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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. 30-33 (COR), As Substituted by the Committee

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication on Bill No. 30-33 (COR), As Substituted by the Committee - B.J.F. Cruz - "An act to amend § 30102 of Article 1, Chapter 30, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to require agencies permitted to retain counsel other than the Attorney General, to hire classified in-house counsel and to strengthen the Attorney General of Guam's cognizance of legal matters before the government of Guam."

Committee votes are as follows:

- TO DO PASS
- TO NOT PASS
- TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- TO ABSTAIN
- TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Cruz
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Chairman

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill No. 30-33 (COR), As Substituted by the Committee

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members
FROM: Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication

SUBJECT: Committee Report on Bill No. 30-33 (COR), As Substituted by the Committee

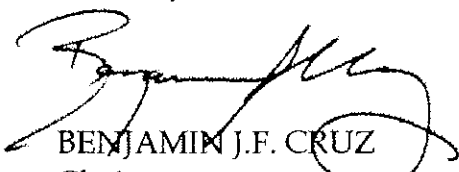
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This report includes the following:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Bill No. 30-33 (COR), As Introduced
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- COR Referral of Bill No. 30-33 (COR)
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- 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 VOTING SHEET

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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	 4/10/16	✓				
WON PAT, Ed.D., JUDITH T. Speaker and Ex-Officio Member		✓				
MUÑA BARNES, TINA ROSE Member		✓				
RODRIGUEZ, Jr., DENNIS G. Member				✓ 6/17		
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. 30-33 (COR), As Substituted by the Committee - B.J.F. Cruz. - "An act to amend § 30102 of Article 1, Chapter 30, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to require agencies permitted to retain counsel other than the Attorney General, to hire classified in-house counsel and to strengthen the Attorney General of Guam's cognizance of legal matters before the government of Guam. "

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 30-33 (COR) was introduced by Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz on January 22, 2015, 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 3, 2016, beginning at 2:30PM in the Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room. The hearing for **Bill No. 30-33 (COR)** began at 3:15 PM and ended at 3:30 PM.

Public Notice Requirements

All legal requirements for public notices were met, with requests for publication sent to all media and all Senators on January 27, 2016, and February 1, 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*

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, *Member*

Senator V. Anthony Ada, *Member*

Senator Thomas Morrison, *Member*

Appeared Before the Committee

The Honorable Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, *Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General of Guam*

Mr. Karl Espaldon, *Deputy Director, Office of the Attorney General*

Submitted Written Testimony

The Honorable Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, *Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General of Guam*

Mr. Charles H. Ada II, *Executive Managers, Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority*

II. TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication ("Committee"), announced Bill No. 30-33 (COR) and provided a statement as the measure's sponsor.

"The intent of the legislation was to get the autonomous agencies and the other line agencies to have the authority to hire legal counsel, to hire in-house counsel, so that they're able to do it within a set amount of money as opposed to three hundred (300) dollars an hour and asking the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for the authority to sign contracts for the legal services in excess of a million dollars, we're running up a couple of agencies reaching up to a million dollars in annual attorney's fees. It would seem to me when I introduced the legislation that the perfect example would have been the University (of Guam), Guam Water Authority (GWA), and Guam Power Authority (GPA) that have in-house counsel. They pay theirs a hundred and twenty (120) or a hundred and fifteen (115), I believe, depending... Civil service stuff, they do all minutes for the board meetings, and it's not at three hundred (300) dollars an hour. And so that was the intent of the legislation. I'd be interested to hear the new general's position on this piece of legislation."

Attorney General Elizabeth Barrett Anderson:

"Good afternoon again, Vice Speaker-Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. I'd like to introduce to my right is Deputy Attorney General Karl Espaldon. Karl is now Deputy of the Solicitor Division. The Solicitor Division is a division is made up of assistant attorney generals whose primary focus is to advise and counsel agencies. During my earlier tenure as attorney general, we had a solicitor division and a litigation division, both civil litigation. Obviously, you get a lawsuit, you go to court, solicitors opinion writing, advice on a daily basis and the two divisions were kept separate.

"Since I left and have come back to the Office of the Attorney General (AG's Office), the first thing I immediately did was to break them apart because their function of focus is absolutely different. And I am in the process now of rebuilding the solicitor division. And that's important for me, as I extend my testimony, because this bill directly impacts the work that we do in our agencies in the solicitor division.

