

I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 158 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to amending the Standing Rules of *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan* to clarify the oversight powers of Standing Committees of *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan*.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN*
2 *GUÅHAN*:

3 WHEREAS, it is inherent in the powers of the Legislature to conduct
4 oversight hearings as a function of the Legislature; and

5 WHEREAS, currently there is no language within the Standing Rules of
6 *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan* on procedures for oversight
7 hearings that may be conducted by Standing Committees;

8 WHEREAS, the Standing Rules shall be amended to allow Standing
9 Committees to conduct oversight hearings inherent with the powers of the
10 Legislature; and now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
12 hereby, adopt the attached amendment of the Standing Rules of *I Mina' Bente*
13 *Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan*; and

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
2 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
3 thereafter transmitted to all members of *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan*
4 *Guahan* and to post the amendment on *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan*
5 *Guahan's* web page.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE TH DAY OF APRIL 2008.

JUDITH B. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature

ADD SECTION 18.02.01, .02 and .03 to RULE XVIII of the Standing Rules

Section 18.02.01 POWER TO SIT AND ACT

For the purpose of carrying out any of its functions and duties under this rule, *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and a committee or subcommittee is authorized

- (a) To sit and act at such times and places within Guam, whether *I Liheslaturan Guahan* is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned, and to hold such hearing as it considers necessary; and
- (b) To require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witness and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers and documents as it considers necessary. Subpoenas shall be issued and enforced pursuant to Chapter 3, Title 2 Guam Code Annotated.

Section 18.02.02 The Speaker or the Chairperson of a Standing Committee or a member designated by the chairperson may call or conduct an oversight hearing which shall be in accordance with the public notice requirement of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Open Government Act.

Section 18.02.03 The Speaker or the Chairperson of a Standing Committee or a member designated by the chairperson may issue a subpoena under Section 18.02.01(b) in the conduct of any legislative activity to include, but not limited to, oversight hearings, regular sessions and Committee of the Whole.