendiola, Senator Hope Cristobal, and Nathan Rios. Once again Roland Quitugua, Angelita Mendiola, Senator Hope Cristobal, and Nathan Rios and Enrique Salas please. If you don't want to testify, its okay. At least you signed in. Just signify and let me know that in fact you don't want to testify. If Mr. Salas isn't going to join us then I would like to invite Shawn Diaz. If Shawn is in the audience. You're good? Okay. Bruno Cases. You're good. Ruddy? Okay, but we do have you noted so thank you very much gentlemen for signing in. Just let me call one other individual, Albert Lujan. You're good. Okay. Paul Cabanan and then Shane Muna. Okay thank you very much for signing in gentlemen and signifying that in fact you support this particular measure and we can yield to Ms. Mendiola.

Ms. Angelita Mendiola:

[Written Testimony Attached]

And I'm really inspired by the aquatic limited term employees and so the forestry limited term employees. They have dedicated so much of their time and their passion to help our island to protect our natural resource for this generation and future generations, and I'm happy to say the Director Sablan and the Deputy Director Pelican are doing a great job. We have been really communicating and planning a lot of activities to revisit. So I'm really really happy and your support fuels my passion to continue working for the protection of our natural resources. Thank you very much and I applaud you for taking your time to pay attention to the needs of the agriculture limited term people. Thank you very much.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much. Senator Cristobal.

Former Senator Hope Cristobal:

Si Yuus Maasse Mr. Chairman. Hafa Adai all members of the committee. Senator Rodriguez, thank you for introducing the bill and sponsors including Senator Underwood who is here in support, I'm sure.

[Written Testimony Attached]

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Senator Cristobal and Mr. Quitugua, thank you for allowing the ladies to provide their testimonies.

Mr. Roland Quitugua:

My name is Roland Quitugua and I am with the University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service as well as The Northern Soil and Water Conservation District. Chairman and senators before us, I'd like to just say that I'm here to testify on the need to enhance the Department of Agriculture. I have seen a number of threats to our natural resources. Many of you know me for the work that I'm doing with the Rhino Beetle and that all stemmed from the Department of Agriculture lacking the resources to do their mandates. So we as partners have come together to help augment them and now at a time where the Department of Agriculture is coming up from the ashes is not the time to pull the rug beneath them. I can tell you that I have worked with the Division of Forestry for a number of years and whenever there is a project that the Department of Agriculture, not only the Forestry Division, but also the Conservation Unit work together to build up, to protect, to grow these plants, but once you put them in the ground, its not the time to turn them away. Once you plant the seed, that's the beginning and that's where the Conservation Officers come in. Now, need I remind you that we have been experiencing storms on an average of about 1 every 30 days. We're in an El Nino Year and these guys from the Department of Ag Forestry have gone out there and planted trees to protect the shorelines. To ensure shoreline resiliency and even when those storms have washed them away, they come back and do it again because its not because its their job, but we cannot afford to lose our precious soil. Even more, it is that trees there, protecting the marine environment that everyone so values. So what I'd like to ask you is to support this and to think of the conservation officers and the forestry aides in a holistic sense of part of the solution to protecting our natural resources. Thank you very much.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Mr. Quitugua. Nate.

Mr. Nathan Rios:

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman. Hello Senators. I am here today. I am a limited term conservation recruit I am one of them that is affected with this bill. Such a challenge coming up with these but I just became speechless with everything right now. Pretty much everything has been said what I wanted to say. All I could do is thank everybody that's here for the support they have given us for Bill 176-33. Senator Rodriguez, I really want to thank you very much for helping us. I am one of the oldest of the three men that are here in our cycle.

Mr. Nathan Rios:

I understand that this is a very very important thing for us. This is our career. I thank you very much for helping us and seeking. There is nothing else I could say about it. I'm so happy to see everybody here to support Especially my two supervisors who only testified twice in front of this body and I thank them very much for supporting us and I thank you and like I said, there's nothing else I could say. We seen everybody's testimony, heard everybody's testimony and right now I just cannot say anything anymore. I just want to thank you very much for it

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Officer Rios. Thank you very much folks for your testimonies this afternoon. Yes, Ms. Mendiola.

Ms. Angelita Mendiola:

If we could ask the temporary employees to please stand up so we can give them a round of applause for being patient and soaking all the knowledge to protect our environment.

