

Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, Lands, Border Protection, Veterans' Affairs and Procurement I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 33rd Guam Legislature

April 19, 2016

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

Speaker I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hesler Place Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 287-33 (COR)

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 287-33 (COR), "An act to establish the Southern River Erosion Council and to mandate the creation of multi-year masterplans to address the erosion issues related to rivers in southern Guam."

Committee votes are as follows:

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COMMITTEE REPORT ON Bill No. 287-33 (COR)

Sponsored by Senator Rory J. Respicio

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTHERN RIVER EROSION COUNCIL AND TO MANDATE THE CREATION OF MULTI-YEAR MASTERPLANS TO ADDRESS THE EROSION ISSUES RELATED TO RIVERS IN SOUTHERN GUAM."



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April 19, 2016

MEMORANDUM

 To:
 All Members

 Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, Lands, Border Protection, Veterans'

 Affairs and Procurement

 From:
 Senator Thomas C. Ada M

 Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 287-33 (COR)

Transmitted herewith for your consideration is the Committee Report on Bill No. 2 87-33 (COR), "An act to establish the Southern River Erosion Council and to mandate the creation of multi-year masterplans to address the erosion issues related to rivers in southern Guam."

This report includes the following:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 287-33 (COR), As Introduced
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copy of Fiscal Note Request
- Copy of Fiscal Note
- COR Referral of Bill No. 287-33 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing Agenda

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



Sen. Thomas Ada

Chairman

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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Bill No. 287-33 (COR), "An act to establish the Southern River Erosion Council and to mandate the creation of multi-year masterplans to address the erosion issues related to rivers in southern Guam."

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SENATOR FRANK BLAS, JR. Member						
SENATOR MARY TORRES Member						
SENATOR JAMES V. ESPALDON Member						



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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 287-33 (COR) was introduced on March 17, 2016 by Senator Rory J. Respicio and was subsequently referred on March 18, 2016 to the Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, Lands, Border Protection, Veterans' Affairs and Procurement.

The Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, Lands, Border Protection, Veterans' Affairs and Procurement convened a public hearing on April 14, 2016 at 9:00am in *I Liheslaturan Guahan* Public Hearing Room to receive public testimony on Bill No. 287-33 (COR).

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on April 7, 2016 (5-Day Notice) and again on April 11, 2016 (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Sen. Thomas C. Ada,	Committee Chairperson
Sen. Rory J. Respicio	Committee Vice-Chairperson
Sen. Frank Aguon Jr.	Committee Member
Sen.Frank F. Blas Jr.	Committee Member
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat	Legislative Member
Sen. V. Anthony Ada	Legislative Member

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 9:00am.

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

Chairperson Ada turns the floor over to the sponsor, Senator Rory J. Respicio, of Bill No. 287-33 (COR), to give an introduction of the bill.

Senator Respicio: reads his introduction. (see attached)

Dr. Mohammad Golabi, *University of Guam Professor*: Senator Respicio and Senator Ada, you have invited me to attend this public hearing on this bill about the soil erosion in the Ugum and Talofofo Rivers and other rivers in the south of Guam. I'm glad you invited me and I gladly accepted the invitation. Last time when you had the hearing, I was unable to attend because I had other commitments. Regarding the soil erosion in the Ugum River, I have visited the site and similar sites many times because parts of my teaching as a soil scientist, I usually take my students to these sites. I teach an upper level graduate course which is called Environmental Soil Science. As part of that course, I take students around the island and show them where soil degradations, soil erosion and sedimentations are happening, which will eventually pollute the

waters nearby then eventually the ocean, and coral reefs. During the Island Sustainability Conference, which I have attended and will be attending after this meeting, there was a lot of talk on the pollution in these areas and the importance of coral reefs with respect to economical and social impacts. Several speakers talked about sedimentation being a major problem, especially in the south of Guam. I have been working on this issue for the last 15 years. When I first came to Guam, the first thing I noticed was that soil erosion was a major problem as well as the water quality. I remember every time there is a big typhoon or storm on Guam, they shut down the water at the Ugum River, mostly the south because the sedimentation clots in the pump. The point is that the sedimentation is a problem and I'm glad that Senator Respicio brought this as a bill so that it can be passed and be enforced. Regarding the sedimentation, we know that it is happening but there are causes for sedimentation and there are many of them. Definitely, fire is one reason. There are a lot of fires that happen in southern Guam and I don't want to go into detail on why they are happening, but most of the time, they are man-made fires. Of course when you have a fire, you remove all the vegetation. Before the next vegetation can take place, it is exposed to sun and rain and causes soil erosion. Also another cause for soil erosion are construction sites in southern Guam and the area was not managed properly. One example is when the managers and contractors are cautious enough was the Pago Bay area. When they cut those forest vegetation in the Pago Bay area, there was a lot of soil erosion and many people and some agencies protested and the managers and constructors.

