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HUMAN & NATURAL RESOURCES, ELECTION REFORM, AND CAPITOL DISTRICT



I Mina'trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guåhan
THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

February 15, 2016

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

Speaker

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155 Hesler Place

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RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 223-33(COR) As Introduced

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District hereby reports out its findings and recommendations on **Bill No. 223-33(COR) As Introduced - "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE REVENUES FROM THE INVASIVE SPECIES FEES TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIO SECURITY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.,"** sponsored by R.J. Respicio

Committee votes are as follows:

- 8 TO PASS
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Very Truly Yours,

Rory J. Respicio

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ON
BILL NO. 223-33 (COR)
As Introduced

**“AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE
REVENUES FROM THE INVASIVE SPECIES
FEES TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE
BIO SECURITY DIVISION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.”**

**Sponsored by
R.J. Respicio**

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February 5, 2016

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio 

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 223-33 (COR) As Introduced

Transmitted herewith for your review and consideration is the **Bill No. 223-33 (COR)** - "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE REVENUES FROM THE INVASIVE SPECIES FEES TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIO SECURITY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE." sponsored by R.J. Respicio

This report includes the following supporting documents:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 223-33 (COR) As Introduced
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
- Fiscal Note Requirement for Bill No. 223-33 (COR)
- Referral of Bill No. 223-33 (COR)
- Public Hearing Notices
- Public Hearing Agenda

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 223-33(COR) As Introduced - "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE REVENUES FROM THE INVASIVE SPECIES FEES TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIO SECURITY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,," sponsored by R.J. Respicio

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesia Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District convened a public hearing on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. in the Public Hearing Room of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of **Bill No. 223-33 (COR)- "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE REVENUES FROM THE INVASIVE SPECIES FEES TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIOSECURITY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,"** by Senator Rory J. Respicio.

- Introduced on December 22, 2015;
- Referral forwarded to this committee for public consideration on December 29, 2015.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via e-mail and facsimile to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on January 12, 2016 (5-Day Notice), and again on January 15, 2016 (48-Hour Notice), thereby meeting the noticing requirements of the Open Government Law. Notices were also transmitted to various stakeholders.

Senators Present

Senator Rory J. Respicio, *Chairperson*

Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., *Member*

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., *Member*

Senator V. Anthony Ada, *Member*

Senator Mary C. Torres, *Member*

Senator Thomas A. Morrison

Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

1. Matthew L.G. Sablan, Director, Department of Agriculture, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill. *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
2. Antonio Santos, ASO, Director, Department of Agriculture, provided oral testimony in support of the bill.
3. Patrick Artero, Chief, Biosecurity Division, Department of Agriculture, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill. *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*

Chairman Rory J. Respicio called the public hearing on Bill No. 223-33 (COR) to order at 2:00 P.M. and as the main sponsor of the bill, provided remarks. *(Please see attached for Sponsor Statement.)*

Chairman Respicio

The Legislature, through the efforts of Senator Chris Duenas sponsored Public Law 31-43 to establish the Biosecurity Division at the Department of Agriculture through the Invasive Species Fund. What we are intending to do with this bill is to provide the necessary appropriation for FY 2015 and 2016 revenues to the Dept. of Agriculture's vacant positions within its Biosecurity Division. This bill also authorizes the Dept. to hire a Program Coordinator IV to work including help to realize in the Biosecurity Division to realize the full potential and revenues expected in the Dept. is quantified that if collections go right, we can see upwards of 2 million dollars for the fiscal year.

Director Matthew L.G. Sablan *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*

Mr. Patrick Artero *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*

Currently, we have 5 LTAs that will be terminated by March 2nd and with the FestPac coming up, we are in dire need of staff. I humbly ask for your support on this bill so we can start hiring critical need positions.

Mrs. Antonia Santos

I am just here to support the bill. Also, because I really need help. I am a one-man team and right now there is no one monitoring the collections that are supposed to be in. This is the reason why we really need this position to be filled.

Chairman Respicio

The reason the bill is being presented in Section 2 of the bill, it appropriates the money from those funds collected from FY 2015 and 2016. You may have a staffing pattern that would reflect an operating annual budget of about 2 million dollars, but we are not there yet. Section 3 authorizes specific employment of a Program Coordinator and I just wanted to make that clear so as a Program Coordinator is effective in billing and collecting and as the fund grows, the Director of Agriculture will have the authority if this bill passes and signed into law to provide a staffing pattern that will immediately reflect whatever is being collected so we don't have to wait for the fund to generate 2 million dollars to come back to the Legislature to appropriate the money. Colleagues, this is the most prudent way at getting at the resources as much as possible without having to wait for money to be generated as a simultaneous approach to resolving a critical need and that is your understanding of the bill as well, correct?