"The legal in-house counsel. Vice Speaker, I support cutting costs, I always have. And even as former attorney general, we had a solicitor division of about twelve (12) attorneys representing all line agencies. We had particular solicitors paid one

hundred (100) percent to Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA), other agencies who wanted them full time but didn't have the money for it. I said, "You want a solicitor? I'll hire and we'll assign out." The purpose of having that kind of governmental cognizance and control is so that Government of Guam agencies, predominantly the line agencies, so that there is consistency and the like types of opinions and the like types of legal services that are given out there predominantly in the line agencies.

"During my tenure with regard to the autonomous agencies, the issue of retainer agreements for autonomous agencies has historically been there. The legislature has fought just as the attorney general's office has fought to try and reign that in - reign in that enormous cost. I do appreciate and recognize that autonomous agencies do need specialized counsel in areas of maritime, health, aviation. And during my tenure, we actually had working arrangement with a lot of law firms, that if it came to issues of personnel, adverse action, procurement, typical legal issues involving the Government of Guam, the firms would say, "Hey, just ask the AG for that. We're not going to charge you for that, the AG has the expertise." That doesn't seem to be the case these days.

"Again, I am revisiting so many issues that seem like déjà vu from before. One of the differences in coming back are that all attorneys who work full time in the Government of Guam. And when I say full time, I mean, they earn benefits, they earn retirement. They must be classified because all the Houser versus Department of Law decision. No problem with that. All the lawyers in office other than the management attorneys. All the assistant AGs are classified. We hired under the classified system. So the recommendation in the bill. And this was discussed the last time the bill was before the legislature, we do support that. Classified attorneys. I agree with the Vice Speaker, whole heartedly. You can get a very experienced attorney for one hundred twenty dollars (\$120) or a little less. That's good money these days for an in-house counsel. No problem that it's classified.

"My one concern with government agencies hiring in-house is that extra ten percent (10%) that I cannot give the solicitor attorneys. And I do know that if this bill does pass, line agencies who are authorized to hire their own lawyer, like the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), not quite sure currently what other agencies are authorized. We'll turn to the ranks of the other assistant attorney generals in my office who have the experience in procurement and personnel etc. and offer them that ten percent (10%) and I will lose them. I would like to see the process of what I recommended previously: that if agencies do want to hire in-house counsel, that the attorney general's office provide the in-house counsel

through a service agreement with the attorney general's office. We will then hire and send out to whether it's Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) or Department of Administration (DOA) or whoever, will be under the purview of the AG's Office for consistency, and also comports with my requirement as the attorney general, to have cognizance over all legal matters so we have consistency in opinions and consistency in our interpretation of procurement and personnel laws. With regard to autonomous agencies, we could still do the same thing as we do with line agencies. With the GPA, well they actually have their in-house counsel, which is fine, but the AG's Office has no cognizance over what that in-house counsel does and I don't even know who the person is. The cost is great, I would like to see that any opinion issued by an in-house counsel that is not under the charge of the AG's Office that I be able to review opinions issued, not daily things, but just opinions. In the event I disagree with the opinion of a totally independent in-house counsel regarding retainer agreements. That's been around forever and I understand and I recognize those retainer agreements.

"But I agree with the speaker that those bills can be limited, limited to the areas and fields of law that my office has no expertise. But we have a lot of expertise on the basics in personnel, land issues, easements. So in those areas, I fully support the speaker's intent to reduce those costs in those areas. And in doing so, however, I'll be down here in a couple of months for a budget request, I ask the senators to please give me your support to rebuild the solicitor division. I would love to go to twelve (12) attorneys for all line agencies if you request for an opinion that includes the courts if the courts wanted an opinion. The Solicitor Division, in a lot of ways, is the core of the daily legal operations of our government. I do recognize one thing, senators, I have walked back in that office after twenty (20) years, and I have heard every government agency complain: well it takes so long to get anything out of the AG's Office. I recognize that and I intend to correct it. This is only Day 23. But with the rebuilding of the Solicitor Division, contract should have a return rate of an average of ten (10) days if they're the standard contract. If they have a little bit more issues on that, maybe thirty (30) days, an opinion maybe sixty (60) days or less than that. But from what I heard from a lot of directors and the members of the agencies, "Why does it take so long over there at the AG's Office?" I don't know. But with Deputy Director Karl Espaldon, and rebuilding the Solicitor Division, I hope to correct that. And with that, senators, I welcome any questions."