Mr. Thomas Kloppenberg, *Property owner*: We've had a river tour going on 28 years now. In the last three years, we can't go up the Ugum River anymore which was a highlight. We use to go up the Talofofo River which is about a mile and we cut up Ugum and then we go a quarter mile to a very beautiful spot. It was really big and had bamboos hanging and coconut trees. The boat would go up there and everyone would be amazed and we would explain how it's a ground spring that feeding into the Ugum besides from rain and so forth. That river is completely filled in. It used to be 25 feet deep. Now, its eight inches to a foot and a half today. So much sediment has gone into the Ugum and Talofofo Rivers and has gone out into the bridge and into the bay.

Mr. Matthew L.G. Sablan, *Director, Department of Agriculture, (see attached written testimony).*

Senator Respicio: I just want to say thank you for your participation and recognize you for your work through the years. Many people seem to think, "Oh another bill to create a Commission, a Council. More government." But in meeting with these individuals, we discovered what we already knew that a lot of work has been done in the case of Agriculture, plant reforestation initiatives. In the case of the Inarajan community with the strong leadership of Mayor Doris Lujan, many things has been done and so when I asked what do we need to do, and I suggested to institutionalize the ongoing efforts, the resounding response was "yes." We have a statute that brings all the players to the table so we have one holistic approach to solving this issue. And now Mayor Dale Alvarez brought us the Namo River, and now instead of just focusing on the southern watershed, we want to talk about the entire southern community. This bill has evolved to include all the southern mayors to the Southern Masterplan. So what this bill will do Mr. Chairman with your support and the support of our colleagues, and the Governor signs it, it would make what ever recommendation this council put together, it would automatically be folded into the Southern Development Masterplan.

Senator Aguon: Thank you Senator Respicio for including the Mayor of Yona as a participant of this discussion. For this legislation, if we can also add the Manenggon River. I know you added a general clause for any rivers in the south. Dr. Golabi and the Director of Agriculture are very familiar with the soil erosion in the south which is incurring right alongside the bridge. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson Ada ends the public hearing for Bill No. 287-33 (COR).

Written Testimonies Received:

Thomas Kloppenberg, Property Owner. Mr. Kloppenberg's written testimony is in favor of Bill No. 287-33 (COR).

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, Lands, Border Protection, Veterans' Affairs and Procurement hereby reports out **Bill No. 287-33 (COR) as introduced,** with the recommendation **TO DO PASS**.

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

Bill No. 287-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

R.J. Respicio / Mary Camacho Torres M(

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTHERN RIVER EROSION COUNCIL AND TO MANDATE THE CREATION OF MULTI-YEAR MASTERPLANS TO ADDRESS THE EROSION ISSUES RELATED TO RIVERS IN SOUTHERN GUAM.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslatura Guahan 2 finds that there is a serious problem regarding the erosion along the banks of the 3 Talofofo and Ugum Rivers, the Namo River, and other rivers in southern Guam. I 4 *Liheslatura* further finds that a recent site visit of the Talofofo and Ugum Rivers 5 was organized by the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian 6 Affairs, Human & Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District and the 7 Soil and Water Conservation District; and involving various stakeholders including 8 federal and local government agencies, the private sector, and elected leaders and 9 that this brought to the forefront this concern and the need for action to address 10this concern. I Liheslatura Guahan further finds that the continuing erosion along 11 12 these rivers is having impacts far beyond the loss of acreage on both publicly and 13 privately owned land. The continuing erosion threatens important heritage sites 14 and the jobs produced by agriculture and tourism related activities along the river.

