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January 11, 2016

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat Speaker I Mina'trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guåhan 33rd Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Place Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio MM J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 199-33 (LS), As Amended by the Committee

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication on Bill No. 199-33 (LS), As Amended by the Committee - B. J.F. Cruz / N.B. Underwood, Ph.D. - "An act to appropriate the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) from the unappropriated Healthy Futures Fund Revenues in FY 2015 to the Guam Department of Education operations fund for the operations of the Guam Department of Education including an allocation for the Early Childhood Education Program."

Committee votes are as follows:

4 TO DO PASS

5 TO REPORT OUT ONLY

Ø TO ABSTAIN

Ø TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ

Chairman

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill No. 199-33 (LS), As Amended by the Committee

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

All Members

FROM:

Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Chairman, Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication

SUBJECT: Committee Report on Bill No. 199-33 (LS), As Amended by the Committee

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Bill No. 199-33 (LS), As Amended by the Committee - B. J.F. Cruz / N.B. Underwood, Ph.D. - "An act to appropriate the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) from the unappropriated Healthy Futures Fund Revenues in FY 2015 to the Guam Department of Education operations fund for the operations of the Guam Department of Education including an allocation for the Early Childhood Education Program."

This report includes the following:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
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- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
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- Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Reports

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.

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Chairman (

SENATOR BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ, VICE SPEAKER

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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

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I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 199-33 (LS), "An act to appropriate the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) from the unappropriated Healthy Futures Fund Revenues in FY 2015 to the Guam Department of Education operations fund for the operations of the Guam Department of Education," was introduced by Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz and Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. on October 27, 2105, and subsequently referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication on October 28, 2105.

The Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication convened a public hearing on Monday, December 7, 2015, beginning at 9:00AM in the Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room. The hearing for Bill No. 199-33 (LS) began at 9:08AM and ended at 9:21AM.

Public Notice Requirements

All legal requirements for public notices were met, with requests for publication sent to all media and all Senators on November 30, 2015, and December 5, 2015, via email. Copies of the hearing notices are appended to the report.

Senators Present

Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Chairperson Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D., Member Senator Tina R. Muña Barnes, Member Senator V. Anthony Ada, Member

Appeared Before the Committee

Ms. Taling M. Taitano, Deputy Superintendent, Finance & Administrative Services, Guam Department of Education

Submitted Written Testimony

Mr. Jon J.P. Fernandez, Superintendent, Guam Department of Education

II. TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Chairman Benjamin J.F. Cruz announced Bill No. 199-33 (LS) and provided his statement as one of the main sponsors of the measure:

"[Bill No. 199-33 (LS)] was introduced soon after [the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication] (Committee) received the October 20th, [2015] [...] Special Revenue [Fund Tracking] Report (2 Guam Code Ann. § 13109(a)(1)). In that Special Revenue Report, there was a Twelve Million Dollar (\$12,000,000) infusion of cash into the Healthy Futures Fund (HFF) and we thought we'd try to take advantage of that, if in fact there is some cash there that we can utilize to assist the [Guam] Department of Education (GDOE). We understand they were shorted in the Territorial Education Facilities Fund (TEFF) in the previous year. And anything we could do to try to assist them to get some cash from somewhere—Dr. Underwood and I [are] both committed to doing that. And I'm sure the Legislature would, too, if we could just confirm that there is cash there.

"Though the Special Revenue Fund for the end of the fiscal year did show a Twelve Million [Dollar] (\$12,000,000) infusion of cash, I understand that the Special Revenue Report issued last week for the month of October shows that [the HFF revenues are] short there in the negative—but that's for the upcoming fiscal year. [The Bureau of Budget and Management Research's] (BBMR) projection shows that it's going to be short. Hopefully, there's still money from last year."

Chairman Cruz took a moment to recognize the Committee members present. Having mentioned his dismay that the Department of Administration has failed to send a representative to testify in regards to funding availability, the Chairman also acknowledged GDOE Deputy Superintendent Ms. Taling M. Taitano as the sole individual present to testify and motioned for her to begin.

Ms. Taling M. Taitano greeted the members of the Committee, introduced herself as the Deputy Superintendent of the Finance & Administrative Services division of the Guam Department of Education, and testified in support of Bill No. 199-33 (LS):

"You have written testimony from [GDOE] Superintendent [Jon J.P. Fernandez]. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to make it today. We've been here previously requesting [for additional funding], making you aware of our situation, and certainly this infusion of cash would be welcome. And I'm happy to answer any questions that you might have.

