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Public Education, and First Generation Initiatives

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
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MAY 26 2015

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

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 69-33 (COR), As Amended

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill 69-33 (COR), as amended, "An Act to Amend §715 Item 12 Subsection (m) of Chapter 7 Title 1, Guam Code Annotated Relative to the Guam Department of Education's Public School System's Use of Easter and Christmas breaks as make-up days in the School Calendar.", sponsored by Senator Rory Respicio which was referred to the Committee on Early Education, Juvenile Justice, Public Education and First Generation Initiative.

Committee votes are as follows:

- 6 TO PASS
- 0 NOT TO PASS
- 3 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- 0 TO ABSTAIN
- 0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,

Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D.
Chairwoman

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**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON**

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Sponsored by Senator Rory Respicio

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Members

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From: Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D.
Committee Chairperson

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This report includes the following:

1. Committee Voting Sheet
2. Committee Report Narrative
3. Copy of Bill No. 69-33 (COR), As Introduced
4. Copy of Bill No. 69-33 (COR), As Amended
5. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
6. Copies of Written Testimonies
7. Copy of Fiscal Note Waiver Request
8. Copy of COR referral Bill No. 69-33 (COR)
9. Notices of Public Hearing
10. Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda

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

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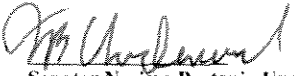


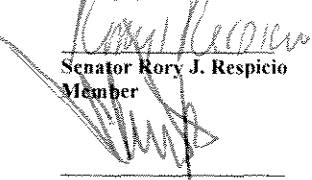

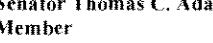



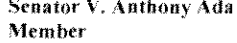
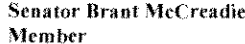
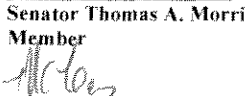


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Committee Voting Sheet

Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiatives

Bill No. 69-33 (COR): An Act to Amend §715 Item 12 Subsection (m) of Chapter 7 Title 1, Guam Code Annotated Relative to the Guam Department of Education's Public School System's Use of Easter and Christmas breaks as make-up days in the School Calendar"

| Committee Members | To Pass | Not To Pass | Report Out Only | Abstain | Inactive File |
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|  Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D. Chairwoman | ✓ | | | | |
|  Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ph.D. Vice Chairwoman | ✓ | | | | |
|  Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member | ✓ 5-26-15 | | | | |
|  Senator Rory J. Respicio Member | ✓ | | | | |
|  Senator Tina Muna Barnes Member | | | ✓ | | |
|  Senator Thomas C. Ada Member | | | | | |
|  Senator Michael San Nicolas Member | | | ✓ | | |
|  Senator Frank Blas Aguon, Jr. Member | | | | | |
|  Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez Member | 5/26 | | | | |
|  Senator V. Anthony Ada Member | | | | | |
|  Senator Brant McCreadie Member | | | | | |
|  Senator Thomas A. Morrison Member | | | | | |
|  Senator Mary Camacho Torres Member | | | ✓ 5/26/15 | | |



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Committee Report

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I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiatives convened a public hearing on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 2:30 pm in *I Liheslatura's* public hearing room.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via hand-delivery and e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets and newspaper of general circulation on May 14, 2015 (5-Day Notice), and again on May 19, 2015 (48 Hour Notice).

(a) Committee Members and Senators Present

Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D., Chair
Speaker Judith Won Pat, Vice Chair
Senator Rory Respicio
Senator V. Anthony Ada

(b) Appearing before the Committee

Mr. Peter Alexis Ada, Chairman, Guam Education Board
Ms. Rosie Tainatongo, Guam Education Board
Mr. Jon Fernandez, Superintendent, Department of Education
Mr. Robert Malay, Deputy Superintendent, Department of Education

(c) Written Testimonies Submitted

Sponsor Statement from Senator Rory Respicio
Mr. Peter Alexis Ada, Chairman, Guam Education Board (May 8 and May 11, 2015)
Ms. Rosie Tainatongo, Chair, Guam Education Board Calendar Committee (May 8 and May 11, 2015)
Mr. Timothy Fedenko, President, Guam Federation of Teacher

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II. COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: The Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education and First Generation Initiatives is now called to order. Today is Thursday, May 21, 2015. The time is 2:36 pm.

