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Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Substitute Bill 413-30 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 58b TO TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING OKKODO HIGH SCHOOL IN NORTHERN GUAM.," which I signed into law on August 25, 2010 as Public Law 30-182.

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FELIX P. CAMACHO

I Maga'låhen Guahan Governor of Guahan

Attachment: copy of Bill

30-10-0845

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 413-30 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 58b TO TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE **FINANCING** CONSTRUCTION **ADDITIONAL** OF **FACILITIES FOR** THE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING OKKODO HIGH SCHOOL IN NORTHERN GUAM", was on the 13th day of August, 2010, duly and regularly passed.

I Maga'lahen Guåhan Date: <u>Aug 257 ZOIV</u>

FELIX P. CAMACHO

Public Law No. P.L. 30-182

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 413-30 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, and Judiciary, and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 58B TO TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING OKKODO HIGH SCHOOL IN NORTHERN GUAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that pursuant to the Education Construction Initiative Act of 2005, the government
- 4 of Guam executed a municipal lease to construct four (4) new schools.

- 1 Construction of the four (4) new schools is complete and the schools are now being
- 2 leased to the Guam Department of Education by the Guam Education Financing
- 3 Foundation.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that there remains a critical shortage of classrooms and public school facilities on Guam, and that many facilities are antiquated, overcrowded, and are not fit for the purpose of public education. In an effort to overcome these problems facing public education on Guam, I Liheslaturan Guåhan desires to authorize the government of Guam to enter into contracts for the financing, design, construction and long term capital maintenance of additions and improvements at Okkodo High School. This authorization is intended to substitute, in part, the facility needs of a new northern high school to existing land under lease to the Guam Department of Education (GDOE). The expansion and construction of additional educational facilities on the Okkodo school site will allow GDOE to take advantage of existing utilities, infrastructure and athletic facilities at considerable cost savings to the government of Guam.

In order for the government to utilize the *Okkodo* site for the construction of the additions and improvements, the current legislative authorization has to be amended to allow the Education Agency, through its Contractor, to undertake the financing, design, construction, and long term capital maintenance of the school improvements and to authorize the Education Agency to enter into amendments to the existing lease of real property at Tract No. 11406 in *Dededo*, Guam.

Additionally, pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) the government of Guam was authorized to issue a total of Twenty-One Million Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$21,818,000) in Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) to finance the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities. QSCBs are a new form of bonds authorized under § 54F(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. Issuers of QSCBs are eligible to

receive direct payments from the federal government, which offset a portion of the bond interest payments. Under current market conditions, the government of Guam can realize substantial net interest costs savings by issuing QSCBs over traditional tax exempt bonds. Based on these findings, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

desires to designate the government of Guam's QSCB allocation to the Contractor

to finance a portion of the *Okkodo* project costs.

To facilitate the financing, design, construction and maintenance of the facilities envisioned by this Act, the government of Guam will be authorized to lease for *up to* thirty (30) years from the scheduled date of delivery of the Education Facility government of Guam property on which the facilities will be constructed. The lease of the government property will be to the Contractor, who will design and construct the facilities in accordance with this Act and the specifications approved by Guam Department of Education, and who will provide funding for the design and construction through the use of QSCBs, tax exempt lease certificates and other financing facilities. The facilities and land will be leased back to the government of Guam for a period *not to exceed* the ground lease to the Contractor over which time the government of Guam will amortize, as lease payments to the Contractor, the cost of the financing, design, construction, equipping and related expenses of the facilities.

The Contractor will also be responsible for the capital maintenance of the public school facilities constructed under this Act, which costs *shall* be paid by the government of Guam, as provided for under this Act. At the expiration of the Lease-Back Period, the government of Guam real property and the public facilities constructed on the government of Guam real property will revert to the government of Guam with *no* further obligations to the Contractor.