"I would like to take this opportunity, if I could, to appeal to you to take a look at the [appropriation for the Early Childhood Education Program] (GUAM PUB. L. 33-29). That appropriation—although [it] was released by BBMR—the TEFF wasn't sufficient to fund it. Because BBMR has determined that that's an annual appropriation, we don't have access to it this year. We have committed to contracts and hired staff. We would hope that you would

consider amending the legislation so that that becomes a continuing appropriation."

Chairman Cruz remarked that the Office of Finance and Budget, whose Director is on the Education Financial Supervisory Commission (EFSC), has been made aware of the matter, and assured the Deputy Superintendent that efforts to address it are forthcoming "these [next] possible days."

Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. inquired:

"Regarding what you just shared with us, how does this then affect the delivery of services for those preschool students? Because, as I understand, you already have students in the classroom. So to the extent that the funds were not released to you because it's a one—they interpreted that as an annual appropriation—"

Ms. Taitano responded:

"At this point, we're covering the [Early Childhood Education Program] expenditures through our operating budget. So funding that will take away funding from other programs."

Chairman Cruz requested that Ms. Taitano read the written testimony provided by Superintendent John Fernandez for the records.

Ms. Taitano proceeded to read the written testimony by GDOE Superintendent Fernandez (appended to this report). The letter underscores the department's funding issues, specifically a projected \$12.9-million shortfall for fiscal year (FY) 2016, and notes that funding for the Early Childhood Education Program authorized in FY 2015 has been deemed by BBMR as an annual appropriation and has since been deappropriated. It adds that a cash shortage of nearly \$17 million in GDOE staff appropriations over the last three fiscal years has also hampered GDOE operations and consequently impacted the department's ability to keep up with vendor payables.

Chairman Cruz thanked Ms. Taitano and opened the floor for other inquiries.

Senator Underwood further inquired:

"Last Friday, when we were discussing the safety issues for our students, one of the comments that had been made was that there was a shortage of school aides. And I'm not quite clear as to whether the requests that had been made by the schools had been affected by your budget. You have a lump sum budget, but would this then help in meeting those needs in the critical areas that had been requested by the schools?"

Ms. Taitano responded:

"In our adopted budget, we had projected to hire between one (1) and two (2) school aides for each school."

Senator Underwood interjected:

"Addition?"

Ms. Taitano clarified:

"In addition to their current staffing level. And so certainly these funds would go toward helping us to achieve that goal."

Senator V. Anthony Ada thanked Chairman Cruz, greeted Ms. Taitano, and posed his question:

"Do any of these funds that [are] going to be used for operations—or like you said to hire the school aides—are you guys earmarking any of these funds for vendor payments or any prior obligations? Or is this going to be strictly used for the hiring of personnel?"

Ms. Taitano replied:

"We'd like to use the Two-Point-Five [Million Dollars] (\$2,500,000) to shore up FY 2016 operations."

Senator Ada continued his inquiry:

"Okay, so none of it will be used for vendor payments or prior year?"

Ms. Taitano responded:

"As cash becomes available, we try to address any outstanding vendor payments."

Chairman Cruz asked:

"As long as the vendor payments issue is being broached—I'm afraid to ask—but how are we doing with our vendor payments?"

Ms. Taitano responded:

"I actually ran a payables listing this morning. We're at Six Million [Dollars] (\$6,000,000). That doesn't include our recent payroll run. So we anticipate another Four Million [Dollars] (\$4,000,000) in payroll vendor payables that will need to be paying this week. Of the Six-Point-Four Million (\$6,400,000) in vendor payments, about forty-four percent (44%) or Two-Point-Eight [Million Dollars] (\$2,800,000) is [overdue] ninety (90) days and over. And then another Three Million [Dollars] (\$3,000,000) is between sixty (60) and ninety (90) days [overdue]."

Chairman Cruz continued his inquiry:

"And the ones that are ninety (90) days and over, what kind of vendors are those?"

Ms. Taitano responded:

"Our biggest outstanding payables are to our food service vendor and then we have payments due to our air conditioning maintenance vendor. We also need to make a payment to [Guam] Waterworks [Authority]."

Chairman Cruz continued:

"And how much of your 2015 allotment remains outstanding and not received?"