On our agenda is Bill No. 69-33 (COR), introduced by Senator Rory Respicio, which is an Act to Amend §715 Item 12 Subsection (m) of Chapter 7 Title 1, Guam Code Annotated Relative to the Guam Public School System's Use of Easter and Christmas breaks as make-up days in the School Calendar.

Notices for this public hearing were disseminated via hand-delivery and email to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on May 14, 2015 (5-Day Notice) and again on May 19, 2015 (48-hour Notice).

I would like to acknowledge our speaker, Speaker Judi Won Pat, and Vice Chair of the Committee on Education. We also have Senator Rory Respicio, the main sponsor of the bill, and minority leader, Senator Tony Ada. Thank you for joining us.

I'd like to ask Senator Respicio to please say a few words regarding the bill.

Senator Respicio: Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you for co-sponsoring this bill. When Senator Underwood and I first discussed the idea of providing more regularity in the planning process for more parents and students of parents and teachers, in the use of Easter and Christmas breaks, we really did talk about whether or not this would usurp the authority of the board. Both Senator Underwood and I, and through her guidance, said that the 180 days was established by statute, so any revisits to that 180 day policy would have to be done by statute. So this isn't something the board can do on their own even if they'd like to. So of course, the initial reaction from some in the community is that this bill usurps the authority of the Superintendent and the Board of Education, and that was not our intent at all. I attended a work session at the request of the Superintendent and also the Chair of the Board of Education, and Ms. Tainatongo, who was named to be Chair of the School Calendar Committee. That was a very productive work session, where the board realized that this bill was needed in order for them to provide for the make-up days and concurrence that the use of Easter and Christmas breaks would not have to be used if the legislature was amenable to an amendment they had proposed. I have prepared a sponsor statement, but I have also in the interest of good faith and in working with the Board, I am submitting to you officially an amended version that we can generate some discussions and get continued concurrence from the Board and the Superintendent, and really want to thank the Superintendent and the Board. But thank you, Madam Chair for co-sponsoring this but also allowing us to really work closely with you and recognizing from the beginning that this bill, in no way, usurps your authority but only continued recognition by this legislature that we have to do whatever we can to support the work you do for all of our school kids. Thank you for the opportunity to present the bill, and most especially for the public hearing.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: Thank you, Senator Respicio. I would like to call up those who had signed up: Mr. Peter Ada – Chair of the Guam Education Board (GEB); Ms.

Rosie Tainatongo – GEB Member; Superintendent Jon Fernandez, as well as; Deputy Superintendent Robb Malay.

Mr. Peter Alecxis Ada: Thank you, Senator Underwood. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to come before your Committee to testify on the bill as introduced by Senator Respicio and yourself, and also to you, Senator Respicio and Madam Speaker, Vice Chair of this Committee, thank you for giving us the opportunity and to Senator Ada, thank you for joining us. With me this afternoon is Ms. Rosie Tainatongo, appointed as the Chair of the Calendar Committee, and who has met with the stakeholders when this proposed legislation was brought into light. It was reviewed by all the stakeholders and Ms. Tainatongo is here to present her findings based on the discussion. After that has been completed, I've asked the Superintendent to give his input, and he would like to share that with you also. Working hand in hand with this Committee is Mr. Robb Malay, who might have this last time on television because the next time he will be acting as Superintendent of a school district in New Hampshire. Again, congratulations and thank you Mr. Malay for all that you have done. Ms. Tainatongo will now present the stakeholders' discussion and meetings, then Superintendent will give his position as it effects the operation of the Department.

Ms. Rosie Tainatongo: Thank you, Mr. Chair, good afternoon. [Read attached testimony verbatim.]

