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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat
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33rd Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
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VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 50-33 (COR), As Amended by the Committee

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication on Bill No. 50-33 (COR), As Amended by the Committee - R.J. Respicio - "An act to *amend* § 8121(a) of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated; relative to the annuity payments of certified, registered or licensed healthcare professional, or ancillary service personnel employed by the Judiciary of Guam."

Committee votes are as follows:

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- _____ TO NOT PASS
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Sincerely,


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Chairman

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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

SUBJECT: Committee Report on Bill No. 50-33 (COR), As Amended by the Committee

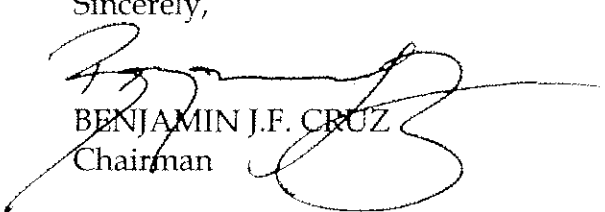
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This report includes the following:

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

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

Sincerely,


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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		✓ 4/24/15				
AGUON, Jr., FRANK B. Vice Chairperson	4/24/15 	✓				
WON PAT, Ed.D., JUDITH T. Speaker and Ex-Officio Member		✓ 4/24/15				
MUÑA BARNES, TINA ROSE Member						
RODRIGUEZ, Jr., DENNIS G. Member		✓ 4/24/15				
SAN NICOLAS, MICHAEL, F.Q. Member		✓ 4/24/15				
UNDERWOOD, Ph.D., NERISSA B. Member						
ADA, V. ANTHONY Member		4/24/15				
MORRISON, THOMAS A. Member		✓ 4/24/15				
TORRES, MARY C. Member						



COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Bill No. 50-33 (COR), As Amended by the Committee - R.J. Respicio - "An act to amend § 8121(a) of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated; relative to the annuity payments of certified, registered or licensed healthcare professional, or ancillary service personnel employed by the Judiciary of Guam."

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 50-33 (COR) - "An act to amend § 8121 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated; relative to the annuity payments of certified, registered or licensed healthcare professional, or ancillary service personnel employed by the Judiciary of Guam" was introduced by Senator Rory J. Respicio on March 3, 2015, and subsequently referred to the **Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication** on March 4, 2015.

The **Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication** convened a public hearing on **Monday, March 23, 2015**, beginning at 4:00PM and reconvening at 5:30PM in the Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room. The hearing for **Bill No. 50-33 (COR)** began at **5:42PM** and ended at **5:55PM**.

Public Notice Requirements

All legal requirements for public notices were met, with requests for publication sent to all media and all Senators on March 16, 2015, and March 21, 2015, 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 Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., *Member*

Senator Rory J. Respicio, *Member*

Senator V. Anthony Ada, *Member*

Senator Thomas A. Morrison, *Member*

Appeared Before the Committee

Mr. Joshua F. Tenorio, *Acting Administrator of the Courts, Judiciary of Guam*

Submitted Written Testimonies

Mr. Joshua F. Tenorio, *Acting Administrator of the Courts, Judiciary of Guam*

II. TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Chairman Benjamin J.F. Cruz announced Bill No. 50-33 (COR), and allowed the sponsor of the bill to make an opening statement.

Senator Rory J. Respicio thanked Chairman Cruz for hearing Bill No. 50-33 (COR) and continued with his opening remarks:

“[Bill No. 50-33 (COR)] is an act to amend certain sections of the Guam Code Annotated relative to annuity payment to certified registered licensed healthcare professionals for ancillary service personnel employed by the Judiciary of Guam. I want to say that this bill is being introduced at the request of the Judiciary [of Guam] (Judiciary) and I want to recognize their oversight chair Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. for allowing me to introduce this bill on [the Judiciary’s] behalf. What the Judiciary is seeking here, Mr. Chairman and colleagues, is exemptions that are already provided in statute for similar healthcare professionals and ancillary service position at the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA), the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC), and the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) that lifts the prohibition on employing retirees for these positions. And if we [pass] this [bill]—hopefully we will—and it becomes law—this would continue on the support the Legislature continues to provide for the Judiciary in its ability to provide for therapeutic jurisprudences and I am grateful that you have this bill publicly heard and I also provided the sponsor statement (*appended to this report*) to that effect. So thank you, Mr. Chairman.”