Ms. Taitano replied:

"So we had an EFSC meeting just last week and based on documents provided from BBMR, they released all but about Five Hundred Thousand [Dollars] (\$500,000) of the 2015 appropriations. According to the AS400, DOA has [recorded] Two Hundred Fifteen Million [Dollars] (\$215,000,000). That leaves a balance of about Three-Point-Seven [Million Dollars] (\$3,700,000), mainly the TEFF. So one of the things that we are and have been working [on] with DOA is the non-cash charges against our appropriations. We're trying to work through that to make sure that we understand what they are and that we believe they are appropriate."

Chairman Cruz asked Ms. Taitano to repeat the balance figure.

Ms. Taitano repeated:

"That's Three-Point-Seven [Million Dollars] (\$3,700,000). And that includes the Nine Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand [Dollars] (\$982,000) for the Early Childhood [Education Program]."

Chairman Cruz thanked Ms. Taitano for attending the hearing and explaining the financial condition of GDOE, and requested that she thank Superintendent Fernandez on behalf of the Committee. The Chairman, on account that there were neither additional questions from the Committee nor other individuals present to testify, considered Bill No. 199-33 (LS) as heard.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) Special Fund Revenue Tracking as of the end of September 2015 indicates that there is an excess of \$6,547,086 in Healthy Futures Fund (HFF) revenues that remains unappropriated. This is as a result of Public Law 32-181 (FY 2015 Budget Act) projection for HFF revenues as well as corresponding appropriations in the amount of \$16,207,946 but with the BBMR Special Fund Revenue Tracking reporting collections of \$22,755,032.

Additionally, the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication (Committee) received testimony in support of Bill No. 199-33 (LS) from Superintendent of Education Jon P. Fernandez. In his testimony, he states that the BBMR determined that the Early Learning Funding authorized in FY 2015 is an annual appropriation and has since been de-appropriated. He noted that the de-appropriation occurred after having already hired teachers and aides, and contracted for the renovation of classrooms for the four pre-kindergarten classes.

The Committee therefore recommends the an amended version of Bill No. 199-33 (LS) that provides an allocation of the appropriation from the HFF to the GDOE to be provided for Early Learning Funding in FY 2016.

The Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication to which was referred Bill No. 199-33 (LS) - B. J.F. Cruz / N.B. Underwood, Ph.D. - "An act to appropriate the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) from the unappropriated Healthy Futures Fund Revenues in FY 2015 to the Guam Department of Education operations fund for the operations of the Guam Department of Education including an allocation for the Early Childhood Education Program" hereby submits these findings to I Mina'trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guåhan and reports out Bill No. 199-33 (LS), As Amended by the Committee, with a recommendation TO had the total of the Committee.

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

Bill No. <u>19</u>9-33 (LS)

Introduced by:

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B. J. F. Cruz

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED HEALTHY FUTURES FUND REVENUES IN FY 2015 TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OPERATIONS FUND FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*finds that in Fiscal Year 2015, the sum of Sixteen Million Two Hundred Seven
Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Six Dollars (\$16,207,946) was projected to be
collected in the Healthy Futures Fund (HFF) pursuant to Public Law 32-181, the

6 General Appropriations Act of FY 2015. I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that

the sum of Twenty Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Thirty Two

8 Dollars (\$22,755,032) was reported as collected by the Bureau of Budget and

9 Management Research FY 2015 Special Revenue Fund Tracking report (Report)

for the month ending September 30, 2015 providing for excess HFF revenues of

Six Million Five Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Eighty Six Dollars (\$6,547,086)

that remains unappropriated.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that in Fiscal Year 2015, the sum of Thirty One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$31,200,000) was projected to be collected in the Territorial Educational Facilities Fund (TEFF) pursuant to

- 1 Public Law 32-181 as amended by Public Law 33-29. The sum of Twenty Five
- 2 Million Seven Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Three
- 3 Dollars (\$25,778,336) was reported as collected in the Report creating a revenue
- 4 shortfall of Five Million Four Hundred Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty
- 5 Four Dollars (\$5,421,664) which has a detrimental impact to the Guam Department
- 6 of Education (GDOE) such that cash intended for the GDOE has not been fully
- 7 provided.

