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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat
Speaker

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33rd Guam Legislature
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VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 246-33 (COR), As Introduced

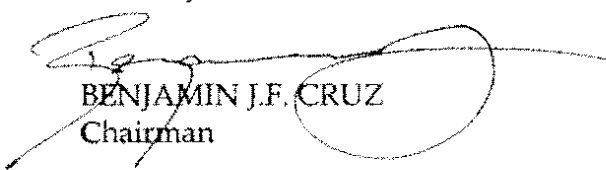
Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication on Bill No. 246-33 (COR), As Introduced - F.B. Aguon, Jr. / B.J.F. Cruz / T.R. Muña Barnes - "An act to appropriate Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) from the unreserved fund balance of the Healthy Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015 to the Department of Public Health and Social Services to pay premiums for foster children health insurance."

Committee votes are as follows:

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Sincerely,


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
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COMMITTEE REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members
FROM: Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication
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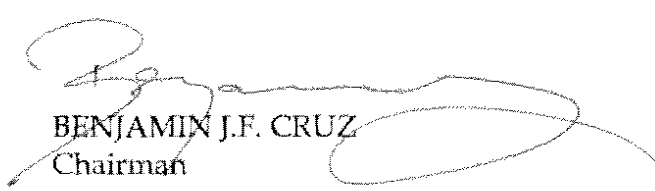
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This report includes the following:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Bill No. 246-33 (COR), As Introduced
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
- COR Referral of Bill No. 246-33 (COR)
- Fiscal Note Requirement
- Notices of Public Hearing
- 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

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS	SIGNATURE	TO DO PASS	TO NOT PASS	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
CRUZ, BENJAMIN J.F. Chairperson		✓				
AGUON, Jr., FRANK B. Vice Chairperson		✓				
WON PAT, Ed.D., JUDITH T. Speaker and Ex-Officio Member		✓				
MUÑA BARNES, TINA ROSE Member		✓				
RODRIGUEZ, Jr., DENNIS G. Member						
SAN NICOLAS, MICHAEL, F.Q. Member						
UNDERWOOD, Ph.D., NERISSA B. Member		✓				
ADA, V. ANTHONY Member		✓				
MORRISON, THOMAS A. Member		✓				
TORRES, MARY C. Member		✓				



COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Bill No. 246-33 (COR), As Introduced - F.B. Aguon, Jr. / B.J.F. Cruz / T.R. Muña Barnes - "An act to appropriate Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) from the unreserved fund balance of the Healthy Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015 to the Department of Public Health and Social Services to pay premiums for foster children health insurance."

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 246-33 (COR) was introduced by Senator Frank Blas Aguon, Jr., Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, and Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes on January 26, 2016, and subsequently referred to the **Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication** on the same day.

The Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication convened a public hearing on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, beginning at 3:30 PM in the Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room. The hearing for Bill No. 246-33 (COR) began at 3:34 PM and ended at 4:00 PM.

Public Notice Requirements

All legal requirements for public notices were met, with requests for publication sent to all media and all Senators on February 2, 2016, and February 7, 2016, via email. Copies of the hearing notices are appended to the report.

Senators Present

Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, *Chairperson*

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., *Vice Chairperson*

Appeared Before the Committee

Ms. Linda B. Rodriguez, *Administrator, Bureau of Social Services Administration, Department of Public Health and Social Services*

Ms. Jannica T. Quintanilla, *President, Social Work Student Alliance*

Ms. Shirley Irons, *Member, Social Work Student Alliance*

Ms. Kaylee Ann M. Terlaje, *Member, Social Work Student Alliance*

Ms. Helen W. Middlebrooke, *Foster Parent*

Ms. Bethany Taylor, *Director, Harvest House, Harvest Baptist Church*

Submitted Written Testimony

First Lady Christine M. S. Calvo

Ms. Lina C. McDonald, *President, Rigãlu Foundation*

Mr. James W. Gillan, Director, Department of Public Health and Social Services
Ms. Jannica T. Quintanilla, President; **Ms. Mokihana Kahele**, Member; **Ms. Shirley Irons**, Member; **Ms. Kaylee Ann M. Terlaje**, Member; Social Work Student Alliance

II. TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Chairman, Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication (the "Committee"), called the hearing to order, announced Bill No. 246-33 (COR), and recognized the main sponsor of the legislation to provide a statement.