Director Sablan

That is correct Mr. Chair.

Chairman Respicio

There are a lot of things that this and to the Governor and Administration's credit there is a lot to work on a lot of the things we've done. Working close with the Director of Agriculture and his staff, we've done this behind the scenes with no public fanfare and attention in the media to resolve very critical areas and the area I'm talking about is that the territorial entomologist just retired shortly around Christmas and certainly if it weren't for the Director and Mr. Artero's efforts to convince Dr. Campbell to continue on, it would have meant that the Christmas trees coming in for the holidays, means that they would not have been cleared at Customs at the Port. This is just an example of how people may not recognize the hard work that all of you do on a daily basis. Once one Christmas tree is not able to be cleared or produce is not able to be cleared, then we feel the impact almost immediately. My congratulations and appreciation to Dr. Campbell for agreeing to come back on contract just until you are able to recruit someone to fill that entomologist position. So go ahead and take the opportunity to tell the Committee how difficult that was and what kind of crisis that was presented to the island and also working with USDA you said to provide those kinds of guidance and temporary leniency that can be resolved.

Mr. Artero

Yes, Senator. We were working with USDA Animal, Plant and Inspection Services to secure that University of Guam will provide us with a pest ID with an entomologist in the Department with the produce that comes in with Customs and Quarantine who will set it up and inspect it via UOG so with the federal government identification within the Christmas trees and everything is expedited properly. And at the time, I wrote a letter to Governor Calvo to expedite the contact for Dr. Campbell and all those things worked well together.

Mrs. Santos

We need an RFP and once we get that going, should anyone not apply for it, we identified funding, which is a General Fund funding, we anticipate hopefully by March that would happen. We anticipate until March that it's in place. We do have a contract from Dr. Campbell. We have to make sure we go through the RFP process by advertising it then we can proceed with the contract. We have a contract with Dr. Campbell it's just that we are going through the process of the RFP.

Senator Thomas C. Morrison

If the staffing is at full capacity, what would be the funding levels at this time right now?

Mrs. Santos

Right now for biosecurity, there is only \$37,000 in there that has been collected. For that amount, we can get a Program Coordinator IV. By the time we get this position in place, it will be in March. The funding we have here would be sufficient throughout September until we can get the full picture. We know that there are some shipping agencies that have not paid in.

Director Sablan

We do have some challenges. The timeliness of the shipping agents as far as payment. Again, this PC4 will be very instrumental in making sure the updates of payments are made on time.

Senator Morrison

The economic statement will call for an initial generated level of two million dollars. Of this two million dollars, is there a reoccurring fee scheduled here? Are these one-time inspection fees? Will these fees sustain these positions for the staffing levels?

Chairman Respicio

Yes, they are fee per container.

Mr. Artero

Yes, that is correct Senator. Yes, with the economic analysis with Dr. Campbell, calculated 2.5 million dollars a year plus inflation every year that money will go up just to staff the bio-security division starting with the \$180,000 with the plant pathologist of specialized positions come in the Public Law 31-43 with the Guam Invasive Species (GIS) Committee and GIS Council. With the GIS having set aside meetings with the Committee to provide man power and supplies, capitol improvement set aside money for an invasive species outbreak such as we've had with the rhino beetle the fire ants and also working with Customs and Quarantine to get a warehouse to inspect at the Port along with the GIS Advisory Council finding where those funds will go. Every fiscal year, those fees will be going up.

Chairman Respicio

Are you OK with the bill introduced? Do you see any amendments necessary since our meeting yesterday?

Director Sablan

As of now, no, Senator. I want to acknowledge Mr. Roland Quitugua who an instrumental partner with UOG. In fact, he is the interim Secretary for the GIS Council, which we revived last November. UOG is in good partnership with the Department.

Chairman Respicio

Just to be clear, although Section 2 of the bill will be provide an appropriation to the Bio-security Division to create this staffing pattern, and although this authority is there, it won't be executed unless the cash is there. Although it is projecting two million dollars a year, you will not be immediately hiring people without having the funds deposited to the Invasive Species Fund to pay these individuals.

Mrs. Santos

That is correct Senator. Yes, that is how I interpret it also.

Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

I was looking at the Task Force Plan that was submitted on November 10, 2009, my question is in your preliminary budget for the first year under personnel, are any of these positions currently being funded under Agriculture?

Mrs. Santos

None. We have recruitment right now for the entomologist. It will take a while because it took us a 2-3 years to get Dr. Campbell so we know for a fact that it will take time to hire someone to fill that position so for the time being, we are putting it on contract.

Speaker Won Pat

Where does the entomologist that you have on contract fall under since you've indicated that \$37,000 collected so far is sufficient to hire a PC4 up until September of this Fiscal Year.

Mrs. Santos

The contract is going to happen in the General Fund. I got clearance from BBMR that once we go through the RFP, once we get the money for personnel, we are going to put it through a contract for Dr. Campbell.

Speaker Won Pat

So it is going to come from Agriculture's budget then?

Mrs. Santos

Correct.

Director Sablan

Thank you for allowing us to testify on this bill.

Chairman Respicio thanked the panel for testifying and the senators present at the hearing.

No further testimony being offered, Chairman Respicio then declared that Bill No. 223-33 (COR) was duly heard.

III. WRITTEN TESTIMONY

1. Matthew L.G. Sablan, Director, Department of Agriculture, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill. *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
2. Patrick Artero, Department of Agriculture, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill. *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*

IV. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesia Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District hereby reports out Bill No. 223-33 (COR)- "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE REVENUES FROM THE INVASIVE SPECIES FEES TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIOSECURITY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," by Senator Rory J. Respicio with the recommendation to DO PASS.

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2015 (First) Regular Session

Bill No. 223-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

Rory J. Respicio

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE
REVENUES FROM THE INVASIVE
SPECIES FEES TO FUND THE
OPERATIONS OF THE BIOSECURITY
DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 SECTION 1. *Legislative Findings and Intent.* *I Liheslatura Guahan*
3 finds that Public Law 31-43 established a Guam Invasive Species Inspection
4 Fee Fund with revenues from a newly established fee on freight imported
5 into Guam. *I Liheslatura Guahan* further finds that among the purposes the
6 Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund was established was to
7 provide staffing for the Bio-Security Division of the Department of
8 Agriculture established by Section 5 of Public Law 31-43. *I Liheslatura*
9 *Guahan* further finds that the fee has been in place since July of 2015 and

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1 revenues are being collected and deposited in the Guam Invasive Species
2 Inspection Fee Fund. As part of the Administrative Adjudication Act
3 process for implementing the fee, the Department of Agriculture submitted
4 an Economic Impact Statement estimating that the Guam Invasive Species
5 Inspection Fee would initially raise \$2 million per year. Inasmuch as there
6 are revenues currently being collected and deposited in the Guam Invasive
7 Species Inspection Fee Fund, *I Liheslatura Guahan* further finds that this
8 revenue should be appropriated to the Bio-Security Division of the
9 Department of Agriculture as called for in Public Law 31-43.

10 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION TO THE BIO-SECURITY**
11 **DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

12 All Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 revenues of the Guam
13 Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund are appropriated to the Department
14 of Agriculture to provide staffing for the Bio-Security Division for the
15 inspection, quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in any
16 freight brought to Guam.

17 **SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR A PROGRAM**

1 **COORDINATOR FOR THE BIO-SECURITY DIVISION.**

2 a) *I Liheslatura Guahan* finds that the position of Invasive Species
3 Coordinator, called for in Public Law 31-43, is still in the process of being
4 established as a classified position in the Civil Service. As an interim
5 measure, the Department of Agriculture has determined that a Program
6 Coordinator IV is needed until the position has been established and
7 recruited.

8 b) The Department of Agriculture is authorized to employ a Program
9 Coordinator IV in the Bio-Security Division.

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SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET

Thursday, January 21, 2016 • 2:00 PM

I Liheslatura • Public Hearing Room • Hagåtña, Guam

Bill No. 223-33 (COR)- "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE REVENUES FROM THE INVASIVE SPECIES FEES TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIOSECURITY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," by **Senator Rory J. Respicio.**

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| Matthew Sablan | Dept. of Agriculture | Support | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Antonia Santos | Dept of Agriculture | Support | | ✓ | | |
| Patrick Artero | Dept of Healthcare | Support | ✓ | ✓ | | |
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January 21, 2016

Sponsor Statement on Bill No. 223-33 (COR)-"AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE REVENUES FROM THE INVASIVE SPECIES FEES TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIOSECURITY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," by Senator Rory J. Respicio.