Chairman Aguon:

Thank you very much Ms. Mendiola and Mr. Director and to all of your personnel that came out and also the addition representative Senator Cristobal, thank you very much for providing your testimony. Its good to see you. Its really heart warming to see that in fact your personnel are given that flexibility to provide testimony through this legislative process so I once again recognize that, and gentlemen, once again thank you for coming out and advocating for this particular legislation and we'll see what we can do to get it reported out as quickly as possible and then allow the legislative process to proceed, but I want to thank Senator Rodriguez for the introduction of the legislation and working with the director and also Mr. Director for working with your Oversight Chair over at the Department of Agriculture. Thank you very much folks. Have a good evening.

Public Hearing was Adjourned at: 5:10 PM

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 Tuesday, September 22 2015 at 4:00PM in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room.

1. Matthew L.G. Sablan, Director, Guam Department of Agriculture
2. Joe Mafnas, Chief, Forestry Division, Guam Department of Agriculture
3. Michael A. Reyes, Section Supervisor, Law Enforcement Section Guam Department of Agriculture
4. Mark Aguon, Sergeant LES Operations, Law Enforcement Section Guam Department of Agriculture
5. Angelita Mendiola, Chairperson, Southern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District
6. Hope A. Cristobal, District Director, NGSWCD




IV. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Guam U.S Military Relocation, Public Safety, and Judiciary hereby reports out Bill No. 176-33(LS) with the recommendation: **TO DO PASS** .

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2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 176-33 (LS)

Introduced by:

D.G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr. 
R.J. RESPICIO 
F.B. AGUON, Jr. 

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEM (5) TO SUBSECTION (o) OF SECTION 1, CHAPTER V OF PUBLIC LAW 33-66 RELATIVE TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF PERSONNEL VITAL TO THE PROTECTION OF GUAM'S NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

2 **Section 1.** A new Item (5) is hereby added to Subsection (o) of Section 1 of
3 Chapter V, Public Law 33-66, to read:

4 **“(5) Protection of Guam’s Natural Resources.** The Sum of Three
5 Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars
6 (\$367,238) *shall* be allocated from the General Fund appropriation in
7 Subsection (o)(1) of this Chapter to the AGR to pay for salaries and benefits
8 for up to eight (8) Competitive Limited Term Appointment Forestry Aide I
9 positions and up to three (3) Conservation Officer Recruit positions to assist
10 in the protection of Guam’s wild land, conservation reserves and urban
11 areas, and to further promote and support the health and productivity of
12 Guam’s forest lands. The funding authorized pursuant to this Act shall
13 allow for the continued service of those who presently fill these positions
14 with no interruption in service to enforce Guam’s laws and regulations for
15 the protection of fish, wildlife, endangered and threatened species and
16 forestry laws. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or
17 regulation, the personnel in the positions identified above as Forestry Aide I

1 and Conservation Officer Recruit, shall be admitted into the classified
2 service of the government of Guam and shall have their admission as
3 members into the classified service conducted without a disruption in
4 service. AGR shall submit a status report, *no later than* six (6) months
5 following the enactment of this Act, to *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* and to the
6 Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* relative to the expenditure of funds
7 allocated herein.”

8 **Section 2. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
9 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such
10 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be
11 given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the
12 provisions of this Act are severable.

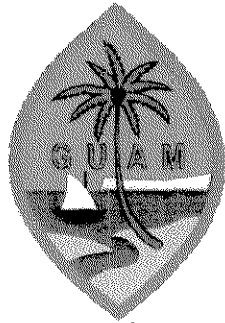
13 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective
14 upon enactment.

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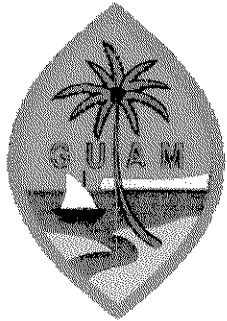
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✓ JOE MAFNAS	Forestry	300-7975	✓	✓	✓	
✓ Michael Reyes	DOAG LAW ENF	898-2850		✓	✓	
✓ Mark Anyon	DOAG LES	898-6847	✓	✓		
✓ ROLAND QUTUNA	NGSWCD	777-2519	✓		✓	