Chairman Cruz thanked Senator Aguon and motioned for Mr. Joshua F. Tenorio, Administrator of the Courts, Judiciary of Guam, to proceed with his testimony.

Mr. Joshua F. Tenorio thanked Chairman Cruz, and thanked Senator Respicio for his sponsorship of the bill. Mr. Tenorio read his written testimony. He added that three (3) senior individual- and marriage-counseling therapists out of his staff of eight (8) will be completing their service later this year with one scheduled to complete her thirty-six (36) year service in June. He said that the concern is several of the senior therapists are leading the effort to implement system changes at the Judiciary, but he claimed that he has not heard of any desire for any of the therapists to have indefinite employment at the Judiciary. He continued:

“In fact, if I’m able to use this to convince one of [the senior therapists] to at least stay six (6) months to a year while we finish training staff and our execution of acquiring and implementing the risk and needs assessment, then I’m going to feel much better about our success. There’s a chance, of course, that they may not [stay]; you know, a lot of people that have lots of government years of service are able to go into private practice and do other things but this at least gives us a tool to try to convince them to at least have a managed transition and at least let us

finish certain kinds of work. [This bill is] not meant to establish a good secondary workforce.”

Senator Respicio thanked Mr. Tenorio and Chairman Cruz, and asked the Administrator of the Court to relay to the Committee for the record the conversation Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, Jr. had with the Chairman of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund (GGRF) Board of Trustees, Mr. Joe T. San Agustin.

Mr. Tenorio said that Chief Justice Torres spoke to Mr. San Agustin to explain the situation and to seek support or, at least, neutrality for the legislation. He said that according to the Chief Justice, Mr. San Agustin indicated his support as he felt that it was equitable given that the same exemption exists elsewhere for the same pool of people.

Senator Respicio thanked Mr. Tenorio once again, and noted the importance of recording that information as part of the public hearing process.

Chairman Cruz noted that Mr. Tenorio had mentioned that this legislation is meant for the interim, and asked the administrator if he would object to adding a sunset provision—which **Mr. Tenorio** denied—and if were amenable to one, what the reasonable terms would be.

Mr. Tenorio responded that a reasonable term would be three (3) years due to the evidence-based practices that the Judiciary is currently implementing for juvenile and adult offenders and others that it has yet to acquire and implement in the areas of domestic violence and sex offender treatment. He noted that the Judiciary, in collaboration with the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, has just selected the juvenile risk and needs assessment tool; the same assessment tool will be implemented as early as the fall, or ideally next year. He mentioned that Senator V. Anthony Ada has been extending his support for revamping domestic violence therapy. He concluded that given the major changes in store for the Judiciary, three years could be “a good compromise” in case practices need to be reconsidered.

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. thanked Chairman Cruz and said he wanted to pose some questions regarding the proposed sunset provision:

“I understand the nature of what the Judiciary of Guam is effected with right now in terms of being provided with this flexibility. Why would you consider it an interim when in fact it applies to a number of other government of Guam agencies? And with the Judiciary, you moved tremendously towards treatment courts. And as treatment courts, you always want that flexibility to be able to retain or to pull from individuals who have retired from the government of Guam and have that flexibility moving forward. Now, in the treatment courts, we’re not a strong emphasis on the part of the Judiciary of Guam that I would

not understand about sunset provisions, but why would you want to advocate for that?"