There is nothing more important to our people than our island environment in which we all have an interest, and a duty to protect as an inheritance to pass on to future generations.

There is nothing more important to our economy than our island's natural beauty. This remains the central reason why we attract over a million tourists a year.

It is for these reasons that the Legislature passed Public Law 31-43, sponsored by Senator Chris Duenas. This law established a bio-security division in the Agriculture Department, and also an Invasive Species Inspection Fee. These revenues are kept separate and apart from the General Fund, and whose monies can only be used for efforts to protect our island from invasive species, such as the Rhino beetle. Since the enactment of this statute, rules and regulations have been adopted for the fee's implementation which began in July of 2015. Collections on these fees are just starting to come in, but the Department of Agriculture estimates that as much as \$2 million annually could be realized from the Invasive Species Inspection Fee.

Under the provisions of Public Law 31-43, these monies are subject to legislative appropriation. Bill No. 223-33 (COR) consequently appropriates FY 2015 and FY 2016 revenues to the Department of Agriculture to fund vacant positions within its Bio-Security Division. Bill No. 223-33 also authorizes the department to hire a Program Coordinator IV to aid in the work of the Bio-Security Division, including helping to realize the full amount of revenues from the new fees expected by the department.

This legislative measure is a small, but important step forward, both now and in the future, in developing the capacity to protect our environment from invasive species.


Rory J. Respicio

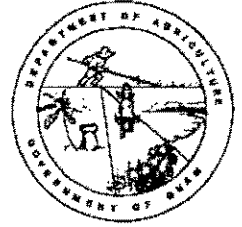


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TESTIMONY
BEFORE THE
COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEDERAL, FOREIGN &
MICRONESIAN AFFAIRS, AND HUMAN & NATURAL RESOURCES
33RD GUAM LEGISLATURE
PUBLIC HEARING ROOM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Good afternoon! I am Matthew L.G. Sablan, currently the Director of the Guam Department of Agriculture. I come before your Committee to testify in favor of Bill No. 223-33 (COR), an act relative to appropriating revenues from the Invasive Species Fees to fund the Operations of the BioSecurity Division of the Department of Agriculture. We at the Department understand that it is the intention of the Bill's Sponsor in introducing the bill to provide staffing for the newly created Division established by P.L. 31-43.

This division is currently manned by a Commodity Inspector III and a Commodity Inspector II. With FY2016 budget submission, we included 10 proposed positions for the start up of the BioSecurity Division. However, funding for the Department is only authorized for "warm bodies".

The recruitment of a Program Coordinator IV (PC IV) to oversee the inspection, quarantine, eradication of invasive species in freight containers to Guam is direly needed in addition to handling the administrative requirement in this division. Collection of fees, that went into effect July, 2015, have not been monitored due to shortage of manpower. This PC IV will be able to concentrate on the accounts and follow up on shipping agencies that have not paid in or late in payments. To date, there is only a deposit of \$37,678.

With the upcoming 12th Festival of Pacific Arts with Guam hosting 27 countries in May of this year, it is incumbent that the division be staffed to protect our natural resources from biological invasion and threats from visiting countries in protecting our environment and endangered species.

Based on the above, we offer our support of the Bill and we urge the committee to consider passing the Bill for consideration by the entire body of the Guam Legislature.

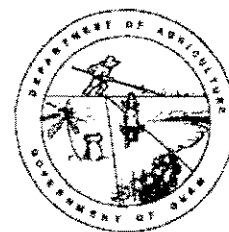
Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to offer testimony on Bill No. 223-33 (COR). Si Yu'us Ma'ase!


MATTHEW L.G. SABLAN



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Director

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Deputy Director

January 21, 2016

Hafa Adai Senators good afternoon The Honorable Rory Respicio, Senator and Chairman of Human and Natural Resources. Thank You for introducing Bill No. 223-33.

I fully Support this bill, to an act to appropriate the revenues from the invasive species Fees to fund the operations of the Biosecurity Division of the Department of Agriculture.

With Public Law 31-43 that established a Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund, to provide staffing for the Biosecurity Division of the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture has determined that a PROGRAM COORDINATOR IV is needed to help with the collection of Invasive Species funds from the Shipping Agents and collection of Bill of Lading from the Shipping industry, to make sure they are paying the amount of 75 cents per 1,000 pounds of imported cargo.

Also to start recruiting the Staff for Biosecurity Division, Such as an Entomologist, Plant Pathologist, Botanist, Invasive Species Coordinator and Biosecurity Officers.