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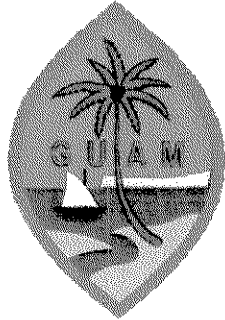
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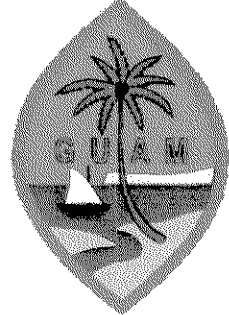
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✓ Daniel Anderson	DOAG LES	777-1673	✓		✓	

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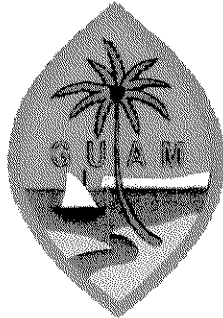
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✓ Hope A. Cristobal	NGSWE	649 0097	✓	✓	✓	
✓ NATHAN Rios	DOAG	699 5927	✓		✓	
Enrique Salas	DOAG	686-5925			✓	
Shawn Diaz	DOAG	727-3498	✓		✓	
Armo Casas	Dept. Ag.	747 1569				
Ruddy Estay Jr	DOA, / Forestry	482-5066			✓	

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Paul David Cabann	Dept. Agriculture	472-3966			✓	
SHANE ALMA	Dept. Agriculture	482-9662			✓	



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September 22, 2015

Testimony for Bill 176-33 (LS)

Buenas Yan Hafa Adai!

My name is Matthew L.G. Sablan, Director of the Guam Department of Agriculture. Along with my Deputy Director, Mr. Jessie B. Palican and the rest of the employees' of the department, we are thankful for the opportunity given today to testify in support of Bill 176-33 (LS).

We would like to express our appreciation to Senator Dennis D.G. Rodriguez, Senator Rory R.J. Respicio, and Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. for sponsoring and introducing this Bill which would classify Competitive Limited Term Appointments for three (3) Conservation Recruit positions and up to Eight (8) Forestry Aide I positions with no interruption in service which is vital to enforcing Guam's laws and regulations for the protection of fish, wildlife, endangered and threatened species and forestry laws.

The department's Conservation Law Enforcement Section along with the Forestry and Soil Resources Division is in dire need in classifying these trained and experienced employees to effectively continue the protection of our island's natural resources.

In closing, we humbly ask the members of the 33rd Guam Legislature for your favorable consideration in the passage of Bill 176-33 (LS).

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Handwritten signature of Matthew L.G. Sablan.
MATTHEW L.G. SABLAN

September 22, 2015

33rd Guam Legislature
Honorable Frank B. Aguon Jr.
Chairman
Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Public Safety, Judiciary

Hafa Adai Senator Aguon, Sen. Rodriguez, Sen. Respicio. My name is Joe Mafnas Chief of the Forestry Division at the Dept of Agriculture. I want to thank you for having us here today to testify on Bill 176-33 an act to add a new item (5) to subsection (o) of section 1, chapter V of public law 33-66 relative to the classification of personnel vital to the protection of Guam's natural resources. Obviously I am here to lend my support for this bill.

In 2008 the U.S. Farm Bill was passed requiring all State Forestry agencies to develop and implement a Statewide Assessment and Resource Strategy plan now known as our State Action Plan or Forest Action Plan (SAP, FAP) to be implemented in 2010. This plan identified six priority issues for Guam.

1. Wildfire and public safety
2. Water quality and water supply
3. Population growth and urbanization
4. Deforestation of Native Forest
5. Urban Forest Sustainability
6. Degraded lands

It also identified at the time of the report our program capacity (6) Forestry Aides and future program needs of at least 16 additional forestry aides and a Cooperative fire program manager to adequately implement our State Action plan. Since the plan was written we have lost our Administrative support and 1 Forestry aide. But I am happy to report that just this year we finally recruited our Admin Asst, Cooperative Fire program manager and the 8 Forestry aide positions. Which are the topic of discussion today along with the Conservation recruits.