Senator Frank B. Aguon thanked the Chairman for expediting the public hearing for the measure and proceeded with his sponsor statement:

"Mr. Chairman, in the fiscal year ("FY") 2016 budget, which is inclusive of this fiscal year, the Guam Legislature recognized the need to provide funding to address the needs [of] our foster children so that they can be included in the Government of Guam Health Insurance [Program] (the "GGHIP"). Well in addition to recognizing that and providing verbiage that would extend to the foster children, there was a Two Hundred Fifty Thousand [Dollar] (\$250,000) appropriation that was allocated in the fiscal year.

"To date, there [has] been [a] much larger number of foster children that [has] been included in this particular provision and albeit, I think it's great because we're providing as a government and as a community the extension of medical insurance to these foster children.* The numbers have increased exponentially, requiring an additional funding mechanism of about Four Hundred Thousand [Dollars] (\$400,000).

"So in addition to the Two Hundred Fifty Thousand [Dollars] (\$250,000) that you had incorporated and that Senator [Michael F.Q.] San Nicolas had incorporated into the fiscal year budget†, there's a request for an additional Four Hundred Thousand [Dollars] (\$400,000) just for this fiscal year so that in fact it can address the funding requirements, the balance, of FY 2016.

"So, Mr. Chairman, in addition to entertaining this measure, I certainly look forward to your consideration in the FY 2017 budget in terms of making sure we provide the sufficient allocation so that our foster children can be included in the GGHIP. But thank you again for co-sponsoring this measure. Thank you."

* Enacted as PUBLIC LAW 32-189 on Oct. 13, 2014, the *Responsible Foster Children Health Insurance Act* (BILL NO. 299-32 (COR)), at the time of its introduction on Mar. 26, 2014, indicated that the Child Protective Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Social Services has 88 children under its legal custody. DPHSS in its testimony reports that the lowest and highest numbers of foster children per month since the law's enactment was 174 and 224, respectively.

† PUBLIC LAW 33-66:III:14, Sept. 5, 2015.

Chairman Cruz thanked Senator Aguon for his statement; acknowledged that the Committee received testimonies in support of Bill No. 246-33 (COR) from **First Lady Christine M. S. Calvo**, which he read into the record; and from Rigalu Foundation President **Ms. Lina C. McDonald** (*both appended to this report*). The Chairman then called on individuals present to provide testimony.

Ms. Linda B. Rodriguez, Administrator, Bureau of Social Services Administration, Department of Public Health and Social Services (“DPHSS”), greeted the Committee; and read on behalf of DPHSS Director **Mr. James W. Gillan** testimony in support of Bill No. 246-33 (COR) (*appended to this report*).

Chairman Cruz thanked Ms. Rodriguez and extended his appreciation to Mr. Gillan for his testimony.

University of Guam Social Work Student Alliance (the “SWSA”) President **Ms. Jannica T. Quintanilla** and Members **Ms. Shirley Irons** and **Ms. Kaylee Ann M. Terlaje** and read in turns their organization’s testimony in support of Bill No. 246-33 (COR) (*appended to this report*).

Chairman Cruz thanked SWSA members for preparing what he regarded as a well-written statement and acknowledged an upcoming Social Work conference to which he confirmed his attendance and participation.

Senator Aguon proceeded to provide further insight regarding the measure:

“I want to say thank you very much, first of all, to the First Lady for reaching out and providing her testimony, then also to the Rigalu Foundation, Ms. McDonald and some of the members for the wonderful volunteer service that you provided our community. I also want to thank the DPHSS director [Mr. Gillan] for providing his testimony and recognizing that this is an issue that needs to be funded directly, regardless as to what the flexibility is within the budget that the chief executive has. This is certainly something that this body needs to work with and try to make sure we provide funding.

“To the SWSA, thank you, because you shared two (2) points. First, you reached out and you recognized that this is an issue in the community, [an issue that] we as an island community need to continue to fund and to support. Second, I consider this to be a pilot project when in fact we transitioned from Medicare and [the Medically Indigent Program] (“MIP”) to the GGHIP. And this is the first fiscal year [in which this] is actually in place.