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] The ongoing erosion is also adversely affecting the water quality of both rivers and 2 increasingly making these rivers less navigable. I Liheslatura further finds that at 3 a series of roundtable discussions of stakeholders conducted by the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs, Human & Natural Resources, 4 5 Election Reform and Capitol District earlier this year, there was a consensus that to mitigate this erosion would require a sustained, multi-year effort centered on 6 dealing with the watershed issues of the Bolanos Conservation Area the waters 7 8 from which are causing the erosion problems along both rivers. It was also the 9 consensus of these roundtable discussions that a similar erosion problem was 10 occurring along the Namo River which is threatening residences and infrastructure 11 adjoining the Namo River. I Liheslatura further finds that in order to commence 12 the process of taking substantial, long term, action to mitigate the erosion along the 13 Talofofo and Ugum Rivers, the Namo River, and other rivers in southern Guam 14 with similar erosion concerns, the involvement of the public and private 15 stakeholders should be provided with a statutory basis in order to sustain a multi-16 year community-wide effort. I Liheslatura further finds that specific masterplans should be mandated to address the erosion concerns related to specific rivers in 17 18 southern Guam.

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- SECTION 2. Southern River Erosion Council.

1 a) There is hereby created the Southern River Erosion Council, hereinafter 2 referred to as "the Council", with the mission of identifying and monitoring 3 measures to mitigate the ongoing erosion of the banks of the following rivers in southern Guam: 4

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- Talofofo and Ugum Rivers 1)
- Namo River including Namo Falls 6 2)
- 3) Any other rivers in southern Guam with serious erosion concerns 7 8 as identified by the Southern River Erosion Council

9 b) In the case of each of the aforementioned rivers, the Council shall 10 recommend a specific mitigation strategy for the ongoing erosion along these rivers in order to address the attendant adverse impacts of public concerns 11 12 including but not limited to: economic activity, infrastructure, water quality, the 13 environment, navigable waterways, infrastructure, public and private landowners, 14 and heritage sites. The Council shall report its findings and recommendations to 15 the Southern Development Master Plan Task Force established by Article 6 of Title 21 of the Guam Code Annotated. 16

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SECTION 3. Composition of the Southern River Erosion Council. The 18 Council shall be made up of the following members who shall elect the Chair of 19 the Council:

20The Guam Department of Agriculture.

- 1 The University of Guam,
- 2 The Bureau of Plans and Statistics,
- 3 Guam Waterworks Authority,
- 4 Guam Environmental Protection Agency,
- 5 Department of Public Works,
- 6 Southern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District,
- 7 U.S. Department of Agriculture,
- 8 The Mayor of Agat,
- 9 The Mayor of Umatac,
- 10 The Mayor of Inarajan,
- 11 The Mayor of Santa Rita,
- 12 The Mayor of Talofofo,
- 13 The Mayor of Merizo,
- 14 The Mayor of Yona,
- 15 Representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Army Corps of
- 16 Engineers or any other relevant federal agency invited by the Chair of the Council
- 17 to participate in work of the Southern River Erosion Council.
- 18 And three (3) representatives of private landowners along the Talofofo River, the
- 19 Ugum River, the Namo River, or any other river in southern Guam experiencing
- 20 serious erosion problems.

SECTION 4. Comprehensive Master Plans to address the erosion problems of the Talofofo and Ugum Rivers, the Namo River, and other rivers in southern Guam as identified by the Southern River Erosion Council. § 68601 of Article 6 of Title 21 of the Guam Code Annotated is amended to read: "§ 68601. Geographical Definition.

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The task force created by this Law (hereinafter Task Force) is hereby charged with 6 the duty, as specified by this law, to develop a comprehensive Master plan 7 (hereinafter Southern Master plan or Master plan) for the following villages: Agat, 8 Santa Rita, Umatac, Merizo, Inarajan, Malojloj, Talofofo and Yona, and such 9 areas adjacent to or located in between said villages, including, but not limited to, 10 any offshore areas such as Cocos Island and any body of water as to which the 11 12 government of Guam has jurisdiction to develop; and since some of the plans or projects to be advanced by the Task Force may have incidental effect, residue 13 14 application or extension related to other geographical areas under the jurisdiction 15 of the government of Guam, the Task Force may, when necessary and proper, 16 extend the application of the Southern Master plan to such affected areas. The Task Force shall also develop and incorporate into the Southern Master plan, specific 17 masterplans for the mitigation of the erosion problems along the Talofofo and 18 Ugum Rivers; the Namo River; and other rivers in southern Guam based on the 19 20 recommendations from the Southern River Erosion Council."

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Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, Lands, Border Protection, Veterans' Affairs and Procurement **Public Hearing** April 14, 2016 9:00am I Liheslaturan Guåhan, Hagåtña

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Bill No. 287-33 (LS) – R.J. Respicio/M.C. Torres An act to establish the Southern River Erosion Council and to mandate the creation of multi-year masterplans to address the erosion issues related to rivers in southern Guam.