Chairman Cruz:

"Thank you very much. I appreciate your comments and would like to sit down and speak with you on this. I would like to go back to the old system. I know everybody keeps laughing at me. I was born in government system since 1970

and I keep saying, "When did it change?" But I would like to go back to that with the solicitors. But we're going to need to find you additional money and see if we can get some of those agencies to help you out. But as you put it, the complaint is it takes too long to get anything out there so that's why they want their own, but their own shouldn't cost them a million dollars a year. And so if we can somehow work on this - I know your hands are full with that blue binder that's next to you - maybe we'll spend fifteen (15) minutes to try to figure out a different way of getting this bill to meet my expectations and also your desire to rebuild the solicitor's office."

Attorney General Barrett-Anderson:

"Yes, senator, when I first saw this law, I was informed that the AG's Office can now charge agencies and line agencies for services. I thought that a little strange because the line agencies are our client. The legislature - you give the AG's Office money, because we are the counsel for line agencies. So Mr. Vice Speaker, I would love to take that paragraph A and to work with you and return it to the old ways and to be able to provide the agencies all the expertise they deserve, whether they are a line agency or not. This is close to the work of the AG, it is the core of the AG's Office. And I knew it before I walked in, it was on my radar screen, and your bill put it on the top of my radar screen."

Chairman Cruz:

"I'm not gonna rush it through. We'll have time to sit down with Karl to see how we can do this and hopefully this time, the governor can bite. I'd like to be able to see the AG's Office to go back to being the AG's Office of Guam. And congratulations, Karl, welcome home. It's about time. Thank you. With that, all the bills would have been heard, all comments will be received the next ten (10) days at senator@senatorbjcruz.com. Thank you, we stand adjourned."

Chairman Cruz thanked Attorney General Barrett-Anderson for her testimony. On account that there were neither additional questions from the Committee nor other individuals present to testify, the Chairman considered Bill No. 30-33 (COR) as heard.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Subsequent to the measure's Public Hearing, Legislative Counsel and the Office of the Attorney General worked with the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication to draft the Substitute measure attached hereto.

- The short title is amended as follows:

AN ACT TO AMEND § 30102 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 30, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO REQUIRE AGENCIES PERMITTED TO RETAIN COUNSEL OTHER THAN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO HIRE CLASSIFIED IN-HOUSE COUNSEL AND TO STRENGTHEN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM'S COGNIZANCE OF LEGAL MATTERS BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

- At the request of the Attorney General of Guam, the additional ten percent (10%) in salary compensation contemplated in the measure as introduced has been removed. Instead, all compensation for government attorneys shall be at the level prescribed by the Attorney pay scale.
- Minor amendments have been made to Item (b) so as to be consistent with legislative drafting and style standards.
- To strengthen the Attorney General's legal cognizance of legal matters before the government of Guam, new items (c) and (d) have been added as follows:

(c) The Attorney General may appoint as special assistant attorney general the classified full time counsel, or any outside counsel contracted by agency for purposes of administrative or civil litigation in order to ensure that a unified and consistent legal policy of the government of Guam is maintained over the conduct of all legal proceedings in which the government of Guam may be interested. A special assistant attorney general shall keep the Attorney General informed of all litigation, filing of pleadings and issuing letters, appeals, settlement agreements, and the Attorney General shall have the right to stop, modify or change the direction of litigation in the best interest of the territory, and to void any settlement reached in abrogation of the Attorney General's approval.

(d) The Attorney General shall have legal cognizance and exclusive authority over all administrative, civil, and appellate matters in which the government of Guam is in anyway interested. No appeal from an administrative or civil case may be filed in any court having jurisdiction over the case without the prior review and concurrence of the Attorney General that the best interest of the territory of Guam, and the people of Guam, are served by the appeal.

- To prevent the impairment of lawful contracts, Section 2 has been added at the request of the Attorney General:


Section 2. Effective Date. The newly added provisions to Section 30102 shall not be construed to impair or interfere with any existing contractual rights for legal services between outside counsel and any agency which has obtained the approval of the Attorney General on the date of enactment herein, provided that any provision for renewal or extension of an existing contract shall not be renewed except pursuant to Subsection 30102(b) as enacted.

The Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication to which was referred **Bill No. 30-33 (COR) - B.J.F. Cruz** - "An act to amend § 30102 of Article 1, Chapter 30, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to require agencies permitted to retain counsel other than the Attorney General, to hire classified in-house counsel and to strengthen the Attorney General of Guam's cognizance of legal matters before the government of Guam. " hereby submits these findings to *I Mina'trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and reports out **Bill No. 30-33 (COR), As Substituted by the Committee** , with a recommendation TO DO PAS.


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

Bill No. 30-33 (COR)

Introduced by:

B. J.F. Cruz 

**AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 30102(a) OF CHAPTER
30, TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO REQUIRE
AGENCIES PERMITTED TO RETAIN COUNSEL
OTHER THAN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO HIRE
CLASSIFIED, IN-HOUSE COUNSEL.**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. § 30102(a) of Chapter 30, Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

“§ 30102. Department of Law, Cognizance.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Attorney General *shall* have cognizance of all legal matters, excluding the Legislative and Judicial Branches of the Government of Guam, involving the Executive Branch of the Government of Guam, its agencies, instrumentalities, public corporations, autonomous agencies and the Mayors Council, all hereinafter referred to as ‘agency.’ Where any other law permits any agency or autonomous public corporation to retain counsel other than the Attorney General, this *shall* not preclude said agency or public corporation from requesting the services of the offices of the Attorney General, provided that said agency or autonomous public corporation *shall* reimburse the Office

1 of the Attorney General for such services from funds of said
2 agency or autonomous public corporation. Said reimbursement shall
3 be deposited in the General Fund and credited to the Office of the
4 Attorney General. In addition, and notwithstanding any other law to
5 the contrary, any agency or autonomous public corporation of the
6 Government of Guam may advance funds to the office of the Attorney
7 General for services and incidental travel to be rendered by said office
8 on behalf of said agency or autonomous public corporation. Effective
9 sixty (60) days from the enactment of this act, any law permitting an
10 agency or autonomous public corporation to retain counsel other than
11 the Attorney General shall mean classified, in-house counsel. Any
12 attorney holding the position of full-time classified in-house counsel
13 for any governmental department or agency shall earn the salary set
14 by law for that position, or plus ten percent (10%) of that salary he or
15 she would earn as a government attorney, according to the attorney
16 pay schedule, with maximum additional credit for seniority and
17 experience as allowed in the attorney pay schedule to maximize his or
18 her salary, whichever is higher.

19 (b) An agency or autonomous public corporation of the
20 Government may retain outside counsel, in addition to the classified,
21 in-house counsel mandated in item (a), only when the department or
22 agency has certified in writing to the Attorney General of Guam, the
23 Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan, and I Maga'láhen Guåhan, that
24 such outside counsel is essential to addressing a sole and specific legal
25 matter before the agency. Upon issuance of the certification by the
26 department or agency, the Attorney General shall confirm that such
27 outside counsel has demonstrated prior experience and competency

1 for a period not less than five (5) consecutive years in the subject
2 matter or specialized area for which the in-house counsel or Attorney
3 General's Office is unable to provide at that time. Nothing in this
4 section shall be construed as to apply to the Government of Guam
5 Retirement Fund, or to allow any agency of the Government to retain
6 outside legal counsel on an ongoing basis or to permit the payment of
7 any outside counsel for matters other than the sole and specific matter
8 certified by the department or agency and confirmed by the Attorney
9 General."

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Introduced by:

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1 agency or public corporation from requesting the services of the Offices
2 of the Attorney General provided, that said agency ~~or autonomous public~~
3 ~~corporation~~ shall reimburse the Office of the Attorney General for such
4 services from funds of said agency or autonomous public corporation.
5 Said reimbursement shall be deposited in the Office of the Attorney
6 General Operations Fund. General Fund and credited to the Office of the
7 ~~Attorney General~~ In addition, and notwithstanding any other law to the
8 contrary, any agency ~~or autonomous public corporation~~ of the
9 government of Guam may advance funds to the Office of the Attorney
10 General for services and incidental travel to be rendered by said office on
11 behalf of said agency. ~~or autonomous public corporation.~~ Any law
12 permitting the agency to retain counsel other than the Attorney General
13 shall mean full time classified counsel. Any attorney holding the position
14 of full time classified counsel shall earn the salary prescribed by the
15 schedule established for government classified attorneys. The Attorney
16 General may appoint such classified counsel as a special assistant
17 attorney general as provided under Sub-section (c) below.