Mr. Tenorio responded:

"I think that my own observation is that in this field, the number of licensed professionals is expanding [...] in part due to some of the expansion of the scholarship programs that are available [...] and to the fact that the starting pay for the provisions in the Competitive Wage Act (CWA) for new employees is attractive. Of course, people would argue that [the salary] should be more but at least for entry-level positions, [per] the CWA implementation, entry-level positions or first time employed after CWA implementation, there is a significant pay increase. So to answer your question, I would agree to it because I'm really concerned that we're not going to be able to really pull off a quality program implementation if I'm faced with a departure of some of these senior therapists [who] are already knowledgeable of the court, that understand where we want to go, [and] are familiar with the data that we're looking at. I mentioned that we have a talent management program; we've been doing tremendous work trying to really pave the way for our employees to expand their knowledge base and continue [their employment] at the court. So I don't see it much of a threat, but people would definitely argue, with as much flexibility as you could make it indefinite, but this is not our primary mandate. Our primary mandate for behavioral health is with GBHWC, but the client services was born out of [GBHWC's inability] to keep up with the demand—and the demand that's generated by the court is based on case times and it really needs to be reliable services [...] I have a more narrow focus on this, just because the changes we're making in the next few years are going to be far lasting and [require] constant evaluation. I don't see us making radical changes; as time goes on, we'll constantly make incremental changes [...]"

Senator Aguon interjected and said that wished to close with this comment:

"I think, Joshua (Mr. Tenorio), I understand your perspective. I'm glad you highlighted it from a narrow perspective, at least at this point in time. It's just with the impending opening of the veteran's court, which is another treatment court, you always want some form of flexibility, and the intent, the way I look at it, is the allowance to be able to recruit or to retain government of Guam retirees should always be considered as a program that would augment existing work force, not supplant. And that's how the program has been administered in many of the other government of Guam agencies. And I anticipate that [in regards to] the [Judiciary], the primary focus would also be very similar to that where any time you utilize this particular tool, it's to augment or provide that additional support should the full-time staff not be able to meet that requirement at any point in time. I just want to share that because of the impending opening of the veteran's court. So that again is another treatment responsibility. Thank you, Mr. Tenorio; I appreciate your comments."

On account that there were neither further questions from the Committee nor other individuals present to testify, **Chairman Cruz** considered Bill No. 50-33 (COR) as heard.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on written testimony provided subsequent to the measure's public hearing, the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication finds that the bill contains a minor drafting error that would inadvertently cause the deletion of items (b) through (e) of § 8121, Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated. As such, the Committee recommends that Section 2 of the measure be amended to read as follows:

"Subsection (a) of § 8121 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby amended to read as follows:"

The Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication to which was referred **Bill No. 50-33 (COR) - R.J. Respicio - "An act to amend § 8121(a) of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated; relative to the annuity payments of certified, registered or licensed healthcare professional, or ancillary service personnel employed by the Judiciary of Guam"** hereby submits these findings to *I Mina'trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and reports out **Bill No. 50-33 (COR), As Amended by the Committee**, with a recommendation TO DO PASS.

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

Bill No. 50 -33 (COR)

Introduced by:

Rory J. Respicio 

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THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE
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JUDICIARY OF GUAM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

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4 community. These services include forensic and psychological evaluations;
5 individual, couples/conciliation, and family counseling; group counseling; and in-
6 house consultation and counseling. To address the continued availability of these
7 services, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide the Judiciary of Guam
8 with the same exemption to the provisions of 4 GCA §8121 that allow certified,
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1 and Wellness Center, and the Department of Public Health and Social Services, to
2 receive annuity payments if they are employed by the courts for any period of time.

3 This provision will allow the Judiciary of Guam to introduce evidenced
4 based practices to improve probation services, update and improve the
5 effectiveness of the Alternative Sentencing Office and its programs, adopt and
6 implement risk and needs assessment tools to develop case management plans, and
7 improve the responsiveness of referral services for behavioral health, substance
8 abuse and developmental disabilities.