“And by virtue of you sharing that personal experience where[in] the parents are able to access much more quickly medical care for the [foster] child, I think that’s a telling story that [demonstrates that] the decision that this body made, the decision that some of this body advocated for—to include the foster children in the GGHIP—was the right decision because it expedites the access and the reach for medical services that our foster children need.

“And let me just close with this: the unsung heroes, I think, are the foster parents. And I just wanted to close with that particular comment. But thank you for sharing those two (2) perspectives: the need, the requirement; and this so-called transfer from MIP/Medicaid over to the GGHIP was needed and it [has been] proven [to be] successful. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Cruz thanked Senator Aguon and proceeded to provide further input regarding the measure:

“I, too, would like to underscore my sincere appreciation to the foster parents. They are not only unsung heroes—I mean, they are saints. And I really appreciate their work.

“And to the Social Work students, maybe you’ll help me champion something I pushed twenty-five (25) years ago and that’s to have as part of your internship—maybe even scholarship—the fact that as you’re in school, you’ll act as a foster parent. And you actually have a child for whom you’re responsible [as part of the degree program], especially the last couple of years. What would be better, full time (as part of the entire program)? [The foster child] would have a great mentor and role model who’s studying and going to school, and being there for them when the child leaves for school and when the child comes home.

“Nobody wanted to take me up on that offer a few years ago and I’m not sure if they’d take me up on that now. I thought it’d be a great way to assist in having full-time assistance for our foster children, especially during the period when we were having problems finding sufficient numbers [of foster parents].

“Again, thank you very much to all the foster parents. Please extend our thanks to the First Lady for her testimony. This bill will be on the agenda this coming Monday and so I thank everybody’s assistance in helping put this together. And I thank my young friends (foster children in the audience) for being so well behaved back there.”

A request from the audience to provide testimony prompted **Chairman Cruz** to call on two additional individuals to the panel.

Ms. Helen W. Middlebrooke, a foster parent, introduced herself and proceeded with her testimony in support of Bill No. 246-33 (COR):

“I’ve been a foster parent for over two (2) years. Those are my [foster children] back there. You read about them in the paper; one of them goes by the name ‘Bj’ in the paper, and the other goes by the name of ‘Nero’. I would like to thank the Legislature for taking on this need of having SelectCare and private insurance cover our children. When we first got our boys, we were only on Medicaid. And if you take a look at them, you will see that they are not typical children. Both of them have genetic conditions. One of them has a condition that is longer than he is tall. And like almost all foster children, they come to the foster parent broken.

"And these breaks often cannot be fixed [solely through] the resources we have at DPHSS only or the resources we have [that are provided by] the people who take Medicaid [payments]. [Foster child's name redacted], for example, had a perforated eardrum for over a year and he couldn't have that fixed. He needed an Ear, Nose, and Throat specialist ("ENT") [but] we didn't have an ENT [available through DPHSS or within the Medicaid provider network]. We finally got an ENT and our ENT graciously took Medicaid so he had the proper care. But then he had something a little less extreme: he was constipated. And the school nurse was calling me, 'He's sick, he's sick.' Well you just can't get [seen immediately]. If you have Medicaid, you can call [and they will say], 'Oh, I'm sorry, we've already filled our Medicaid slots for the day.' I got a sick kid. What am I going to do with him? Take him to the emergency room ("ER")? Well that's expensive. That's not good for the system. All I need is to see a doctor but I can't because all their Medicaid slots are filled.

"So this is one of the problems we've had with being on Medicaid. Now it's a lot nicer that we can have our choice of doctors [to whom] we can take them. Medicaid also didn't offer certain less expensive treatments such as chiropractic [care], but now SelectCare does cover chiropractic [treatments]—which is what some of my kids need—so we are quite grateful for this. And if there's not enough money, we would hope that you would put more there."

Ms. Bethany Taylor thanked the Committee and proceeded with her testimony in support of Bill No. 246-33 (COR):

"My husband and I are foster parents. We've been foster parents for over six (6) years. We've had over twenty-five (25) foster children in our home for a couple of years. I, as well, have had many experiences with taking our children to the hospital and to the doctors on Guam and all of them [covered under] Medicaid, as well, [and now, only] until recently, with SelectCare—and it's been a huge difference.