18 (b) An agency or autonomous public corporation of the
19 government may retain outside counsel, in addition to the classified, in-
20 house counsel mandated in Subsection (a), only when the department or
21 agency has certified in writing to the Attorney General of Guam, the
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24 before the agency. Upon issuance of the certification by the department
25 or agency, the Attorney General shall confirm that such outside counsel
26 has demonstrated prior experience and competency for a period not less

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3 provide at that time. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as to
4 apply to the Government of Guam Retirement Fund, or to allow any
5 agency of the government to retain outside legal counsel on an ongoing
6 basis, or to permit the payment of any outside counsel for matters other
7 than the *sole* and *specific* matter certified by the department or agency,
8 and confirmed by the Attorney General.

9 (c) The Attorney General may appoint as special assistant attorney
10 general the classified full time counsel, or any outside counsel contracted
11 by agency for purposes of administrative or civil litigation in order to
12 ensure that a unified and consistent legal policy of the government of
13 Guam is maintained over the conduct of all legal proceedings in which
14 the government of Guam may be interested. A special assistant attorney
15 general shall keep the Attorney General informed of all litigation, filing
16 of pleadings and issuing letters, appeals, settlement agreements, and the
17 Attorney General shall have the right to stop, modify or change the
18 direction of litigation in the best interest of the territory, and to void any
19 settlement reached in abrogation of the Attorney General's approval.

20 (d) The Attorney General shall have legal cognizance and
21 exclusive authority over all administrative, civil, and appellate matters in
22 which the government of Guam is in anyway interested. No appeal from
23 an administrative or civil case may be filed in any court having
24 jurisdiction over the case without the prior review and concurrence of the
25 Attorney General that the best interest of the territory of Guam, and the
26 people of Guam, are served by the appeal."

1 **Section 2. Effective Date.** The newly added provisions to Section 30102 shall
2 not be construed to impair or interfere with any existing contractual rights for legal
3 services between outside counsel and any agency which has obtained the approval of
4 the Attorney General on the date of enactment herein, provided that any provision for
5 renewal or extension of an existing contract shall not be renewed except pursuant to
6 Subsection 30102(b) as enacted.

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PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET

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RE: **BILL NO. 30-33**

Dear Vice-Speaker Cruz:

The following are the comments of the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam ("GIAA") on Bill 30-33. Like Bill 180-32 introduced last term, GIAA has serious concerns about the impact Bill 30-33 will have on GIAA's ability to effectively and expeditiously deal with the wide-array of complex and significant legal issues it faces on a regular basis as the 71st busiest primary airport within the FAA system.

GIAA's position within the government of Guam is unique from other agencies of the government. GIAA is a large and complex multi-million dollar operation that is highly regulated by the federal government requiring the retention of highly skilled, experienced and responsive professional service providers for its effective operation. GIAA's employees work daily with the FAA, TSA, USCBP and they interact with international air carriers and over 200 tenants, airlines and permittees. GIAA's operating revenues are at \$62 million, while non-operating revenues closed at \$23 million for Fiscal Year 2014. The passenger terminal building has the capacity to process 5,000 international passengers per hour, and in calendar year 2014, 1,690,000 enplaned passengers were processed through the Airport. About 98% of all visitors to Guam travel by air and these visitors add over two billion dollars to Guam's annual revenues. GIAA's operations are wide-ranging and the Authority plays a more significant role in Guam's economic health than does any other agency. GIAA's employees and stakeholders work hard everyday to maintain GIAA's critical role in the government and we strive to improve our services to the People of Guam and our visitors for many years to come.

In light of the above and after careful consideration of Bill 30-33, for the following reasons, GIAA respectfully opposes passage of the Bill. Like predecessor Bill 180-32, we believe that the Bill 30-33 assumes GIAA management uses its limited resources wastefully, but that assumption is not supported by any facts. Our attorneys' fees to outside counsel go up and



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down in response to the legal issues and problems faced by GIAA. We believe that, at least with respect to GIAA, the Bill is a solution to a problem that does not exist.