To implement our action plan we have 4 core programs that is supported through funding by the U.S. Forest Service. These are:

Forest Stewardship: We provide technical assistance and trees free of charge to landowners, farmers, ranchers and land trust recipients to assist them in mitigating conservation issues such as providing trees to address windbreak, soil erosion and agroforestry practices. We have provided thousands of trees to numerous cooperators throughout the years in collaboration with USDA Natural Resources Conservation office to support their Environmental Quality Incentive program (EQUIP) a program that is available to our local farmers and ranchers. We have a large project coming up in October in Merizo the Manele/Gues watershed. Wild land fires, soil erosion and flooding are impacting the residents in this area. This past dry season a large fire went through this area nearly encroaching homes in the vicinity. I spoke with a resident and he indicated that he had to evacuate his home due to the smoke from the fire because his daughter is asthmatic. The work we are conducting this October is to plant two thousand acacia trees to mitigate the impacts of wild land fires, soil erosion and flooding. So in the future families will not have to evacuate their homes because of fires.

Forest Health: Rhino Beetles, little fire ants, Asian cycad scale. What more can I say. The movement and importation of food, building supplies and everything under the sun we risk impacting our native forest and farm production. We see the damage the Rhino beetles have done to our coconut trees, Asian Cycad scale decimated centuries old Fadang in the wild. Little fire ants is and will become problematic. If not adequately addressed farmers, hikers, nature lovers and our tourist will be impacted. To address these issues we have collaborated with numerous local and federal government agencies to get support from the Forest Service to fund for the CRB program, Little fire ants, Asian Cycad scale research and more recently the Guam Plant Extinction Prevention program and as the name suggest we are trying to prevent the extinction of our indigenous and native plants.

Urban & Community Forestry: This program provides technical, financial, training, education and outreach services to local, federal and non-profit organizations in the form of providing trees for green spaces in the urban landscapes, training on tree climbing and pruning, tree hazard assessments, and Tree Arborist certification. We have coordinated with our federal counterpart to bring out these training for our local partners, utility agencies, DPR, DPW, GPA and UOG so they can have the knowledge and skills to better care for trees in their respective areas so we can enjoy the benefits of trees in the urban landscapes which makes the area cooler, improves air quality, reduce storm water runoff, increase land value, reduces noise pollution, supports our tourism industry and it just makes us come out and enjoy nature.

I have many people and organizations coming into my office requesting support for guidance on proper care, maintenance and pruning of trees, expressing safety concerns for large trees, because as you know in recent years trees in the urban landscapes have impacted our lives in a very traumatic way damaging property and infrastructure and even lives. Far too many times I have been asked to allow for the total removal of large trees because of the fear that it might cause harm. The reality is if we simply take proper care of our trees we do not need to sacrifice these large trees. Trees are an integral part of our community and tourist industry so we need to continue to incorporate them into the urban landscapes. So we will continue to provide training opportunities to our partner agencies so trees in the urban landscapes will be safer for all to enjoy.

Cooperative Fire: During the dry season wildland fires are almost a daily occurrence. This past dry season we only had 5 personnel responding to fires, there are times where staff do not show up for duty due to illness or other reasons, exposing our personnel to greater risk. Recognizing this shortfall and through our cooperative fire program with the Forest Service we established an MOU with Guam Fire to collaborate in our suppression efforts. This allowed us to leverage Federal assets via our Federal Excess personal property program which provided GFD with firefighting equipment and tools necessary to respond not only to wild land fires but to other emergency calls as well. Currently GFD has on their inventory 3 pumper trucks, 1 water tender, and 5 Forestry fire trucks. We have also provide GFD with numerous fire hoses, and furniture for their use in there stations. I provided you with a letter from then Fire Chief John Salas on our partnership with GFD outlining our support and how they benefitted from this support. So if ever this is an emergency and you see GFD responding with the forestry trucks just know that we are a part of that process in keeping the public safe. And by the way my staff are certified wild land fire fighters but are not on the law enforcement compensation plan.

We all know that we have two distinct seasons on Guam, Dry and Rainy season. Each presents different challenges in managing our natural resources. During the dry season fires run rampant throughout the island destroying our native vegetation and exposing soils.

In our rainy season, because there are no vegetation to capture rain water in their branches and leaves the water work its way down stream unmitigated causing flooding, damaging property and infrastructure, exposed soils are transported to our rivers, streams eventually into our coastal and marine preserve areas. We have seen in recent months the closure of the Ugam treatment plant due to high turbidity. So we are out there proactively conducting reforestation work in our Rural and Urban areas to mitigate these problems. This October we are celebrating Arbor Month and we have planned a number of events throughout the island with the kickoff event on Oct 13th at Ypao beach and two others in Merizo at the Manele Gues watershed. The installation of trees in strategic areas we have an opportunity to address the soil erosion, flooding, and fires that are a constant occurrence throughout the island.