Superintendent Fernandez: This will be really brief as Ms. Tainatongo read the Board's policy position on this proposed amendment. What I would say is that everything is driven by what's in the law, the 180 instructional day requirement, and so the flexibility that we're proposing would try to accomplish the 180 days or its equivalence and give some flexibility to the Department. We would be supportive of that given, knowing the intent of maximizing instruction, but also making sure we don't have the calendar completely impacted by storms and other interruptions. The way we look at the flexibility is that then the Board with the guidance and would set the calendar, the calendar being the first and the last day of the school year. Within that calendar, and any identified make-up days, consistent with the law, the Superintendent would then be tasked with ensuring that the 180 days or its equivalence be met. As we go through that and as long as we go through the parameters and the Board's first and last day, then we can work through how to ensure that that appropriated amount of instruction is provided. So there is a role for the legislature to set out that broad parameter, the Board to identify when the school year starts and ends and the make-up days that will be identified, and then for the Superintendent to make sure as we hit those interruptions, that we are then adjusting to account for those requirements. The third piece, just as Ms. Tainatongo indicated, because we approved the calendar, and we approved it for two school years, so of course we're heading into the beginning of the school year, we want to be able to advise parents of what the school year will look like. If the legislature decides to pass this bill, it will be helpful for the Department so we can finalize a calendar for our parents. That's all I have to offer and would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Rob Malay: Thank you, Mr. Ada and Senators. I think both the Superintendent and Ms. Tainatongo have really summarized everything that needs to be said. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input, and thank Senator Respicio for coming to work sessions, sitting

down and working through the issues with us. I think you have all of the information we have to offer at this time. I appreciate the opportunity.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: I want to take the opportunity to go off script here and I do want to thank you, Mr. Malay, for your service to the Guam Department of Education, and especially these past few years when you had agreed to provide assistance to Superintendent. I know you have served as not only a teacher, but also as Assistant Principal, Principal and Deputy Superintendent, as well as parents of children in our school system. I just want to thank you for your service.

I do have a question and then I'll open it up. When you are talking about "its equivalence" because we are talking about the quality and not only the quantity, but the quality of instructional days that we're actually meeting the mission of our school. Can you give me an example of its equivalence, what that would be.

Superintendent Jon Fernandez: Basically, what we are looking at is, first of all, understanding that parameters that are set forth by the legislation, what we do right now is identify 180 days plus ten (10) potential make-up days, and for historical purposes, we've used a maximum of six (6) of those make-up days, so they are set throughout the year, but we don't use them all. It's just that we save some for the early part of the year, and later part of the year so we have those available. What we foresee, subject to the Calendar Committee's review is setting that calendar at a reasonable start and end that we will probably build in some of those days as regular make-up days, outside of the Christmas and Easter break; look at the possibility of other days, such as our full professional development days, we have two of those every year; look at the possibility of maybe even during our parent-teacher conference, maybe half the day is instruction, and the other half is parent-teacher conference. We are just looking at options, as one way to go about it. Or, to look at additional time at the end of the school day to equate with what we consider six (6) hours for the elementary schools, and a seven (7) hour day in high school. We would look at what days are available outside of those days we are prohibiting, and then subject to discussion with the Calendar Committee, look at the possibility of latching on to our PD days or even looking at adding instructional time added in the year, just to make sure that we don't go too far into June or to need to take up the Easter and Christmas breaks as discussed.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: Ok, I just needed to make sure that we clarify that. Senators, any questions?

Senator Respicio: Thank you, and thank you to the panel for their discussion, and also go off script to thank Mr. Malay for not only his service to the Department of Education, but also his work in this particular instance. I appreciate the discussion, and also want to generate some discussion, Madam Chair. Mr. Malay pointed out what happens in other jurisdictions is the students may not necessarily be required to physically come to school, and the Superintendent has mentioned this, you could provide for some written assignment, and if a certain percentage of the school population complies with that assignment, then the Board can decide it's not necessary to provide for that make-up day. And also, the Guam Federation of Teachers Union has provided written testimony in support of the bill, with four different points that they'd like to stress. I think the most salient point they make is that this bill, as amended, and if passed and