Section 2. A new Chapter 58B is hereby *added* to Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

| 1 | "Chapter 58B |
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| 2 | Expansion of Okkodo High School |
| 3 | §58B100. Definitions. |
| 4 | §58B101. Authorization to Enter into Long-Term Leases. |
| 5 | §58B102. Responsibilities of Contractor. |
| 6 | §58B103. Assignments. |
| 7 | §58B104. Use of Qualified School Construction Bonds. |
| 8 | §58B105. Pledge of Section 30 Revenues. |
| 9 | §58B106. Utilities and Routine Maintenance and Repair. |
| 10 | §58B107. Maintenance Fund. |
| 11 | §58B108. Severability. |
| 12 | §58B100. Definitions. For purposes of this Chapter and unless |
| 13 | otherwise specified, the following words and phrases are defined to mean: |
| 14 | (a) Contract shall mean the design, construction and financing |
| 15 | contract entered into by and between the Education Agency and the |
| 16 | Contractor. |
| 17 | (b) Contractor shall mean the contractor to the government of |
| 18 | Guam on Okkodo High School, or a separate non-profit affiliated entity of |
| 19 | the Contractor, which shall be the signatory on the Contract and shall be |
| 20 | fully responsible for carrying out the design, construction, financing and |
| 21 | maintenance of the Education Facility. The Contractor may cooperate with |
| 22 | another entity or entities in any manner the Contractor deems appropriate to |
| 23 | provide for the financing, design, construction or maintenance of the public |
| 24 | school facilities envisioned by this Act. |
| 25 | (c) Education Agency shall mean the Guam Department of |
| 26 | Education. |

(d) Education Facility as used in this Act shall mean the additions and improvements to be located at Okkodo High School on Tract No. 11406 as prescribed in Section 3 of Public Law 30-178, with the total cost of such project not to exceed Twenty-One Million Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$21,818,000).

- (e) Lease shall mean a lease from an Education Agency to the Contractor entered into at the time of the Contract for the Property.
- (f) Lease-Back shall mean the lease from the Contractor to the Education Agency.
- (g) Lease-Back Period shall mean the term of the lease from the Contractor to the Education Agency.
- (h) *Property shall* mean any property on which an Education Facility is located.

§58B101. Authorization to Enter into Long-Term Leases. For the purpose of facilitating the financing of the design, construction and maintenance of an Education Facility encompassed by this Act, the government of Guam or an Education Agency, as the case may be, is authorized to lease, if required, to the Contractor sufficient government of Guam real property on which to construct, convert or rehabilitate an Education Facility and to extend an existing lease of real estate to the Contractor.

The Education Agency is also authorized to lease back from the Contractor the property for a period mutually agreed upon between the Education Agency and the Contractor as may be reasonably necessary to amortize over the Lease-Back Period the costs associated with the financing, design and construction of the Education Facility. In no event *shall* the end of such Lease-Back Period be *later than* the date thirty (30) years from the

scheduled date of completion of the Education Facility. The Lease-Back may be structured as an annually renewable lease with a provision for automatic renewals to the extent that pledged revenue under §58B105 is available. The Lease-Back *shall not* be construed as a debt under any applicable debt limitation under the Guam Organic Act *or* Guam law.

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The additions and improvements to *Okkodo* High School *shall* include the expansion of classrooms to accommodate the overcrowding, restroom facilities at all outdoor sports fields, additional restrooms required by public health due to the increase in student population, solar panels, the culinary arts building, signalization, the track and field track with proper turf, collateral equipment, and other projects needed to facilitate the expansion to accommodate the increase in student population.

§58B102. Responsibilities of Contractor. The Contract shall require that the Contractor be responsible for all costs, expenses and fees of any kind or nature, associated with the design, civil improvements, on-site and off-site infrastructure, construction, permits, and financing associated with the completion of an Education Facility, including the financing of furniture and equipment of the Education Facility, as and to the extent agreed to by the Education Agency. The Contractor shall also be responsible for the capital maintenance of the schools during the Lease-Back Period, but shall not be responsible for the capital maintenance of the furniture and equipment. The Lease-Back may provide that if sufficient funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for the payment of amounts due under the lease and any maintenance agreement, the Education Agency will have the obligation to vacate the Education Facility, and the Contractor shall have the right of use and occupancy of the Education Facility for the remainder of the term of the Lease, unless new mutually

satisfactory terms are entered into. For this purpose, the Lease may provide that its term *shall* be extended for a period *not to exceed* the shorter of ten (10) years beyond the original term of the Lease-Back or such period of time as is necessary to repay in full any financing arranged pursuant to §58B105. The capital maintenance costs *shall* be paid by the Education Agency on a periodic basis as incurred by the Contractor on terms to be agreed to in the Contract for the Education Facility.