Background

In 1976, the Government of Guam transferred the ownership, management, and administration of what was then known as the Guam International Air Terminal from the Director of the Department of Commerce to the newly created Guam Airport Authority (the predecessor of, and also referred to hereafter as GIAA). GIAA was created as a public corporation and autonomous instrumentality of the Government of Guam, with vested powers exercised by its Board of Directors. The purpose of this new autonomous public corporation was to use newly obtained federal funding to develop a modern commercial airport on Guam. In GIAA's enabling act, the Guam legislature required GIAA to become self-sustaining – both through airport revenue and from federal grants – rather than continue to rely on Guam taxpayer money for funding.

Because of the many services GIAA provides, it has a wide variety of substantial and pressing business, operational and legal issues to address on a daily basis. Some of these legal issues arise from the following kinds of matters that GIAA confronts every day:

- Signatory and non-signatory airline agreements.
- Parking and ground transportation services.
- Rental car concession and lease agreements.
- The Tiyan Business Park ground leases with PAC Air Properties, DHL, Triple B and CTSI and space or ground leases with, or Airport Operating Permits issued to, other entities using the facilities located within the Tiyan Business Park.
- The Airport Industrial Park, which currently has four tenants operating pursuant to various ground leases, including a gas station and convenience store, a heavy equipment retailer, a restaurant (still under development) and cargo warehouses.
- Other facilities at the Airport, including the Kunkle Air Cargo Building, the Yellow Cargo Building, aircraft hangars, warehouse and storage areas, a commuter terminal used primarily by Freedom Air for inter-island/commuter operations and that has been converted in part to airline and aviation-services related offices, and other facilities used as administrative buildings.
- Passenger terminal leases ranging from leases to banks providing ATM machines, to leases for tour company counters, to leases to the Transportation Security

Administration and the Customs & Quarantine Agency for office and operations space, and leases to other entities providing services at the Airport.

- Concession agreements to provide food and beverages, currency exchange services, newsstand services, duty free retail sales, retail sales of electronics, and advertising services within the passenger terminal building.
- Labor and employment issues, including counseling, discipline, termination, wrongful discharge cases and hearings.
- Retirement and employee benefits.
- Risk management and insurance.
- Matters ranging from FAA grant assurance compliance to TSA security compliance raised by GIAA regulators, including the Government of Guam, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal and Guam Environmental Protection Agencies, the Transportation Safety Administration and Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Labor, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, among others.
- Financing issues, including bond financing and compliance with bond covenants.
- Procurement issues, including issuance of requests for proposals and invitations to bid, as well as procurement disputes.
- Corporate governance, including advice to Directors at Board meetings.
- Sunshine Act requests.

At present, numerous businesses operate at the Airport that, along with GIAA itself, employ thousands of people. The legal fees paid by GIAA in the last couple of years to outside counsel are low compared to GIAA's overall budget. In the past couple of years, GIAA has experienced several unusual events that have served to increase its legal fees on a one-time basis, including among other things GIAA's bond offering in 2013, and the procurement protests relating to the specialty retail RFP – GIAA's most significant non-airline concession – and defense of a bid protest and protracted litigation commenced by one of the disappointed specialty retail proposers. These circumstances are unique to 2012-2013. And, in many cases, GIAA will seek to recoup its fees from third parties, if allowed to do so under a contract or by statute, or by court order.

Analysis

Bill 30-33 would deprive GIAA of on-demand and immediate access to experienced attorneys in specialized fields, and GIAA and the People of Guam would be prejudiced as a consequence. With the volume and the complexity of GIAA's legal needs it would be very difficult for in-house counsel to provide GIAA with effective and timely legal advice.

We hire outside counsel through an RFP process. We rely on GIAA's experienced management team and consultants to help choose outside counsel. During that process, we get input from management on the selection of counsel and the Board approves the ranking and selection. After we choose the most qualified proposer, we negotiate on their fees and usually obtain deeply discounted rates. GIAA hires outside law firms because we depend upon private counsel to bring to the table several attorneys with expertise from different practice areas to help GIAA resolve legal issues such as these and to timely deliver an answers to complicated legal questions. Especially during the past few years, the benefit of having access to outside legal counsel has far outweighed the costs.