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- 8 Therefore it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate HFF funds
- 9 to the GDOE Operations Fund such that the revenue shortfall as a result of TEFF
- 10 collections does not negatively impact GDOE operations as well as the health and
- wellness of the children, teachers, and administrators of Guam public schools.
- Section 2. Appropriation to the GDOE Operations Fund. Pursuant to §§
- 52101 and 52102 of Chapter 52, Division 2 of Title 11 GCA, the sum of Two
- 14 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) is hereby appropriated from
- the unappropriated Healthy Futures Fund revenues in FY 2015 to the Guam
- 16 Department of Education Operations Fund for the operations of Guam Department
- of Education. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, I Maga'låhen Guåhan
 - shall not be authorized to transfer any appropriation in this Act. §1303 of Chapter 1,
- 19 Article 3, Title 5 GCA, shall not apply to the appropriation in this Act. The
- appropriation in this Act *shall not* lapse and *shall* continue until fully expended.
- Section 3. Effective Date. This Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.
- Section 4. Severability. *If* any provision of this Act or its application to any
- 23 person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other
- 24 provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid
- 25 provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act is severable.

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 199-33 (LS) As Amended by the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication

Introduced by: B. J. F. Cruz

N. B. Underwood, Ph.D.

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED HEALTHY FUTURES FUND REVENUES IN FY 2015 TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OPERATIONS FUND FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INCLUDING AN ALLOCATION FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

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2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that in Fiscal Year 2015, the sum of Sixteen Million Two Hundred Seven 3 Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Six Dollars (\$16,207,946) was projected to be 4 collected in the Healthy Futures Fund (HFF) pursuant to Public Law 32-181, the 5 6 General Appropriations Act of FY 2015. I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the sum of Twenty Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Thirty Two 7 Dollars (\$22,755,032) was reported as collected by the Bureau of Budget and 8 Management Research FY 2015 Special Revenue Fund Tracking report (Report) 9 for the month ending September 30, 2015 providing for excess HFF revenues of 10 Six Million Five Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Eighty Six Dollars (\$6,547,086) 11 12 that remains unappropriated.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that in Fiscal Year 2015, the sum of Thirty One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$31,200,000) was projected to be collected in the Territorial Educational Facilities Fund (TEFF) pursuant to Public Law 32-181 as amended by Public Law 33-29. The sum of Twenty Five Million Seven Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$25,778,336) was reported as collected in the Report creating a revenue shortfall of Five Million Four Hundred Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$5,421,664) which has a detrimental impact to the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) such that cash intended for the GDOE has not been fully provided. Furthermore, funding pursuant to Public Law 33-29 intended for the Early Childhood Education Program Start-up Funding was not provided to the GDOE and appropriation authority is necessary to ensure that this program is funded as originally intended.

Therefore it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate HFF funds to the GDOE Operations Fund <u>including an allocation for the Early Childhood Education Program</u> such that the revenue shortfall as a result of TEFF collections does not negatively impact GDOE operations as well as the health and wellness of the children, teachers, and administrators of Guam public schools.

Section 2. Appropriation to the GDOE Operations Fund. Pursuant to §§ 52101 and 52102 of Chapter 52, Division 2 of Title 11 GCA, the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated Healthy Futures Fund revenues in FY 2015 to the Guam Department of Education Operations Fund for the operations of Guam Department of Education. The sum of *up to* Nine Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$982,593) is hereby allocated from the appropriation in this Section to the GDOE for the sole purpose of funding an Early Childhood Education Program and the development and implementation of the Pre-Kindergarten Program

- 1 in four (4) public schools identified by the Department to pilot such a program.
- 2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, I Maga'låhen Guåhan shall not be
- authorized to transfer any appropriation or allocation in this Act. §1303 of Chapter
- 4 1, Article 3, Title 5 GCA, shall not apply to the appropriation or allocation in this
- 5 Act. The appropriation or allocation in this Act shall not lapse and shall continue
- 6 until fully expended.
- 7 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.
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- provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act is severable.

SENATOR BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ, VICE SPEAKER

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PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET

9:00 AM, Monday, December 7, 2015 Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room • Hagåtña, Guam

Bill No. 199-33 (LS) – B. J.F. Cruz / N.B. Underwood, Ph.D. – "An act to appropriate the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the unappropriated Healthy Futures Fund Revenues in FY 2015 to the Guam Department of Education operations fund for the operations of the Guam Department of Education."