"I've [experienced a situation similar to that in] the testimony that was spoken of, [regarding] the [neonatal intensive-care unit] baby, a little premature baby; we had to take [the foster child] to Michigan. I've had a [baby with] Shaken Baby Syndrome; he was six (6) months old when he was shaken, and blood hemorrhage[ed] in the brain. [He had surgery and all sorts of medical care in the U.S. Mainland] and he now lives with half a brain, and it's amazing that he's walking.

"But it has been a hardship with Medicaid. We've always been told that with every foster child that we receive, 'If there's a problem, go to the ER.' When you have so many foster children in your home, and they need special care—plus you have your own biological children and as you know as parents how difficult it is to spend hours in the ER with all your children—and to get a babysitter in, too, [all this] makes life complicated. I just want to go see a doctor. And the only

private doctor—or, no private doctors will see them, but maybe a few will take Medicaid [payments] now? And it's the first five (5) slots that will take them. So if you don't get first seen, okay, well, we're going to the ER. That's our only choice. And it's expensive. It's not using our money wisely, plus we just need the care needed, [which is now covered under] SelectCare.

"I'm also the Harvest House director, a non-profit [organization] for foster children on this island. And I know that all the foster moms—we have a little group, a little support network—that every one of them has benefited by now through SelectCare.

"Okay, that first day we have a child, we can take [him or her] immediately to a private doctor and get checked out. That was the biggest issue; we can't even get [an initial medical evaluation] for maybe a week or two (2) when we first receive a child who had been abused or neglected or abandoned. Can you imagine the trauma on [the children's] bodies after two (2) weeks? That trauma—some of it—has already been erased from their bodies. So we need to have the children seen right away to get them evaluated to know what kind of health problems they have right away when we have them.

"So I'm thankful for the ease that [the transition to GGHIP] has caused—and not only how easy it is but how beautiful the private doctor is, how personal [the treatment] is. [The private healthcare staff] come and they know our foster children, they're special to them. It's not like, 'Oh, okay, just give them this, okay,' and rush them off.

"It's not just one more case, it's a child. And [the children] are being loved and cared for, and not just by your family (the foster family), but now a doctor cares for them—a family doctor? [It's an] unbelievable experience. Now they are cared [for] by the community, they are valued and they're special. They're going to get treated with the right respect and I just think that that is a beautiful thing. And I love how everybody is coming together for that. I'm glad our foster children are being seen and valued and cared for how they should. Thank you."

Chairman Cruz addressed the foster parents Ms. Middlebrooke and Ms. Taylor, to express his appreciation:

"You take my breath away and I'm—I don't even think—It seems so inadequate. I can't express how much I appreciate and how much we appreciate—You've been a foster parent for so long, both of you, and just the work that you do—there are no words adequate to say thank you. Thank you very much and we will make sure that this gets passed next week. And with the First Lady's help, it will be signed as soon as it arrives, I hope. *(laughter)*"

On account that there were no additional questions from the Committee and no further testimonies, **Chairman Cruz** considered Bill No. 246-33 (COR) as heard.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS


The Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication to which was referred **Bill No. 246-33 (COR) - F.B. Aguon, Jr. / B.J.F. Cruz / T.R. Muña Barnes - "An act to appropriate Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) from the unreserved fund balance of the Healthy Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015 to the Department of Public Health and Social Services to pay premiums for foster children health insurance"** hereby submits these findings to *I Mina'trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and reports out **Bill No. 246-33 (COR), As Introduced**, with a recommendation TO

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2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. HF-33 (cont)

Introduced by:

FRANK B. AGUON, JR. 
B.J.F. Cruz 
T. R. Muña Barnes 

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) FROM THE UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE OF THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO PAY PREMIUMS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN HEALTH INSURANCE.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that Public Law 32-189 provides that Foster Children are included in the
4 government of Guam's Group Health Insurance Plan, with the full cost of
5 insurance provided by the government of Guam. *I Liheslatura* remains committed
6 to providing quality health insurance to Foster Children, who are wards of the
7 state.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the General Fund appropriation for
9 Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)
10 was based upon the historical average of ninety (90) foster children.