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SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO

Committee on Rules: Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs: Human & Natural Resources. Election Reform, and Capitol District



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

April 14, 2016

Sponsor Statement on Bill No. 287-33 (COR)- "An act to establish the Southern River Erosion Council and to mandate the creation of multi-year masterplans to address the erosion issues related to rivers in southern Guam," by Senator Rory J. Respicio and Senator Mary C. Torres.

At the outset, I would like to thank Chairman Ada and this Committee for promptly scheduling a public hearing on Bill No. 287-33 "An act to establish the Southern River Erosion Council and to mandate the creation of multi-year masterplans to address the erosion issues related to rivers in southern Guam."

This legislation originated with a site visit to the Talofofo and Ugum Rivers organized by my office and the Southern Soil and Water Conservation District Board a few months ago. What we found was a great erosion problem along the banks of these two rivers. This ongoing erosion has caused serious environmental problems as well as threats to navigation along the rivers, their water quality, and nearby Chamorro heritage sites. Furthermore, this erosion problem has endangered the jobs of people working in farms and tourism related activities along these two rivers. In the weeks following the site visit, my Environment Committee held two roundtable discussions involving all those who have a stake in the future of these two rivers and the adjoining properties. Commenters included representatives from federal and local government agencies, southern landowners, academics, private sector enterprises and other stakeholders.

Three central conclusions emerged from these discussions:

First, that there are available solutions to mitigate the erosion along the Talofofo and Ugum rivers, centered mostly around reforestation and treatment of silt deposits in the Bolanos Conservation Area in Umatac.

Second, that there were other rivers in southern Guam such as the Namo River in Santa Rita with serious erosion issues that are posing not only environmental problems but also threats to private residences and infrastructure.

And third, finally, it was the consensus of these roundtable discussions that to fully address these erosion issues would require a sustained, multi-year strategy that would extend beyond the term of this current Legislature and this current Administration.

Bill No. 287-33 would establish the institutional framework for this sustained multi-year effort. The measure first establishes the Southern River Erosion Council to develop strategies and recommendations to mitigate the erosion along the Talofofo, Ugum and Namo rivers and other rivers in Southern Guam in need of this mitigation effort. This council would be made of stakeholders including the relevant government agencies, the southern mayors and southern landowners. The recommendations of the council would then go to the Southern Masterplan Task Force which has already been established by statute with a \$200,000 appropriation. Using this input from the Council, the Southern Masterplan Task Force would prepare specific masterplans to implement the recommended strategy for each river identified by the Southern River Erosion Council with erosion concerns requiring mitigation. This would establish the institutional foundation for effective action to mitigate erosion concerns along the rivers of southern Guam.

I thank Senator Mary Torres for co-sponsoring this bill with me and I ask for the support of this Committee for Bill No. 287-33. With the passage of this legislation, we will take an important first step to providing the sustained long term effort that will be required to solve the erosion problems in the Talofofo, Ugum and Namo Rivers as well all other rivers in southern Guam with similar erosion issues.

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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, APRIL 14, 2016

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Matthew Sablan, Director of the Department of Agriculture. I thank you for giving me the opportunity this morning to provide testimony in support of Bill 287-33 (COR) which is the Act that will

- Establish the Southern River Erosion Council
- Mandate the creation of Multi-Year Master Plans to address the erosion issues related to rivers in southern Guam.

The continuing erosion not only impacts rivers in southern Guam but also, the agricultural farming community who till the soil for sustainability and source of income.

The Multi-Year Master Plans are needed in order to commence the process of substantial, long term action to mitigate the erosion on impacted rivers in Southern Guam.

In closing, I thank you for introducing Bill 287-33. I fully support this Bill

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MATTHEW SABLAN



April 14, 2016

Honorable Thomas Ada Chairman Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, Lands, Border Protection, Veterans; Affairs and Procurement 33rd Guam Legislature Hagatna, Guam 96910

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Mr. Chariman, Members of the Committee:

My name is Thomas F. Kloppenburg and I am here to support the passage of Bill No. 287-33 (COR) -R.J. Respicio/M.C. Torres, An act to establish the Southern River Erosion Council and to mandate the creation of multi-year masterplans to address the erosion issues related to rivers in southern Guam.