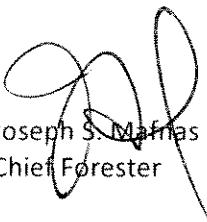
Our federal counterpart the Forest Service is very supportive of the work that we are doing and the local partnerships we have formed and are committed to our programs by providing funds and technical support in the form of training on tree care and maintenance, invasive species identification, and wild land fire suppression. When these training become available we do open up these opportunities to our local partners as appropriate.

These are just a small example of the work, collaboration and partnerships that we do to address the issues that are affecting our people and our natural resources. There are still more to do and we have an opportunity to continue to expand this work but we need your support and this could be realized by the passing of this bill.

The individuals affected are good hardworking men that are truly dedicated to our mission and mandates. When these guys come into work they always have a smile on their faces and are excited to go out and execute the work they do. Sometimes I wonder what is wrong with these guys. They go out and are exposed to the elements walking up and down rough and uneven terrains from the southern mountains range to Cetti bay valley, these are the extreme conditions they are exposed to and still come into work with enthusiasm and dedication to get the job done. In my 30 years working in the Govt this is probably the second time I've work with a group of people that are all on the same page and work well with one another and I hope that we continue to do so moving forward.

And in closing, I hope I conveyed the importance of the work that these men do every day in support of our community as it relates to public safety and the protection and enhancement our natural resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration


Joseph S. Maffias
Chief Forester

**Honorable Senator Frank B. Aguon, Chairperson
Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation,
Public Safety and Judiciary**

September 22, 2015

Subject: Testimony on Bill 176-33


Buenas Yan Hafa Adai Committee Chairperson, Honorable Senator Aguon and distinguished senators of the 33rd Guam Legislature. I am Conservation Officer Michael A. Reyes, currently, the Law Enforcement Section's Supervisor. I am here today to offer testimony in regards to Bill 176-33. An act to add a new item (5) to Subsection (c) of Section 1, Chapter V of Public Law 33-66 relative to the classification of personnel vital to the protection of Guam's Natural Resources.

As the Law Enforcement Supervisor, one of my greatest challenges is "Manpower Availability" ensuring that there are an adequate amount of Conservation Officers in the field to carry out enforcement efforts. The loss of these three limited term appointed officers, come September 30, 2015 will severely impact patrol operations, leaving Five (5) full time officer to enforce Guam's natural resources laws.

The Department has invested hundreds of hours training these limited term appointed officers to fully functional officers; they have made numerous arrests for fish and game violations. Investigated complaints, and responded to calls from the public reporting violations. They are valuable assets to the Section and the Department. I cannot afford to lose them come September 30, 2015.

In closing, I support this bills intent, which will continue the service of these Limited Term Appointee's without a disruption in service, and the admitted into the classified service of the Government of Guam.

I make myself available to answer any questions that you may have.



Michael A. Reyes
Section Supervisor

**Department of Agriculture
Directors Office
Law Enforcement section**

September 22, 2015

To: Sen. Frank B. Aguon
33rd Guam Legislature
Law Enforcement Oversight Committee Chair

Via: Channels

Fr: Sgt. Mark J.D. Aguon, 
LES, Operations

Subject: LTA Status Testimony
Ref: Bill No. 176-33

Buenas Yan Hafa Adai Sir,

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere thank you, for taking our situation here within the Department of Agriculture, Law Enforcement Section, into consideration.

As you know, through previous hearings and meetings with our department, I would like to reiterate, that not only do I support the continued employment of these three positions, I want to state, that should we vacate these positions our section would fall into a "State of Emergency" based on the number of core mandates, duties and responsibilities.