signed into law, will conform to what they do throughout the United States, where the Board now can have some days outside of the school calendar, X number of days, so that the parents know that the school will never exceed. If June 15 is the final make-up day, they know for sure they can schedule their off-island vacation plans on June 16, and they're never going to exceed that, for example. However, if they don't need all the make-up days, like what some of the jurisdictions do, they cross off June 15, June 14, June 13 so the kids will actually be let out earlier than what Board has said to be the 100 instructional day or its equivalence. The other thing I wanted to say for the record is that Dr. Cruz also made a good point in the work session, that he questioned why students are required to do the make-up days when the grades have already been submitted. So in this case, if the grades have already been submitted and then the Board, with the recommendation of the Superintendent deems that those make-up days are not necessary, then this bill will provide for that flexibility. That's what we are talking about here. Are we just bringing the students in because it's quantity? And we know what happens during make-up days because the teachers can't really plan for at least a decent majority of students to attend so they schedule some kind of activity that will not disrupt the instructional class time. So I also appreciate the challenges the teachers are faced with, having to provide of make-up days. The bottom line is that people just want to, and the Board pointed out in their testimony, they want regularity in the planning of how these make-up days are done. And in this last Spring break, students came in for the first day, which was already an assigned make-up day, and then Ordot Elementary School didn't have water, so they had to come in the following day, so you imagine the amount of frustration and push-back...but the Board's hands are tied in this case, but the point with this bill is that it would give more authority. Thank you. Thank you, again, Mr. Malay for your services, and Superintendent for your guidance because we didn't talk about the ramifications and also potential budgetary impacts if you would have to extend a make-up day and what that would do.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: Speaker Won Pat?

Speaker Won Pat: Thank you very much for this opportunity to share my thoughts, and also ask you some questions. But I will ask my questions first, and then I will share some things. And I'm glad that the question of equivalency was answered because that was my question, initially. I want to ask a question on (m) where it says "at least 180 instructional days." How do you read the "at least"? Is it the floor of 180 days or it can go up to, or it can go beyond? What is your interpretation of the "at least"?

Ms. Tainatongo: Speaker I think that 180 days will be...that's the bottom line, but we can go higher if we need to. Altogether, with the ten (10) make-up days, our schedule is 196 days.

Speaker Won Pat: Ok, but at least you're saying the floor is 180 days. Thank you. Now, there was a situation, and I know you were there, Rosie, I'm sure and Rob, maybe you were there as well, where we had to make up some days, and the teachers were already on salary, but we didn't start school till much later, and now we're faced with having to pay, and I want to make sure because there is that Board Union with the contract and the agreement, a Calendar Committee to decide on the calendar year, not just a year, but two years, and should you deviate from that it may mean having to pay for the additional days. Now we know that we are still, even though it's not official, in terms of what the Court has decided how much is actually owed. There is that

question still looming in terms of the debt owed to the teachers for that time. And I want to make sure that when you do decide on a calendar or two calendar years, you would not run in that problem with this particular language.

Mr. Peter Alexis Ada: May I call that, Madam Speaker. I was going to make that a closing remark, but since you brought up the topic...that's exactly why we are hoping and praying that this legislature will expedite this so that we can immediately get back the committee so they can work on the schedule, and there will be no surprises to the teachers. They're making plans; right now, some of them are going off island and some of them are paying round trips within the year, and we want to make sure we have an end date we can plan for. This proposal that we come forth with gives us that flexibility. If we don't need it, we keep subtracting. Thank you.

Speaker Won Pat: So you said the two years had been approved, for what school years are those?

Mr. Rob Malay: It's the current school year we are in, and next school year.

Speaker Won Pat: For next school year, it's already been approved, as your start date and your end date. Now, my two new questions are: the urgency to do it now, but since you've already agreed on it, and we're going to pass this law, it would definitely change what you've already agreed for that school calendar year?

Mr. Rob Malay: Correct. What we'd have to do is remove those critical make-up days out of the Christmas and Easter breaks that are currently on the calendar for 2015-2016, and we would want to give that guidance to teachers now so they can make whatever plans, and families can make whatever plans they need to make for those time periods.