We believe that this comprehensive approach to addressing the erosion issues related to the rivers in southern Guam will ultimately lead to both short term and long term solutions to this problem that has negatively affected both the environment and many of us who call southern Guam home.

As a property owner that has land with the Ugum River at its western boundary, and the Talofofo River at its northern boundary, we have firsthand experience in witnessing the damage caused by heavy rains that has eroded almost a guarter acre or more of our property.

We want to thank Senators Rory Respicio and Mary C. Torres for their leadership in introducing this bill, and for all the Legislators and members of the administration who took the time to do a site visit with us a few months ago to bring this issue to the forefront. We also want to thank the leadership of Ms. Angle Mendiola and the Southern Water Conservation District members for continuing their efforts to address this problem in the south.

As landowners, we are willing to assist in whatever capacity you deem necessary to help us preserve the areas now being adversely affected by erosion in the south, and in particular, the areas we now have under our jurisdiction.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak in support of the passage of Bill No. 287-33.

Sincerely,

Thomas F Kloppenburg

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RE: Bill No. 287-33 and Bill No. 276 -33

Hafa Adai Senator Respicio. The Bureau of Statistics and Plans (Bureau) is pleased to provide testimony on the following bills:

- 1. Bill No. 287-33: An act to establish the Southern River Erosion Council and to mandate the creation of multi-year masterplans to address the erosion issues related to rivers in southern Guam.
- 2. Bill No. 276-33: An act to add a new §75125 to title 21, Guam Code Annotated, relative to designating a portion of lot 5133-1, Tumon, Dededo, Guam as a biodiversity conservation easement for the purpose of providing an area for the preservation of indigenous biodiversity.

Regarding Bill 287-33, threats to the riparian area of our rivers are causes for concern to our community. The Bureau agrees with the intent of Bill 287-33 and supports *I Liheslaturan Guahan's* efforts to mitigate erosion in such areas.

The Bureau supports the development of plans that address specific concerns related to specific rivers in southern Guam and that balances economic development while maintaining our island's rich cultural history and natural resources.

The Bureau respectfully encourages *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to consider the following amendments to the bill:

	Office of Rory J. Respicio
Name	APR 2 0 2016
Date/Time	//:10Am

- 1. Membership: Expand the membership of the Southern River Erosion Council to include the Department of Land Management.
- 2. Minor edits:

a. Page 2 line 2 adding "...navigable and causing destruction to near shore benthic habitats."

b. Page 4 Line 2, "Bureau of Plans and Statistics and Plans"

Regarding Bill 287-33, the designation of a portion of lot 5133-1 is consistent with the zoning designations indicated in the future land use map within the *North and Central Guam Land Use Plan* (March, 2009). In addition, the conservation use for this parcel is consistent with Guam's resource policy on fragile areas.

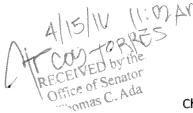
The Bureau of Statistics and Plans supports the passage of Bill 2767-33. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions or comments in this regard.

Senseramente, WILLIAM M. CASTRO

Director

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Testimony of Mrs. Angelita Mendiola Chairperson, Guam Southern Soil and Water Conservation District April 14, 2016

Bill 287-33 (COR) – "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTHERN RIVER EROSION COUNCIL AND TO MANDATE THE CREATION OF MULTI-YEAR MASTERPLANS TO ADDRESS THE EROSION ISSUES RLEATED TO RIVERS IN SOUTHERN GUAM"

Hafa Adai Senator Thomas Ada; Chairperson Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, Border Protection, Veteran's Affair, and Procurement. My name is Angelita Mendiola, Chairperson of the Guam Southern Soil and Water Conservation District, and I hereby submit this written testimony in support of the intent of Bill No.287-33 (COR).

The Southern Soil and Water Conservation District applauds this committee in its findings and acknowledgement of the detrimental effects of erosion along Guam's southern rivers to almost every aspect of our community and environment.

Bill 287-33 (COR) seems to seek to establish a "council" to identify and monitor measures to mitigate erosion, which is in and of itself and important task. However, as the Conservation District was invited to provide testimony on this bill, I would be remiss if I didn't mention a need for some clarifications as well as make some recommendations for the committee's consideration on this bill.