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JON J. P. FERNANDEZ Superintendent of Education

December 4, 2015

Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz Vice-Speaker and Chairperson, Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guahan Ste. 107 155 Hesler Place Hagatna, Guam 96910

Subject: Testimony in Support of Bill 199-33 (LS), An Act to Appropriate the Sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Unappropriated Healthy Futures Fund Revenues in FY2015 to the Guam Department of Education Operations Fund for the Operations of the Guam Department of Education

Hafa Adai Vice-Speaker Cruz,

Bill No. 199-33 (LS), An Act to Appropriate the Sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Unappropriated Healthy Futures Fund Revenues in FY2015 to the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) Operations Fund for the Operations of the Guam Department of Education has been introduced to provide additional funding for GDOE.

As explained in Guam Education Board Resolution 2015-09, relative to adopting the spending priorities for the Guam Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2016, GDOE is projecting a \$12.9 million shortfall based on projected personnel, utilities and contractual requirements. The appropriation in Bill 199-33 will help to close the gap between the forecasted needs and the FY16 appropriation level.

Please also note that the Bureau of Budget and Management Research has determined that the Early Learning Funding authorized in FY15 is an annual appropriation and has since been deappropriated. Although we have hired teachers and aides for the four pre-kindergarten classes as well as contracted for the renovation of classrooms, no cash has been provided against this appropriation.

Additionally, the carry forward of cash shortages, totaling nearly \$17 million, in GDOE's TEFF appropriations over the last three fiscal years, has also hampered GDOE operations and consequently impacted its ability to keep up with vendor payables. We had hoped provisions in the FY16 Budget Act would help to alleviate this gap.

Testimony on Bill 199-33(LS) December 4, 2015 Page 2 of 2

We thank Senator Underwood and you for introducing this legislation which we hope will quickly become law. We also look forward to working with you and members of the Legislature on any additional remedies to more fully address GDOE's funding issues.

Senseramente,

JON J.P. FERNANDEZ

CC: Chairman and Members, Guam Education Board Speaker, 33rd Guam Legislature Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, 33rd Guam Legislature

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Senator Rory J. Respicio CHAIRPERSON MAJORITY LEADER

October 28, 2015

Senator Thomas C. Ada VICE CHAIRPERSON ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER

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Member

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Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood Member

> V. Anthony Ada MINORITY LEADER

Mary C. Torres Minority Member

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. 199-33(LS)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bill No. 199-33(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.

Si Yu'os Ma'āse!

Attachment

I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Received Bill Log Sheet

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
199-33 (LS)		AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED HEALTHY FUTURES FUND REVENUES IN FY 2015 TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OPERATIONS FUNDFOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.	2:27 p.m.	10/28/15	Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication			

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October 28, 2015

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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes – Bill Nos. 198-33(LS) through 200-33(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

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Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Bill Nos.	Sponsor	Title
198-33 (LS)	Brant T. McCreadie	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 16 TO TITLE 19 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT OF DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDERS ACT.
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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. 199-33 (LS) –B. J.F. Cruz, "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,500,000) FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED HEALTHY FUTURES FUND REVENUES IN FY 2015 TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OPERATIONS FUNDFOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,"— on October 28, 2015. COR hereby certifies that BBMR confirmed receipt of this request October 29, 2015 at 7:48 A.M.

COR further certifies that a response to this request was not received. Therefore, pursuant to 2 GCA §9105, the requirement for a fiscal note, or waiver thereof, on Bill 199-33 (LS) to be included in the committee report on said bill, is hereby waived.

Certified by:

Senator Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

January 11, 2016

Date

Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication senator@senatorbjcruz.com | www.senatorbjcruz.com



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November 30, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members/All Senators

From: Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Chairman

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE November 30, 2015

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Mon, Nov 30, 2015 at 8:31 AM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 5, 2015

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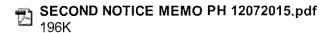
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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Monday, December 7, 2015 Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room • Hagåtña, Guam

9:00 AM

PUBLIC HEARING: GDOE OPERATIONS FUND

Bill No. 199-33 (LS) – B. J.F. Cruz / N.B. Underwood, Ph.D. – "An act to appropriate the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the unappropriated Healthy Futures Fund Revenues in FY 2015 to the Guam Department of Education operations fund for the operations of the Guam Department of Education."

10:00 AM

ROUND TABLE HEARING: HYBRID RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Bill No. 002-33 (LS) – B. J.F. Cruz – "An act to add a new Article 5 to Title 4, Chapter 8, of the Guam Code Annotated to create a new 'hybrid' retirement system with mandatory participation by Government of Guam employees hired after December 31, 2015; with optional participation for Defined Contribution Retirement System participants who elect to transfer to the new hybrid plan in accordance with regulations to be promulgated."