9 **Section 2.** §8121 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated is
10 hereby amended as follows:

11 **“§ 8121. Same. Suspension of Annuity Payment.** (a) A retired
12 member who subsequently becomes an employee eligible for membership
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15 annuity suspended for the duration of that member’s employment, but all
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17 including automatic increases therein, shall be retained by that member. The
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19 Justice designated and assigned by the Chief Justice to perform judicial
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2 substitute teacher or as a Certified Augmentation Teaching Service (CATS)
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14 officers, narcotic officers, criminal investigators and school resource
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16 employed by the Department of Public Works; provided, that such person(s)
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SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

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Re: Sponsor Statement for Bill No. 50-33 (COR)

Dear Chairman Cruz:

Thank you for scheduling Bill No. 50-33 (COR)- "AN ACT TO AMEND §8121 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 4 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE ANNUITY PAYMENTS OF CERTIFIED, REGISTERED OR LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL, OR ANCILLARY SERVICE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM," for a public hearing.

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The fulfillment of the critical mission this Division requires the employment of professionals who are certified, registered, or licensed in their fields. To address the shortage of available personnel that meet this criteria, the Judiciary is seeking the exemptions already provided in statute for similar health care professional and ancillary service positions at the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, and the Department of Public Health and Social Services that lifts that prohibitions on employing retirees for these positions.

By extending the current exemptions to include the Judiciary, we will make it possible for the Judicial branch to introduce evidenced based practices to improve probation services, update and improve the effectiveness of the Alternative Sentencing Office and its programs, adopt and implement risk and needs assessment tools to develop case management plans, and improve the responsiveness of referral services for behavioral health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities.

I look forward to the Committee's discussion and approval of this legislation, and request that this statement be included in the Committee Report of Bill No. 50-33 (COR). *Si Yu'os Ma'ase!*

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Rory J. Respicio in cursive.

Rory J. Respicio



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March 23, 2015

Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Vice Speaker
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication
I Mina' Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guahan
Suite 107 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Testimony on Bill 50-33(COR)

Dear Vice Speaker Cruz & Members of the Committee,

The Judiciary of Guam submits its testimony in support of Bill 50-33(COR), "*An Act to Amend §8121 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated Relative to the Annuity Payments of Certified, Registered or Licensed Healthcare Professional, or Ancillary Personnel Service Personnel Employed by the Judiciary of Guam.*"

This legislation will add the Judiciary to the list of government agencies currently authorized to employ retired certified, registered, or licensed health care professionals and ancillary service personnel. In the Judiciary, these licensed professionals would exclusively be assigned to the Client Services and Family Counseling Division ("CSFC").

The CSFC Division provides a variety of direct therapeutic, psychological, evaluative, consultative, and educational services to the court, its clientele, and the community. These services include Forensic and Psychological Evaluations; Individual, Couples/Conciliation and Family Counseling; Group Counseling; and In-House Consultation and Counseling including to law enforcement personnel when necessary. The division is currently staffed by 8 full-time licensed Individual, Marriage, and Family Therapists ("IMFT"). In the past, the division also employed 1 full-time psychologist.

The Judiciary is undergoing a system-wide revamp of its strategies for juvenile justice, adult probation services, therapeutic court programs, and case management. We are in the process of acquiring validated risk and needs assessment tools to improve the assignment of risk levels to criminal defendants, earlier identification of mental health and substance abuse issues, and evaluate socialization factors that will reduce recidivism. We are in a transition to quality individualized case management in an effort to reduce and address recidivist behavior. This involves the evaluation and screening of juvenile and adult

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defendants, providing effective services and focused referrals, and reducing the over supervision of low risk defendants.

We are also revising our strategies in treating crime victims, domestic violence offenders, as well as the management of sex offenders. This work involves acquiring new programs, investments in training probation officers and therapists for motivational interviewing and validating assessments, regular and structured evaluation of program outcomes, and quality assurance and review of case management plans and supervision strategies. These evidence-based practices will improve probation services, the responsiveness of referral services for behavioral health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities, and will significantly reduce recidivism.

The CSFC Division is an integral component in the development and implementation of these changes. The pool of qualified, licensed health care professionals, such as therapists, available to the Judiciary is, quite often, shared across the government of Guam. Indeed, the last recruitment process undertaken by the CSFC Division resulted in the hiring of the Psychiatric Social Worker Supervisor from the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center ("GBHWC").