Bill 287-33 if enacted into law, creates a council with a mandated composition and mission however, no mention is made as to who this council will report to. With regard to the council's composition, the Legislature must understand that convening a council made up of all the listed members is difficult in the extreme without directing such members to do so, given their diverse current missions and daily tasks. There is a mission, which we all agree is most laudable, yet there are no tasks, no specific action items. The bill, in its current form, mentions no timelines of when anything should be accomplished nor who would any findings be reported to. What authority does the council have? How would the council compel any of its members to engage in this noble work without them leaving it in the dust of their other priorities or even worse, kicking it down the road for "later"? And as with any other mission or mandate, the ever pervasive question has and always will be – what funding will be utilized to accomplish the mission of identifying mitigation measures or development of masterplans? Is there any potential funding source already in place or existing for this work? Will a new funding source be provided? It is our understanding that some water-land protection federal grants are under the purview of agencies like Statistics and Plans or various other agencies, but will any of those grant funds be applicable to this endeavor or are they already spoken for?

The Guam Southern Soil and Water Conservation District supports the Legislative intent of Bill 287-33(COR) as it drives into the very heart of our own mission for the benefit of our entire island community. We only respectfully hope that the above concerns would be further considered by this esteemed committee before passage. Si Yu'us Ma'ase,

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Angelita "Angie" Mendiola Chairperson, Guam Southern Soil and Water Conservation District



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Senator Rory J. Respicio CHAIRPERSON MAJORITY LEADER

April 15, 2016

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Memorandum	
То:	Rennae Meno
	Clerk of the Legislature
From:	Senator Rory J. Respicio
	Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

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Subject: **Fiscal Notes**

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

FISCAL NOTES:

Bill No. 285-33(COR) Bill No. 287-33(COR)

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

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Bureau of Budget & Management Research Fiscal Note of Bill No. 287-33 (COR)

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTHERN RIVER EROSION COUNCIL AND TO MANDATE THE CREATION OF MULTI-YEAR MASTERPLANS TO ADDRESS THE EROSION ISSUES RELATED TO RIVERS IN SOUTHERN GUAM.

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

Fund Source Information of Prop	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2015 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2016 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2016 Appro. (<u>P.L. 33-66)</u>	\$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	
(Specify Special Fund)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	

1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions?		1.	Yes	/X/ No
If Yes, see attachment				
2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation?	/X/ N/A	1.	Yes	/ / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$	/X/ N/A			
3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency?		11	Yes	/X/ No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies?	/X/ N/A	1	Yes	/ / No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency?		1	Yes	/X/ No
4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities?		1.	Yes	/X/ No
5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate rea	son:	/X.	Yes	/ / No

/X/ Requested agency comments not received by due date / /Other:

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COMMENTS TO BILL No. 287-33 (COR)

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Bill No. 287-33 proposes to establish the Southern River Erosion Council and mandates the creation of multi-year master plans to address the erosion issues related to rivers in southern Guam. As stipulated in the bill, the composition of the council is to be made up of representatives of several Government of Guam agencies, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Army Corps of Engineers, the mayors of all southern villages, and three (3) representatives of private landowners along any river in southern Guam experiencing serious erosion problems; all without indication of some form of compensation or stipend for membership. As such, the fiscal impact of the creation of this "Task Force" may be negligible as the duties and responsibilities of council members may be considered "collateral" duties as part of their existing positions.

However, the creation of the multi-year master plans to address the erosion issues may cause a potential fiscal impact depending on the specifics of the mitigation strategies and programs to be implemented.



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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. 287-33(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 287-33(COR)**.

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

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

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Bill Log Sheet

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	R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTHERN RIVER	03/29/16	03/30/16	Committee on			
	Mary Camacho Torres	EROSION COUNCIL AND TO MANDATE THE	12:19 p.m.		Transportation,			
287-33		CREATION OF MULTI-YEAR MASTERPLANS TO			Infrastructure, Lands,			
(COR)		ADDRESS THE EROSION ISSUES RELATED TO			Border Protection,			
		RIVERS IN SOUTHERN GUAM.			Veterans' Affairs and			
				L	Procurement			



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1st Notice of Public Hearing and Roundtable: Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00p.m.

2 messages

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Thu, Apr 7, 2016 at 8:36 AM

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April 07, 2016

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders

Fr: Senator Thomas C. Ada, Chairperson

Subject: 1st Notice of Public Hearing and Roundtable: Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00p.m.

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1 message

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Mon, Apr 11, 2016 at 8:23 AM

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Media, and Stakeholders

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<u>AGENDA</u> PUBLIC HEARING Thursday April 14, 2016 Public Hearing Room, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

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