Speaker Won Pat: So this takes us to the next question. We have come to the tri-board for FestPac, for next year, we need to have the schools and school children, and everybody in the community available for the last week of May and the first week of June, which of course cuts into your school calendar year and graduation, so what is the decision on that, and would that also change now as a result of this bill passing on time for this coming school year?

Superintendent Fernandez: So, in addition to addressing the additional policy issues around the instructional days and make-up days, getting this passed now will give us an opportunity to get back to the table to address this, and incorporate all of the latest planning going into the FestPac. What we are trying to do is nail down all of those details and we'll want to get that done in time for to plan out the coming school year, knowing that there will be a lot of activities going on before the school year has ended.

Speaker Won Pat: So the Calendar Committee would be agreeable that if this passes, that they won't be any repercussions in terms of coming back to the government, suing the government because this is when we're supposed to go in, because this is what we agreed on, and this is when we're supposed to get out? I just want to make sure that we don't find ourselves in that same situation.

Superintendent Fernandez: Under the proposed bill the Board continues to maintain the final say on setting the calendar. The Calendar Committee officially met together to make recommendations for the Board and the Board can come back and adjust it. It happened in the past and the liability that we have been exposed to I make sure that legal counsel is always present so that we don't run into issues. The issue of this 180 days or its equivalence gives us a lot of flexibility to be creative especially with the upcoming FestPac activities so that is going to be helpful in avoiding those issues.

Mr. Rob Malay: I think what you are referring to before is the South Pacific Games. I think what this does is give us that flexibility so we don't run in to that type of circumstance again. We currently allow the teachers to have the option of the number of pay periods that they are going to be paid over, whether it is 21 pay period or 26 and in that 21 pay option kind of limits our option but with the language that is being proposed that kind of expands the flexibility that we have to not run in to those situations.

Speaker Judi Won Pat: I like the idea of giving the Board the flexibility to make some of these decisions because it's not an easy thing when you are locked in by a calendar. I'd like to share because when I was school principal, I know some people told me not to go back to those days again, but I have to share this because I have actually gone to the Board, not you guys but your former board, where I wanted to pilot a program, the true middle school concept. In order to do that, my teachers must be trained and I've asked the Board that once a month none of our school children would come to school and we will train all our school children and teachers that day. Therefore in essence our children would miss out nine (9) days of instruction day, 300 minutes a day, but to show to the board that we were very serious about this and we demonstrated this. That is what I wanted to hear the equivalence of you keeping your 180 days as your floor, but your equivalent in instruction minutes can vary. So just to give you an idea that when we calculate 300 minutes with the 180 days, our children would have 54,000 instructional minutes per year and then if you take nine (9) days out of that 180 days, it's 2700 minutes. It's easier to do this by minutes, not by days, because it confuses a lot of people by adding. This opened a can of worms and you can blame me for this because this is what I did, I extended our school day by one hour and Mr. Malay is smiling because he knows that. The middle schools, all middle schools have been extended 1 hour because of what we were doing to make-up for that time. So, we made up. We lost 2700 minutes but we made up 10,800 minutes by going the additional 1-hour per day. And I did that for five (5) years. Then, after that we were hit by a typhoon and an earthquake, and at that time, the Superintendent was Director Quitugua. We lost ten (10) school days, and he wanted to know how could we make it up. I remember it was only one school, 7 hours a day, FB Leon Guerrero School. All the others were still at 6 hours a day. And I suggested that, to make up for those ten (10) days, to extend each day by one hour so all middle schools and only middle schools because I had no say so for the elementary and high schools. We did that and made up for all that time. And that is why I like the idea of equivalency and I wanted you to hear this because I want you to know that when you do your calculation by the minutes. You very well could make it up by either extending the school year or taking other holidays out of the calendar. Ultimately, our students would gain. I don't agree however with the idea that at the end of the school year, because grades have been submitted, that not even half the kids show up for school. That has been a thorn on my side where then when we say instructional minutes, that means instructional minutes to the very last day that you will be teaching. Turn in your grades after the 180 days not before that and no celebration before the 180