11 *I Liheslatura* finds that the foster children population is over two hundred
12 (200), so additional funds are needed to provide insurance to the foster children as
13 required under Public Law 32-189.

1 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guâhan* to appropriate four
2 hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) from the unreserved fund balance of the
3 Healthy Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015, to provide health insurance to
4 foster children.

5 **Section 2. Appropriation for Foster Children Health Insurance**
6 **Premiums.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, four hundred thousand
7 dollars (\$400,000) is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance of the
8 Health Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015, to the Department of Public Health
9 and Social Services for the purpose of paying premiums for health insurance
10 provided to foster children pursuant to Public Law 32-189. The DPHSS Bureau of
11 Social Services Administration shall be the subscriber for foster children covered
12 under Public Law 32-189, and shall remit payments to the Department of
13 Administration or to the insurance provider for the purpose of paying premiums.

SENATOR BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ, VICE SPEAKER

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Honorable Benjamin J. F. Cruz
Vice Speaker
33rd Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Hafa Adai Mr. Vice Speaker,

I appreciate the invitation to testify on Bill 246-33 (COR), which would appropriate \$400,000 from the unreserved fund balance on the Healthy Futures Fund to help pay premiums for foster children health insurance.

As you know, I am a strong proponent of helping the most vulnerable in our community. And Guam's foster children certainly have a great need to see the adults in their lives stand up for them and ensure their basic needs are taken care of — every child deserves that. They have been and continue to be a focus of the not-for-profit Rigalu Foundation and of my office as First Lady of Guam.

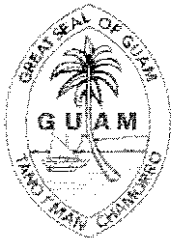
Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the public hearing because of a previously scheduled meeting. Attached to this letter is my testimony, which I am asking Senators to take into consideration as they debate the merits of Bill 246-33.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Christine M.S. Calvo.

Christine M.S. Calvo
First Lady of Guam

Attachment: Testimony



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First Lady

February 8, 2016

Honorable Benjamin J. F. Cruz
Vice Speaker
33rd Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
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Hafa Adai Mr. Vice Speaker,

What an exciting day this is to see our community coming together to help the most vulnerable! Too many children go through traumatic experiences in their young lives, some of which you or I cannot even fathom. Through no fault of their own, they are neglected or abused, and because of circumstances outside of their control, they are taken from the only home they know and thrust into the care of strangers.

It is important that we as adults in their community show our love and support for them. All children need to know love so that they can grow up and share that same love with the next generation of Guamanians.

I have come before this body before to talk about the future of our island and the care we need to invest in our children today. If I seem relentless in this pursuit to show love and to illustrate the need to cherish these little angels, it is because as a mother, as a Catholic, and as a leader who sees great need I am compelled to act.

I remain committed to helping our foster children and ensuring that their basic needs are met to include their health care. I testify today in favor of Bill 246-33 (COR), which would appropriate \$400,000 from the unreserved fund balance on the Healthy Futures Fund to help pay premiums for foster children's health insurance. Considering the projects and programs the Healthy Futures Fund has come to support over the years, I cannot think of any more appropriate use of this funding source than to support our children.

I thank you for the invitation to speak on this bill that, if passed into law, will do so much to help our foster children.

Sincerely,

Christine M. S. Calvo
First Lady of Guam



February 9, 2016

Honorable Benjamin J. F. Cruz
Vice Speaker
33rd Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Vice Speaker,


I would like to submit written testimony in favor of Bill 246-33 (COR): An act to appropriate \$400,000 from the unreserved fund balance of the Healthy Futures Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social Services to pay premiums for foster children's health insurance.

One of the primary focuses of the Rigalu Foundation is helping to care for the foster children who too often find themselves in difficult situations because their parents are unable to provide for them with the basic care and support that all children need.

Over the years, Rigalu Foundation, created by the First Lady Christine M.S. Calvo, has helped provide backpacks, shoes, school supplies and other items including Christmas gifts to help them feel some sense of normalcy. It is important that their basic needs are provided, whether its for a school day or for a special holiday.

