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July 1, 2016

Memorandum

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

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

Subject: Fiscal Note and Fiscal Note Waiver

Hafa Adai!

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

FISCAL NOTE:

Bill No. 327-33(COR)

FISCAL NOTE WAIVER:

Bill No. 297-33(COR)

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

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**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 327-33 (COR)**

AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS 3103(a) AND 3104(a) AND TO REPEAL SUBSECTION 3103(n) OF CHAPTER 3, DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 7 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM; AND TO AMEND SUBSECTION 4101(a) OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 7 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM; AND TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS 5101(a), (b) AND (c) OF CHAPTER 5, DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 7 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept/Agency Affected: Unified Judiciary of Guam	Dept/Agency Head: Robert J. Torres, Chief Justice
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	33,843,444
Department's Other Fund (Safe Streets Fund) appropriation(s) to date:	145,468
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$33,188,912

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2015 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2016 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2016 Appro. (P.L. 33-66 thru)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2016 (if applicable)	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
General Fund	\$1,391,686	\$0	\$1,391,686	\$1,287,186	\$1,287,186	\$1,287,186
(Specify Special Fund)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,391,686	\$0	\$1,391,686	\$1,287,186	\$1,287,186	\$1,287,186

1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes /X/ No
If Yes, see attachment
2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ /X/ N/A
3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / /X/ Yes / / No
5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dep/agency? If no, indicate reason: /X/ Yes / / No
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

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Analyst: <u>Joaquin Guerrero</u>	Date: <u>6/29/16</u>	Director: <u>Jose S. Calvo</u>	Date: _____
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Footnotes:
/ / See attached comments.

Bureau of Budget and Management Research
Comments on Bill No. 327-33 (COR)

The proposed legislation intends to amend the composition of the Supreme Court, Superior Court, and Judicial Council of the Unified Judiciary of Guam. If the Bill were to amend Subsection 3103(a), of Chapter 3, Division 1 of Title 7 GCA, it would change the composition of the Supreme Court to comprise of two (2) additional full-time Justices, shifting the number of seats on the bench from three (3) to five (5). In addition, amending Subsection 4104(a) of Chapter 4, Division 1 of Title 7 GCA would likewise increase the number of Superior Court judges from seven (7) to eight (8).

Based on information provided by the Judiciary of Guam, it is estimated to cost \$496,162 for one (1) newly appointed Supreme Court Justice and \$399,362 for one (1) Superior Court judge for the first year, to include salary and benefits, support staff, courtroom equipment, supplies, and non-recurring start-up expenses. Furthermore, it will cost \$456,787 for one (1) Supreme Court Justice and \$373,612 for one (1) Superior Court judge per year after the first year with the removal of non-recurring start-up expenses. With the addition of two (2) more justices and one (1) judge, there will be a fiscal impact of approximately \$1,391,686 for the first year and \$1,287,186 per year thereafter should the Bill be enacted into law. It should be noted that there are potential expansion costs that may be incurred for their additional chambers and courtrooms. These costs are not factored into the aforementioned estimates.