days either. I am sorry that I am very old fashioned about that because for me instructional days and minutes are very important and when you compare the us school with other non US school there days are longer and their test score are higher than us and you just have to ask that question amongst yourselves. Are you going to shortchange our students just because the grades have been turned in already, and it's the end of the school year, and our kids are not going to be listening and that is because we trained them to operate that way? So I am telling this to the Board, to the Superintendent. I know we are going to lose you Rob but we have to take time very seriously and hold everyone's feet to the fire because it is ultimately our school children who are losing. Anyway, thank you very much for what you have provided to improve this and you are right, flexibility is important for you to have to make some of these decisions, and please use that time wisely when you do, and at same time not cost the government more money again because we have to start later and end early.

Superintendent Fernandez: I just want to underscore that. Before we came back here but also as we are dealing with our lawyers, I did say look at this over again because as a trained lawyer myself sometimes you find loopholes, so I just need to know before we finalized our makeup days. Any looseness in the law that will allow the Board or myself to just end the school year and say look this is it and they said no 180 days is pretty clear so 180 days is it. The flexibility at the time of the equivalence that does give us the ability to be creative and practical in everything except the floor, but also to have some ability to maneuver. We did invite Mr. Malay here, not just to provide his input but we know that New Hampshire has lots of snow days, and it's important for him to know that when he goes there he will have the same issues of makeup days so we want to make sure he practices before he goes.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: We have trained him.

Speaker Won Pat: If I may, I would like to veer off the bill, but yes I want to congratulate you, Mr. Malay for your promotion but, of course, we are sorry and sad to have you leave. Mr. Malay got his first job at my school so he and I go a long way as a teacher in my school and worked with him as his school principal. And Mr. Fernandez, I would like to know if there is anyone I need to call at the time and I could not get in touch with you, it was always Mr. Malay and he was always very responsive and very timely and advance, so I just want you to let you know that even though they were not able to reach me at the time to speak to me to verify your employment and testify and your character. I want to thank you publicly.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: Senator Ada?

Senator Tony Ada: Thank you Madam Chair, one question I have is: does this include other holidays? I mean we took away the Easter and Christmas break, but are we looking at other holidays to use as a makeup day for school day?

Ms. Tainatongo: We are not really looking on other holidays because it is locked in our calendar.

Senator Respicio: That is a good point Senator Ada raised, but I think you can't touch other holidays because it is set by law.

Senator Tony Ada: Okay that is good to know. That is the only question I have. Also Mr. Malay thank you for service to GDOE and I know you have many years of fun here. I am sad to see you go, but if you need cold weather clothing come check me I have a lot that you can have, and you can give me all your island wear clothes. Thank you Madam Chair.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: Thank you Senator Ada, Senator Respicio, and Speaker Won Pat. I do want to thank all of you. This is one example of how we can resolve an issue together and I appreciate Senator Respicio's effort to work with the Board during the work session because he did get quite a bit of heat. I was off-island at the time for medical reasons but he was really raked over both of us but more so him because he was here feeling it. The idea of addressing the issues that were problematic and then worked with the board and the Superintendent is really an example of how we can resolve issues on behalf of our students. I thank you very much for working with us and really helping us understand and make it work on behalf of not only our students but our teachers and our administrators.

Mr. Peter Alexis Ada: Senator Underwood, I said it earlier and I will say it again to each of you, Senator Underwood as the chair to this committee, Senator Respicio as the Majority Leader, Speaker Won Pat as the Head of this Legislature and Senator Ada as the Minority Leader, I am asking all of you to please expedite this so we can move forward quickly with the committee so we can have a set calendar before the school begins. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Chairwoman Nerissa Bretania Underwood: Thank you very much. Si Yu'os Ma'åse. Thank you for your testimonies. The public hearing is now adjourned. The time is 3:19 pm.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

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I MINA' TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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May 21, 2015
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An Act to Amend §715 Item 12 Subsection (m) of Chapter 7 Title 1, Guam Code Annotated Relative to the
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Re: Sponsor Statement for Bill No. 69-33 (COR)

Dear Madam Chair,

I am writing in reference to Bill No. 69-33 (COR)- "AN ACT TO *AMEND* §715 ITEM 12 SUBSECTION (m) OF CHAPTER 7 TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM'S USE OF EASTER AND CHRISTMAS BREAKS AS MAKE-UP DAYS IN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR," which we both introduced and which is now the subject of a public hearing before your Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation.