I urge senators to vote favorably on Bill 246-33 so our foster children can have the health insurance they need. If passed, this legislation, could help us better ensure that all children under the care of our government, have the help they need to lead happy, healthy and productive lives.

Sincerely,


Lina McDonald
President
Rigalu Foundation

Inspire. Nurture. Build.



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RE: Testimony on Bill 246-33 (COR)

Buenas! Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz and members on the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication.

My name is James Gillan. I am the Director of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS). Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present testimony on Bill 246-33, "an Act to appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) from the unreserved fund balance of the Healthy Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015 to the Department of Public Health and Social Services to pay premiums for foster children health insurance."

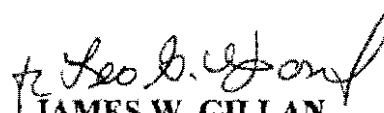
Public Law 32-189, mandated the Department of Public Health and Social Services to include foster children in the Government of Guam Group Health Insurance Plan, with full cost of insurance provided by the Government of Guam. Public Law 33-66 allowed \$250,000.00 for premium payments to the selected vendor which is SelectCare. The monthly premium for SelectCare insurance is \$292.37 per child. The lowest and highest number of foster children per month was 173 and 224, respectively.

The Department of Public Health and Social Services supports Bill 246-33 because the \$250,000.00 initially appropriated in PL33-66 is insufficient to cover the costs of the monthly premiums.

An additional \$400,000.00 is needed to cover the remainder of the fiscal year. Without the additional funding, the Department of Public Health and Social Services will need to terminate coverage with the SelectCare Program. This will require at a minimum, a 30 day notice to the provider, foster parents and relative placement providers.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Senseramente,


JAMES W. GILLAN
Director

Social Work Student Alliance
Division of Social Work, House #31 Dean's Circle
UOG Station, University of Guam 96923

Support for Bill 246-33 (COR)
From
Social Work Student Alliance (SWSA)

Testimony delivered by:

Jannica Quintanilla, President, Social Work Student Alliance

Shirley Irons, Senior student, Division of Social Work

Kaylee Terlaje, Senior student, Division of Social Work

Buenas yan hafa adai to all honorable Senators of the 33rd *I Lehislaturan Guahan* before us today:

This testimony is presented on behalf of the Social Work Student Alliance (SWSA) of the University of Guam. SWSA thanks-you for this opportunity to present testimony in support of Bill 246-33 (COR). Some of our students in the Division of Social Work have been working closely with families and children in the foster care system for their field placements. It is known that healthcare is a basic necessity for all children and youth. However, for children and youth in the foster care system, healthcare is more than just a basic necessity; healthcare is often seen as a lifeline to escape the difficult situations they have encountered.

Children and youth who enter the foster care system due to abuse or neglect are considered an at-risk population because they are more susceptible to significant healthcare needs and/or challenges. Our students working with this population have found that most underlying health issues are often associated with poverty or other at-risk conditions such as parental substance abuse. The matter of being abused or neglected is also a major contributing factor to poor health, as can the disruption caused by the

exertion process and placement into foster care.

It is evident that children in foster care often struggle with developmental disorders, medical disorders, alongside a number of behavioral disorders such as attention deficit or adjustment disorders, just to name a few. We often see children enter the custody of social services without receiving any immunization shots after their birth. Many of these children have never seen a doctor, nor have been given the appropriate medical attention that is so desperately needed. This should be seen as a major concern for our people of Guam as we watch the number of children in foster care increase at dire rates.

The Bureau of Social Services and Administration's most recent statistics indicate that the population of our children in foster care has reached a current total of 172 and this number is still growing. As we review the increasing rate of this population, it is apparent that the appropriation of funds sought by Bill 246-33 (COR) is needed. As one of our students evaluated Bill 246-33 (COR) with the Bureau of Social Services and Administration, it is found that their current funds for medical coverage is quickly depleted as it will only hold them off until the end of this month. The depletion of these funds is due to the fast growing amount of foster children and youth in their legal custody. Bill 246-33 (COR) would allow The Department of Public Health and Social Services to continue providing the much needed healthcare coverage under Calvo's SelectCare Insurance.