Our goal is to utilize the flexibility contemplated by Bill 50-33(COR) to bridge gaps between the retirement of highly skilled members of our professional health care workforce and the completion of a comprehensive recruitment process that results in the hiring of competent and similarly skilled and experienced successors to these positions. This flexibility is something the Judiciary only intends to utilize on an interim basis when it will improve effectiveness. Planning for succession is a priority for the Judiciary and we have developed a Talent Management Program to assist us in this regard.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify in favor of Bill 50-33(COR). The Judiciary is hopeful that this proposed legislation will receive favorable treatment by this body and become law. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jtenorio@guamcourts.org or 475-3278.

Senseremente,



JOSHUA F. TENORIO

cc: Honorable Rory J. Respicio
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Suite 107 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Supplemental Testimony on Bill 50-33(COR)

Dear Vice Speaker Cruz & Members of the Committee,

I writing to submit supplemental testimony regarding Bill 50-33(COR), "*An Act to Amend §8121 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated Relative to the Annuity Payments of Certified, Registered or Licensed Healthcare Professional, or Ancillary Personnel Service Personnel Employed by the Judiciary of Guam.*" .

The Judiciary was responsible for drafting this legislation. However, upon closer review, we have identified a drafting error resulting in the inadvertent removal of subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e), which should remain in an amended 4 G.C.A. §8121. The Judiciary's only intent in requesting amendment to §8121 is to make changes to subsection (a). There is no intention to remove the subsections following (a), as is evidenced by the fact that proposed language in Bill 50-33 contains a reference to subsection (d).

We apologize for the error and are hopeful the Committee will amend the language so that Section 2 is read as follows: "Subsection (a) of §8121 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby amended as follows:". This will limit the scope of the changes proposed in Bill 50-33(COR). We look forward your favorable consideration.

Senseremente,



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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. 50-33 (COR) – R. J. Respicio, "AN ACT TO AMEND §8121 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 4 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE ANNUITY PAYMENTS OF CERTIFIED, REGISTERED OR LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL, OR ANCILLARY SERVICE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM."**– on March 4, 2015. COR hereby certifies that BBMR confirmed receipt of this request March 4, 2015 at 2:45 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 50-33 (COR) to be included in the committee report on said bill, is hereby waived.**

Certified by:

Senator Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

April 27, 2015

Date



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March 4, 2015

VIA E-MAIL

joey.calvo@bbmr.guam.gov

Jose S. Calvo
Acting Director
Bureau of Budget & Management Research
P.O. Box 2950
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Request for Fiscal Notes– Bill Nos. 45-33(COR) through 50-33(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
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46-33 (COR)	D. G. Rodriguez, Jr. R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 6235 TO ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 6, 4 GCA, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING A PAY INCENTIVE TO GOVERNMENT OF GUAM LINE AGENCY'S, THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY , AND THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE OBTAINED CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINER, AND CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO RECOGNIZED NATIONAL STANDARDS TO PRESERVE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S ABILITY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN SUCH PROFESSIONALS.
47-33 (COR)	Michael F.Q. San Nicolas	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FINANCIAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BY ADDING A NEW § 4110 TO CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 2, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.
48-33 (COR)	D. G. Rodriguez, Jr Rory J. Respicio J. V. Espaldon	AN ACT TO EXPAND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION OF SENIOR CITIZENS PROVISION OF SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER SERVICES THROUGH THE OPERATION OF A NEW MACHECHE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER BY REPROGRAMMING AND REALLOCATING THE SUM OFFIFTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$50,900.00) FROM THE FY-2015 BUDGET ACT FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH OPERATIONS (P.L. 32-181).
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MEMORANDUM

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

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 50-33(COR)**

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 50-33(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

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Bill Log Sheet

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FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing – March 23, 2014

Dani Reyes <danireyes@senatorbjcruz.com>

Mon, Mar 16, 2015 at 3:30 PM

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We look forward forward to your attendance and participation.

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We look forward to your attendance and participation.

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