Loss to Govt:

1. Finance
2. Training
3. LTA Case Log Numbers: 16 Total Cases
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Section Position:

1. Personnel Shortage
2. Officer Safety
3. Response to Community
4. Work Overload

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me @ 888-6847 or via email at; aguon_mark@yahoo.com

Hafa adai, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

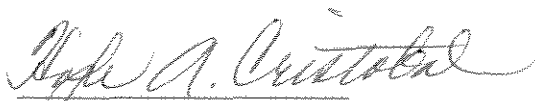
board I am Hope Alvarez Cristobal former senator of this august body. I am currently an elected member of the Northern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District. I am here to testify in support of Bill 176-33(LS) - *An Act to Add a New Item (5) to Subsection (o) of Section 1, Chapter V of Public Law 33-66 relative to the classification of personnel vital to the protection of Guam's Natural Resources.* ~~It appears that~~ This Bill aims to make permanent the indicated positions at the Government of Guam's Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division. ~~Whatever the case may be, I feel that in order~~ *in order* to fulfill its mandate with respect to its obligations within the Forestry Division, the Department of Agriculture must realize the full support of the Legislature in funding and creating ~~permanent~~ *these* permanent positions so as to build capacity within the department. As a partner, the NGSWCD Board works in consonance with the Department of Agriculture in soil and water stewardship and conservation which includes outreach efforts in the community. In particular, the Forestry Division reports to our Board about their work in forestry conservation and protection that, in turn, supports the creation of more productive and sustainable agricultural lands on island.

As you know, much of the care for our island environment has to do with the work done by the Forestry Division. ~~Forests~~ *with trees* provide buffer zones for non-point source pollution, they reduce erosion. Forests also protect aquatic environments and they enhance wildlife and biodiversity in a small island ecosystem. And, with the increased intensity and number of storms due to climate change becoming more common; or, as the landscape changes caused by the unnatural increase of our island's population with housing developers eyeing forests and potential agricultural lands for their bulldozers, the increase in subdivisions, roads and parking areas—especially in the northern part of Guam where many of our agricultural products are grown on farms and ranches; and, as the U.S. military covets pristine forest areas and lands for themselves, the Forestry Division will no doubt be playing a major role in addressing the greater work of conservation and preservation of our island's natural resources.

As a member of the NGSWCD Board, I fully support the work of the Department of Agriculture and in particular, the Forestry Division. We have been laying the groundwork on a collaborative project to restore and revitalize a former buffer or fragment forest to its original state by doing conservation work while enhancing the quality of our soil and water. Of direct value to residents, will be the aesthetic pleasure of having a forest in an urban setting, and an open space for the enjoyment by our own island residents. This is but one project that requires the support of Forestry Division with properly funded staff—something that can happen with your support for this Bill. Thank you; Please vote for this Bill.

Si Yu'os ma'ase'.

All the forest for the trees &



HOPE A. CRISTOBAL
District Director, NGSWCD

Dated: September 22, 2015



**Testimony of Ms. Angelita P. Mendiola
Chairperson of the Southern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District
September 22, 2015**

**Bill 176-33: AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEM (5) TO SUBSECTION (c) OF SECTION 1,
CHAPTER V OF PUBLIC LAW 33-66 RELATIVE TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF
PERSONNEL VITAL TO THE PROTECTION OF GUAM'S NATURAL RESOURCES**

Buenas Senators:

Hafa Adai! My name is Angelita Mendiola, Chairperson of the Guam Southern Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), and I hereby submit this testimony in support of Bill 176-33 (LS).

We sincerely appreciate the Legislature's acknowledgement and support of the importance of Guam's natural resources. As it stands now, the SWCD is always working closely with various agencies such as Department of Education, the University of Guam, the Mayors Council, the Department of Agriculture, EPA, NRCS, FSA and many others as well as with the Legislature itself on a host of many projects in pursuit of finding the balance between development and protection of all of our island's natural resources for our future generations.

Without going into all the details of the readily apparent cultural and economic importance of our natural resources, I am here today to voice my support of any measure to further strengthen the capabilities of our government and people to protect these vital resources. As you can imagine, we have strong ties, as partners, with Forestry in the conservation and preservation of our island natural resources. We have been working together with other partners to help address the Ugam Watershed problem by planting native trees on the ridges up-stream. Together with students from Simon Sanchez, we even surveyed the Atate area in Inarajan to identify native trees and to assess the soil erosion caused by feral ungulates. These students had real field experience to identify various native trees, collected seeds, and planted them at the Forestry nursery. With this, we plan to help prevent soil erosion and hopefully the plants will help regulate water flow as well as help filter the water going down stream. These are the kinds of community efforts that will naturally improve water quality feeding our Ugam Watershed.