Over the past eight years Positions in the Biosecurity Division has been Vacant. With the retirement of the combined Chief / Territorial Entomologist Dr. Russell Campbell, only one permanent employee comprises the entire Biosecurity Division of Department of Agriculture.

Please help support on Bill 223-33 to help Guam Department of Agriculture Biosecurity Division to protect Guam's economy, natural environment and the health and lifestyle of its people from invasive species.

Patrick R. Artero
Acting Chief Biosecurity Division
Department of Agriculture



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January 14, 2016

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Memorandum

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

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

Vice-Speaker
Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Member

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

Legislative Secretary
Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Member

Subject: **Fiscal Note**

Senator
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Member

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

Senator
Frank Blas Aguon, Jr.
Member

FISCAL NOTES:
Bill No. 223-33(COR)

Senator
Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Member

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Senator
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Member

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**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 223-33(COR)**

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE REVENUES FROM THE INVASIVE SPECIES FEES TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIO SECURITY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

| Department/Agency Appropriation Information | |
|---|--|
| Dept./Agency Affected: Agriculture | Dept./Agency Head: Matthew L.G. Sablan, Director |
| Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: | 3,391,601 |
| Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: Guam Plant Inspection and Permit Fund (\$93,131), Tourist Attraction Fund (\$500,000) | 593,131 |
| Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date: | \$3,984,732 |

| Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| | General Fund: | (Specify Special Fund): | Total: |
| FY 2015 Unreserved Fund Balance | | \$0 | \$0 |
| FY 2016 Adopted Revenues | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| FY 2016 Appro. (P.L. 33-66) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Sub-total: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Less appropriation in Bill | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total: | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | One Full Fiscal Year | For Remainder of FY 2016 (if applicable) | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | FY 2020 |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Invasive Species Inspection Fee | 1/ | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total | 1/ | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? /X/ Yes // No
If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? // N/A // Yes /X/ No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ 1/ // N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? // Yes /X/ No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? /X/ N/A // Yes // No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? // Yes /X/ No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? // Yes /X/ No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: /X/ Yes // No
// Requested agency comments not received by due date // Other:

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| Analyst: <u>Raymond Roca, BMA I</u> | Date: <u>1/14/16</u> | Director: <u>Jose S. Calvo, Director</u> | Date: JAN 14 2016 |
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Footnotes:
1 / See attached comments.

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Attachment to Fiscal Note No. 223-33 (COR)
(for revenue generating provisions)**

| Projected Multi-Year Revenues * | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other Fund: | \$90,427 | \$90,427 | \$90,427 | \$90,427 | \$90,427 |
| Total | \$90,427 | \$90,427 | \$90,427 | \$90,427 | \$90,427 |

Comments:

*Above projection based on preliminary information obtained from AS400. Yearly average determined from actual monthly deposits into revenue account as of 1/13/16. See additional comments attached.

COMMENTS TO BILL No. 223-33(COR)

The Bill proposes to appropriate FY2015 and FY2016 revenues from the Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee to fund the operations of the Bio-Security Division of the Department of Agriculture. As per P.L. 31-43 which established both the Bio-Security Division as well as the Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee, the preliminary budget for the first year of the Bio-Security Division was estimated at \$2.4 million. As per Title 8, Division 4, Chapter 14, § 14102 of the Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations, "the fee shall be assessed and collected on the net weight of imported freight computed on the basis of 75 cents for every one thousand pounds of freight brought into Guam, or part thereof." An Economic Impact Statement (EIS) submitted by the Department of Agriculture estimated that the fee would initially generate about \$2 million annually based on historical break/bulk and containerized cargo tons reported from fiscal year 2007 through 2010.

The fiscal impact of this legislation is whether the revenues generated from the inspection fee is sufficient to support operation costs of the Bio-Security Division. Based on reported revenues to the Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund as of 1/13/2016, the Fund has generated a monthly average of \$7,536, calculating to about \$90,427 per year. It should be noted that this estimation is "preliminary" and according to the Department of Agriculture, there are at least 7 Steamship Agencies that are not current with payments into this fund.

Based on the foregoing, while it may be possible to employ a Program Coordinator IV per Sec. 3 of the Bill, the Department may have to forego plans for its new Bio-Security Division until such time that revenues from the Fund can sustain it.