Currently, our foster families appreciate the easy access they have to medical and dental care. Our foster children and youth can receive medical treatment quickly through a wide selection of private clinics with urgent cares available as needed. In these clinics, our foster children and youth are able to receive the adequate time and attention they need to have their stories heard due to the lessened amount of consumers on demand. When adequate time and medical attention is given, we find that doctors become personal advocates for these foster children and youth especially when off-island medical treatment is needed. We have also found that our foster children and youth can now benefit from counseling services at these private clinics unlike before due to the restrictions of MIP/Medicaid. The need for medication and/or medical equipment is easily accessed and financially covered with a wide selection of pharmacies for our foster

families to utilize.

With this, I would like to share a short story of a personal experience that a local long-term foster mother shared with a student in our program. This story will show the dire need for continuance of foster children health insurance. As her story goes, 'A premature baby who was somewhat healthy weighing a mere pound at birth had entered foster care at just four pounds. This infant experienced trouble breathing with a hole in his heart, which required off island treatment to ensure his survival. As this little guy needed immediate health care and services, the long pending process to receive the much needed medical coverage was inevitable. The requirement to have the approval of the court system was unavoidable. As time was ticking for this infant's life, the foster mother had to go above and beyond the requirements of this role. She had to become an advocate for this infant. She eventually chose to reach out to the Governor of Guam and the First Lady for greater assistance. Thankfully, she explained that their assistance sped up the process for her tremendously. She was able to have Medicaid provide all medical assistance and needs for the infant in her care. This is a prime example of how critical and essential it is to keep our foster families on this healthcare insurance plan.

Providing this access to healthcare keeps our foster children and youth safe, healthy, and thriving. Under this healthcare insurance plan, our foster families do not have to struggle with the barriers of additional requirements to access the type of healthcare needed especially when a child's life is at stake. **It is for these reasons that the Social Social Work Student Alliance (SWSA) stands in full support of Bill 246-33 (COR) to keep Guam great with our children remaining a top priority.**

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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. 246-33 (COR) –FRANK B. AGUON, JR., B.J.F. Cruz, T.R. Muna Barnes, "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 122317 AND 122318 OF ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 12, PART 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE TIMELINE FOR OBTAINING EXEMPTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE UPON THE PROMULGATION AND ENACTMENT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS,"**– on January 27, 2016. COR hereby certifies that BBMR confirmed receipt of this request January 27, 2016at 10:45 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 246-33 (COR) to be included in the committee report on said bill, is hereby waived.**

Certified by:

Senator Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

February 15, 2016

Date



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VIA E-MAIL

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Director

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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes – Bill Nos. 245-33(COR) through 247-33(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
245-33 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (A)(1) TO SECTION 80128 OF CHAPTER 80, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO LEASE THE PORTION OF THE BUILDING REFERRED TO AS THE "INTERNET CAFÉ" FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MANAGING A HIGH QUALITY AND REASONABLY PRICED CAFE.
246-33 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR. B. J.F. Cruz T. R. Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) FROM THE UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE OF THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO PAY PREMIUMS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN HEALTH INSURANCE.
247-33 (COR)	T. R. Muña Barnes Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$820,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2015 HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE TO THE GUAM MUSEUM FUND FOR MUSEUM OPERATIONAL CASH FLOW.



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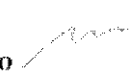
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January 26, 2016

MEMORANDUM

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 246-33(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 246-33(COR)**.

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

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

Attachment

I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Received
 Bill Log Sheet

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FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing – February 9, 2016

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Tue, Feb 2, 2016 at 12:55 PM

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February 2, 2016

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members / All Senators**From: Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Chairman****Re: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing – February 9, 2016**

Håfa Adai! The **Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication** will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 9, 2016**, in the *Liheslatura* Public Hearing Room with the following schedule:

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We look forward to your attendance and participation.

CC: MIS
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Dani Reyes
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 2, 2016

FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Open Government Law, P.L. 24-109, relative to notice for public meetings, let this release serve as five (5) days' notice for a Public Hearing by the **Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication** scheduled on **Tuesday, February 9, 2016**, in the Guam Legislature Hearing Room in Hagåtña, on the following:

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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing – February 9, 2016

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Sun, Feb 7, 2016 at 12:00 PM

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February 7, 2016

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members / All Senators

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

Re: SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing – February 9, 2016

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