This is just a single example of the work we do. The work needed to protect our forests is overwhelming. Not only do they have challenges from feral ungulates, inconsiderate destruction of forests to make way for urbanization, typhoons, and most especially the burning of trees by arsonists who think they are hunters are just a few of the challenges Forestry faces to protect and preserve our natural resources. Forestry also participates in education outreach activities sponsored by other partners.

Favorable support to staff the Forestry Division as called for in Bill 176-33 is important and necessary to provide further support and continuity of work being done to help protect our

natural resources through the protection of our Guam Forests. After all, our trees provide the oxygen we need to survive, provide the food for our people, and are the literal beauty of our beautiful island! We can't live without our forests. Your favorable support is a mark of your legacy to protect and preserve our natural resources for the livelihood of our people!

Thank you Honorable Senators for this opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Bill 176-33.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angelita P. Mendiola', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ANGELITA P. MENDIOLA

Chairperson

Southern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District



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Certification of Waiver of Fiscal Note Requirement

This is to certify that the Committee on Rules submitted to the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) a request for a fiscal note, or applicable waiver, on Bill No. 176-33 (LS) – Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., R. J. Respicio, FRANK B. AGUON, JR., "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEM (5) TO SUBSECTION (o) OF SECTION 1, CHAPTER V OF PUBLIC LAW 33-66 RELATIVE TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF PERSONNEL VITAL TO THE PROTECTION OF GUAM'S NATURAL RESOURCES,"– on September 17, 2015. COR hereby certifies that BBMR confirmed receipt of this request September 17, 2015 at 2:26 P.M.

COR further certifies that a response to this request was not received. **Therefore, pursuant to 2 GCA §9105, the requirement for a fiscal note, or waiver thereof, on Bill 176-33 (LS) to be included in the committee report on said bill, is hereby waived.**

Certified by:



Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

September 28, 2015
Date



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VIA E-MAIL

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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes – Bill Nos. 176-33(LS) through 181-33(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,

Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Bill Nos.	Sponsor	Title
176-33 (LS)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. R. J. Respicio FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ITEM (5) TO SUBSECTION (c) OF SECTION 1, CHAPTER V OF PUBLIC LAW 33-66 RELATIVE TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF PERSONNEL VITAL TO THE PROTECTION OF GUAM'S NATURAL RESOURCES.
177-33 (COR)	B. J. F. Cruz James V. Espaldon	AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF CHAPTER XI OF PUBLIC LAW 33-66; RELATIVE TO PROVIDING INCENTIVE REWARDS FOR RETIREES TO ENROLL IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HEALTH INSURANCE RETIREE SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN.
178-33 (COR)	Michael F.Q. San Nicolas	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §26217 TO 11 GCA, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THE ESCROW OF BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX FOR CONTRACTS OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000).
179-33 (COR)	T. C. Ada	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO §2107 OF CHAPTER 2, TITLE 2, OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO REQUIRE A DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECORDED MAP BE INCLUDED IN LAND BILLS.
180-33 (COR)	T. C. Ada	AN ACT TO TITLE LOT 5138-2-R3 NEW-1-1, IPAO-TUMON, MUNICIPALITY OF DEDEDO IN THE NAME OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMERCIAL LEASING OF SAID LOT.
181-33 (COR)	T. C. Ada	AN ACT TO AMEND § 3102.1 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 16 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVER OF FEES FOR SPOUSE AND LEGAL GUARDIAN OF 100% DISABLED VETERANS AND FOR GOLDSTAR WIDOWS/WIDOWERS AND PARENTS.



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MEMORANDUM

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

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 176-33(LS)**

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 176-33(LS)**.

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.

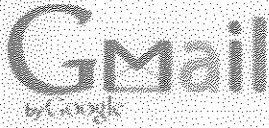
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Bill Log Sheet

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1st Notice - Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 4:00PM

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders

Fr: SENATOR FRANK B, AGUON, JR.

Subject: 1st Notice - Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

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Thanks!

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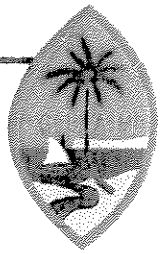
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Respectfully

SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

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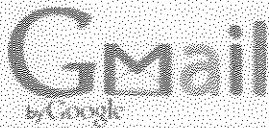
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September 17, 2015

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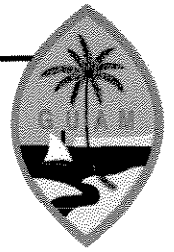
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