This bill was introduced to provide more statutory authority to the Guam Board of Education and its Superintendent to provide for make-up days, and excludes the use of scheduled Christmas and Easter breaks in determining designated make-up days.

The key amendment to Guam Code reads as follows:

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Since we introduced this bill, the amendment has been reviewed and revised to clarify concerns expressed by the Guam Department of Education, the Board of Education as well as the Guam Federation of Teachers.

This bill would bring Guam law and its school calendar into compliance with common practice on the U.S. mainland by incorporating inclement weather make-up days into the calendar without shortening scheduled Christmas and Easter breaks, thus disrupting the plans of the educators and the families of students for off-island travel during these periods.

I am also pleased to submit a final version of Bill 69-33 (COR), which contains a proposed amendment suggested by the Guam Board of Education resulting from its work session regarding this issue.

I am hopeful that **Bill No. 69-33 (COR), and the proposed amendment** will receive favorable consideration by your legislative committee and subsequently by all of our senatorial colleagues, in the event this bill makes it to the session floor. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase!*

Very truly yours,



Rory J. Respicio

Attachment:

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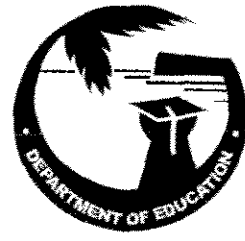
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The GEB is currently granted authority to set the school calendar by law, and therefore, legislation may not be needed to make the specific adjustments sought in Bill 69-33. However, before deciding on a position, we wanted to ensure all board members had a full opportunity to discuss the proposed legislation. On Monday, April 13, 2015, the GEB held a work session in which the primary author of the bill, Senator Rory Respicio, attended. Subsequently, on April 21, 2015, during the GEB Regular Meeting, committee assignments were approved to include the Chairperson of the Calendar Committee, Mrs. Rosie Tainatongo. Acting in her capacity, Mrs. Tainatongo convened a work session on April 24, 2015, that included the Guam Federation of Teachers President, teachers and the Guam Department of Education ("GDOE") management, inclusive of school administrators to discuss Bill 69-33. The Calendar Committee agreed that using the scheduled school vacations to make-up lost instructional days create difficulties for stakeholders that have made prior arrangements. Further, the Committee recommended that there be further amendment to provide greater flexibility to the requirement that 180 instructional days be provided during the course of the school year. Thus, we present the following recommended amendments to the proposed legislation, as agreed to by the GEB during our special meeting held on May 5, 2015.

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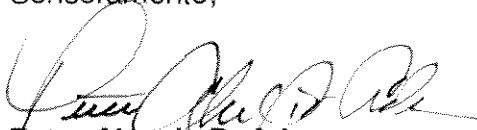
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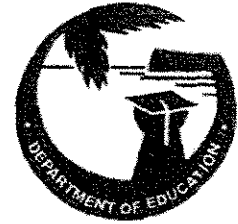
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Dear Senator Underwood:

Buenas yan Háfa Adai! The Guam Federations of Teachers submits the following points for consideration pertaining to proposed Bill 69-33:

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- B. The day after Thanksgiving as a permanent day off, and not a make-up day.
- C. The amount of make-up days + instructional days = 180 days; previous language says 180 days of instruction with no mention of make-up days.
- D. No make-up days during Easter and Christmas Breaks:

This language takes into account current practice of assigning make-up days, but this makes it official. GFT does not have an issue with this other than we all still have to make summer plans a month after school gets out because typhoons are unpredictable. We may have one at the end of same month of May, causing damage where the school system is closed for up to a month. This time will be made up during the month of June. GFT suggests that missed school days after April 30 do not have to be made up.