GIAA cannot rely solely on in-house to replace outside counsel for the same reason that no enterprise of GIAA's size and complexity relies solely on in-house counsel: it is impossible for in-house lawyers to maintain sufficient competence and expertise regarding all of the issues potentially facing a large enterprise such as GIAA without in-house counsel itself becoming prohibitively expensive. GIAA could not effectively operate under the hamstrings imposed by Bill 30-33. GIAA needs outside counsel on call in order to get timely and useful answers to legal questions. The Bill would permit GIAA to retain outside counsel *only* when it has certified in writing to the Attorney General of Guam, Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and *I Maga'Lahen Guahan*, that such outside counsel is *essential* to addressing a *sole and specific* legal matter before the agency.

Then, the Attorney General must certify that such outside counsel has demonstrated prior experience and competency for a period of not less than five consecutive years in the subject matter or specialized area for which such outside counsel is to be retained.

This framework for approval of outside counsel is unrealistic. Many problems requiring legal advice require immediate assistance -- within an hour or less -- but the bureaucratic roadblocks presented by Bill 30-33 will prevent GIAA from getting timely, needed legal advice. It may take several days or even weeks for the Office of the Attorney General to vet outside counsel and make a determination of experience and competency and for the agency to procure legal services. By the time GIAA passes through the bureaucratic gauntlet constructed by the Bill, including issuing a procurement for legal services each time outside counsel is needed, GIAA will be irreparably disadvantaged in any legal dispute with any third party. The effect of Bill 30-33 will be to subject GIAA to the potential of paying huge fines due to non-compliance with federal and local regulations, including homeland security regulations, which would cause GIAA to incur unnecessary liabilities and waive possible revenue opportunities.

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Bill 30-33 fails to identify any justifiable basis for severely limiting executive agencies' ability to retain counsel. Further, Bill 30-33 provides no evidence that the amounts paid by GIAA in legal services were excessive or that they did not reflect valuable and necessary services benefiting GIAA and the people of Guam. In fact, while the effect of Bill 30-33 will likely expose GIAA to huge risks and monetary penalties, there is no corresponding benefit to the Territory or to the people of Guam. GIAA is a self-funded agency and does not rely on general taxpayer funds for its operations. Per-passenger fees charged by the Airlines are subject to negotiation each year and depend upon GIAA's revenues and expenses. There is absolutely no evidence that the current amount of GIAA's legal fees has had any impact on Guamanians who are passengers at the Airport. On the contrary, over the past several years the per-passenger fees charged by the Airlines have remained in a very narrow range and, in fact, have decreased in the past year, despite the fact that GIAA is undertaking several large capital infrastructure projects. These projects are funded without needing to raise fees because of the work of GIAA's specialized outside counsel. There is also no evidence that per-passenger fees will increase this year or at any time in the near future due to outside attorneys' fees incurred by the Airport.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, GIAA respectfully requests that the Legislature consider the significant adverse impacts of Bill 30-33 on GIAA's ability to secure timely and expert legal advice on the wide variety of legal issues it faces on a daily basis. We urge you and your colleagues to reject Bill 30-33 because it imposes significant costs and potential liability on the Airport without any countervailing benefits.

Senseremente,


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Re: Bill No 30-33 (COR)

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Good Afternoon Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

I appear before you this afternoon to provide you our comments on Bill 30-33. Our Office previously testified on Bill 180-32, which passed but vetoed by the Governor in the prior Legislature.

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I support the cost reduction of legal services wherever and however possible. In my prior tenure as Attorney General, I supported the assignment of full time Assistant Attorneys General to line agencies as in-house counsels. At the time, we had a compliment of 12 full time Solicitors servicing all line agencies, and 2-3 more Solicitors specifically paid by line agencies as their exclusive counsels. Today we have 5 general Solicitors, and 4 specifically assigned to certain line agencies. I have reestablished the Solicitor's Division and intend to rebuild the work of the Division during my tenure.

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Addressing the Bill before us, any agency that is authorized to hire full time in-house counsel, capable of receiving employee benefits, must under the *Hauser v. Dept. of Law* 97 F.2d 1152 (9th Cir, 1996) decision be hired as a classified attorney, and paid in accordance with the attorney classified pay scale. The Bill recognizes this, and provides an additional incentive of 10%. This has been the practice with agencies such as Guam Department of Education and the Guam Police Department. I am not aware of how many other line agencies have been granted such authority. For the great majority of line agencies the Office of the Attorney General provides legal guidance based on our statutory duty to "have cognizance of all legal matters." My greatest concern is that such "legal cognizance" becomes diluted when in-house counsels are hired independent of the OAG.