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December 29, 2015

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

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 223-33(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 223-33(COR)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

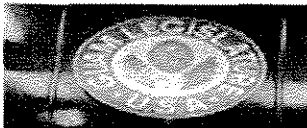
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


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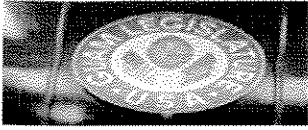
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THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

January 12, 2016

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Subject: Notice of Public Hearing– Thursday, January 21, 2016, 2:00 P.M.

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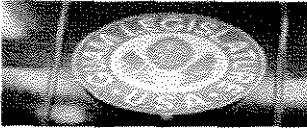
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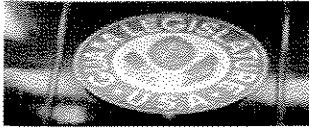
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- V. Adjournment

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Respicio introduces plan to fund Biosecurity Division

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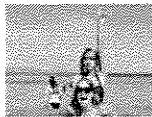
By Ken Quintanilla [CONNECT](#)

Building on previous efforts to combat invasive species on Guam, Senator Rory Respicio has introduced [Bill 223](#). The measure would appropriate funds generated from the invasive species fees to fund vacant positions of the Biosecurity Division at the Department of Agriculture.

"So I think this is a very important move for us to make as a government so we institutionalize the things that need to be done in order to protect our natural resources," Respicio said. Since last July, funds have been collected for the new Guam Invasive Species Fund from fees imposed on incoming freight. The Department of Agriculture estimates as much as \$2 million a year could be raised from the fees.

Part of the bill's intent is to hire an invasive species coordinator which is still in the process of being established.

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Senator Respicio sponsors bill to fund Bio-Security staff to protect island against the Rhino Beetle and other invasive species

Legislation will finance a frontline position at Department of Agriculture

December 28, 2015– A recently passed Guam law is already building up a war chest to protect the island from invasive species such as the Rhino beetle and others that threaten the island. Now Senator Rory J. Respicio wants to put the funds to their intended use: keeping unwelcome residents such as the Rhino Beetle and the Brown Tree Snake out. Bill No. 223-33 will appropriate all Fiscal Year 2015 and 2016 revenues to the Department of Agriculture to fund vacant positions in its Bio-security Division.

Since last July, funds have been collected for the new Guam Invasive Species Fund from fees imposed on incoming freight—the usual route for unwanted animals and insects. The Department of Agriculture has estimated that as much as \$2 million annually could be raised from the fees.

Senator Respicio, who has oversight of the Department of Agriculture under as Natural Resources Committee Chair, stressed the need for ‘boots on the ground’ staff for the Dept. of Agriculture in his legislation:

“All Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 revenues of the Guam Invasive Species Inspection Fee Fund are appropriated to the Department of Agriculture to provide staffing for the Bio-Security Division for the inspection, quarantine, and eradication of invasive species contained in any freight brought to Guam.”

The specific intent in is to hire an ‘Invasive Species Coordinator,’ but that’s still in the process of being established as a classified position in the Guam Civil Service. Meanwhile, in Respicio’s Bill No. 223-33 (COR), the Department of Agriculture will use the funds to hire a temporary program coordinator and other staff until the position has been established and recruited.

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

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Rory J. Respicio

Attachment: Bill No. 223-33 (COR)

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Guam Legislature Public Hearing Considers Respicio Bill to Protect Local Environment from Invasive Species

January 22, 2016– Senator Rory J. Respicio, who has legislative oversight over Guam's natural resources, recently held a public hearing on Bill 223-33 (COR). This bill, which was introduced by Senator Respicio, appropriates money from the inspection fees to fund the personnel needs of the Biosecurity Division of the Guam Department of Agriculture.

The threat of invasive plants and animals to Guam led the Legislature to pass Public Law 31-43, sponsored by Senator Chris Duenas. This law established a Biosecurity Division in the Guam Department of Agriculture and also an Invasive Species Inspection Fee. These revenues are kept separate and apart from the General Fund, and can only be used for efforts to protect our island from invasive species, such as the Rhino beetle.

Since the enactment of this statute, rules and regulations have been adopted for the fee's implementation which began in July of 2015. Collections on these fees are just starting to come in, but the Department of Agriculture estimates that as much as \$2 million annually could be realized from the Invasive Species Inspection Fee.

There was unanimous support of the bill by the Department of Agriculture personnel who testified, particularly in light of the start of FestPac in May. Director Matthew Sablan of the Guam Department of Agriculture said the need to beef up inspection personnel was dire: "It is incumbent that our division be staffed to protect our natural resources from biological invasion and threats from visiting countries and protecting our environment and endangered species," Sablan told legislators at the hearing.

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