However, The Joint Typhoon Warning Center (2011) noted minimal typhoons for the month of May, but the possibility of having school cancellation at this time may still occur. In May 2011, Super Typhoon Songda formed to the West of Guam. Under different weather conditions, this could have devastated the island, causing potential make-up days during planned summer vacation days and of course Guam just had Typhoon Dolphin. The school community may not have sufficient time to adjust their summer trip in the midst of a calamity. Of course, there are cancellation fees to consider as well.

References:

Joint Typhoon Warning Center (2011). 2011 Annual Tropical Cyclone Report: Western Pacific (Report). United States Navy, United States Air Force. Retrieved from <http://www.usno.navy.mil/NOOC/nmfc-ph/RSS/jtwc/atcr/2011atcr.pdf>

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<http://www.mvguam.com/local/news/39974-bill-to-exclude-easter-christmas-break-from-school-makeup-days.html#.VSMewI6UeSo>

If you have any questions, please call our office at 735-4390.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse.

Sincerely,



Timothy Fedenko
President

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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.69-33 (COR) –R.J. Respicio, N.B. Underwood, Ph.D., “AN ACT TO AMEND §715 ITEM 12 SUBSECTION (m) OF CHAPTER 7 TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM’S USE OF EASTER AND CHRISTMAS BREAKS AS MAKE-UP DAYS IN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.”**– on April 8, 2015. COR hereby certifies that BBMR confirmed receipt of this request April 8, 2015 at 10:52 A.M.

COR further certifies that a response to this request was not received. **Therefore, pursuant to 2 GCA §9105, the requirement for a fiscal note, or waiver thereof, on Bill 69-33 (COR) to be included in the committee report on said bill, is hereby waived.**

Certified by:

Senator Rory J. Respicio

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

May 26, 2015

Date



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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes– Bill Nos. 69-33(COR) through 74-33(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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| 70-33 (COR) | N.B. Underwood, Ph.D. Rory J. Respicio | AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41105 OF CHAPTER 41, ARTICLE 1 OF 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF A REGISTRY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. |
| 71-33 (COR) | FRANK B. AGUON, JR. | AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO CONDUCT A HEALTH ASSESSMENT OF ALL PEACE OFFICERS PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC LAW 32-232, RELATIVE TO THE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST) PHYSICAL FITNESS QUALIFICATION TEST (PFQT). |
| 72-33 (COR) | D. G. Rodriguez, Jr. | AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9(c) OF PUBLIC LAW 32-054, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THAT THE NATIONAL CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR EXAM IS THE SOLE REQUISITE EXAM FOR LICENSURE FOR LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR. |
| 73-33 (COR) | Tommy A. Morrison F. B. Aguon, Jr. F. F. Blas, Jr. | AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC SAFETY EFFORTS THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS WITHIN GUAM'S EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM, BY AMENDING SECTION 12304 OF ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED. |
| 74-33 (COR) | B. J.F. Cruz | AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 13, CHAPTER XII OF PUBLIC LAW 32-181; RELATIVE TO ENHANCING FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND EFFICIENCY BY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FISCAL YEAR 2015 CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS. |



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MEMORANDUM

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

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 69-33(COR)**

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 69-33(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.

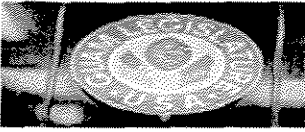
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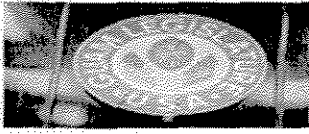
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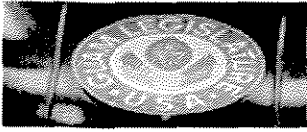
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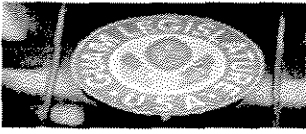
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