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This dilution continues when autonomous agencies contract law firms on independent retainer agreements. I have supported these retainer agreements previously with the proviso that such agreements focus on matters other than personnel, procurement and general legal issues not pertaining to a specialty field of law such as maritime, aviation, health etc. Our Office does have the expertise in personnel and procurement that could greatly relieve legal costs to the government of Guam. This permits the Attorney General to maintain "legal cognizance" over much of the legal services currently engaged by independent law firms. In fact during my previous tenure independent counsels often recommended and directed their clients to our Office to save costs. I am not aware of whether this is current practice.

This Bill is a two-edged sword. First it would accomplish a huge cost reduction in legal services that the government of Guam currently expends. However, I have no doubt that autonomous agencies will first seek to hire from the ranks of our Solicitors staff for their in-house full time classified attorney with the 10% factor. We are not able to compete with the 10% factor. It is my strong recommendation that in order to preserve "legal cognizance" over opinions and general governmental legal matters the OAG be permitted to provide a full time classified Solicitor to the agency under a negotiated services agreement. We currently do so with 4 of our Solicitors who exclusively service the following agencies; Department of Public Works, Office of Highway Safety; the Department of Land Management, the Bureau of Coastal Management, and Guam Regional Transit Authority.

Were this Bill to pass and be enacted, I ask the Committee's support in my efforts to rebuild the Solicitor's Division of the Office of the Attorney General. A strong and fully staffed Solicitor's Division with cognizance over general governmental matters is a cost savings. I am aware of the general discontent with many of our line agency clients regarding the delays and lack of responsiveness of the OAG to their daily legal needs. I intend to correct this.

I thank the Committee for this opportunity to address the Bill, and I would be glad to answer any questions.

Sincerely,


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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes– Bill Nos. 29-33(COR) through 33-33(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Blaz:

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
29-33 (COR)	B. J.F. Cruz	AN ACT TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THE ESTATE OF JOSE MARTINEZ TORRES.
30-33 (COR)	B. J.F. Cruz	AN ACT TO AMEND § 30102(a) OF CHAPTER 30, TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO REQUIRE AGENCIES PERMITTED TO RETAIN COUNSEL OTHER THAN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO HIRE CLASSIFIED IN-HOUSE COUNSEL.
31-33 (COR)	B. J.F. Cruz	AN ACT TO AMEND § 26120 OF CHAPTER 26 OF TITLE 11 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO THE INSPECTION OF TAX RETURNS AND OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE FILED OR FURNISHED BY THE TAXPAYER.
32-33 (COR)	R. J. Respicio, T. R. Muña Barnes, Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE MANUEL F. L. GUERRERO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HAGÁTÑA.
33-33 (COR)	T. R. Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO REZONE LOT NO. 5228-R4-R2-1, BARRIGADA, GUAM, FROM AGRICULTURAL ZONE (A) TO COMMERCIAL ZONE (C).



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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. 30-33(COR) –B.J.F. Cruz, “AN ACT TO AMEND § 30102(a) OF CHAPTER 30, TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO REQUIRE AGENCIES PERMITTED TO RETAIN COUNSEL OTHER THAN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO HIRE CLASSIFIED IN-HOUSE COUNSEL.”– on January 23, 2015. COR hereby certifies that BBMR confirmed receipt of this request January 23, 2015at 1:45 P.M.

COR further certifies that a response to this request was not received. Therefore, pursuant to 2 GCA §9105, the requirement for a fiscal note, or waiver thereof, on Bill 30-33(COR) to be included in the committee report on said bill, is hereby waived.

Certified by:



Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

June 13, 2016
Date



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MEMORANDUM

To: Rennae Meno
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Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
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From: Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 30-33(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 30-33(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 Lihelaturan Guåhan*.

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

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

Attachment

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January 27, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members/All Senators

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

Re: **FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing – February 3, 2015**

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(A link, as indicated by underlined and boldfaced blue text, has been provided for the agenda item's document.)

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We look forward to your attendance.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 27, 2015

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February 1, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members / All Senators

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

Re: **SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing – February 3, 2015**

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2:30PM - PUBLIC HEARING OF BILLS

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We look forward to your attendance and participation.

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Chairman, Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 1, 2015

SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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