§58B103. Assignments. To facilitate the purposes of this Act and to provide security for the holders of any financing instruments issued pursuant to this Act, the Contractor may assign, without the need of the consent of the Education Agency, the Contract, the Lease and the Lease-Back to any underwriter, trustee or other party as appropriate to facilitate the Contractor financing.

§58B104. Use of Qualified School Construction Bonds. To minimize the financing cost to the Education Agency, financing utilized by the Contractor to fund the design and construction of the Education Facility shall be through the use of Qualified School Construction Bonds in an amount not to exceed Twenty-One Million Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$21,818,000) as authorized under Section 1521 of P.L. 111-5 (The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) and the issuance of tax exempt bonds or lease certificates, provided such financing is available at an interest rate of no more than eight and a half percent (8.5%). Alternatively, the Contractor may use an alternative method of financing, including, but not limited to, a short term debt, mortgage, loan, federally guaranteed loan or loan by an instrumentality of the United States of America, if such financing will better serve the needs of the people of Guam. Such alternative financing shall be approved by I Liheslaturan Guåhan. The

purpose for the requirements of this Section is to assure the Education Agency pays the lowest possible net interest rate so that the cost to the Education Agency of financing the design and construction of an Education Facility, amortized through the Lease-Back payments from the Education Agency to the Contractor, will be lower than regular commercial rates.

§58B105. Pledge of Section 30 Revenues. Rental payments under the Lease and the Lease-Back may be secured by a pledge *or* other reservation of revenues received by *or* on behalf of the government of Guam from the United States of America pursuant to Section 30 of the Guam Organic Act (48 U.S.C.A. Section 1421h). Any pledge *or* reservation of Section 30 revenues authorized by the Act *shall* be subordinate *only* to the existing lien securing the Government of Guam Limited Obligation (Section 30) Bonds, Series 2001A.

Any such pledge or reservation authorized hereunder shall be valid and binding from the time the pledge or reservation is made and shall be limited to Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,900,000) per year during the Lease-Back Period, as prescribed in Section 3 of Public Law The Section 30 revenues pledged or reserved and thereafter 30-178. received by the government of Guam or by any trustee, depository or custodian shall be deposited in a separate account and shall be immediately subject to such reservation or the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and such reservation or the lien of such pledge shall be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the government of Guam or such trustee, depository or custodian, irrespective of whether the parties have The instrument by which such pledge or reservation is notice thereof. created need *not* be recorded. The remainder of the funds from the existing

lien, *supra*, not utilized for this project *shall* be subject to legislative appropriation.

§58B106. Utilities and Routine Maintenance and Repair. The Education Agency *shall* be responsible for the connection and payment of all utilities, including without limitation, power, water, sewer, telephone and cable, and all routine interior maintenance and repair and exterior grounds keeping and landscaping and upkeep of the Education Facility.

§58B107. Maintenance Fund. The Contract or a separate maintenance agreement with the Contractor, and the Lease-Back, shall provide that all capital maintenance of the Education Facility be performed by the Contractor as a separate cost, the terms of which, and the manner for establishing the amount of payment, shall be determined as a part of the Contract; provided, however, that said documents may, at the discretion of the Education Agency, provide that capital maintenance with respect to equipment (including collateral equipment), onsite utilities, offsite utilities, access roads and other similar improvements need not be performed by the Contractor.

§58B108. Severability. If any provision of this Chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Chapter are severable."

Section 3. School Capacity Level Exception for *Okkodo* High School. The expanded *Okkodo* High School *shall* be exempt from the capacity levels set forth by Title 17 GCA §7113(c), but *shall not* exceed a total capacity of two-thousand two hundred (2,200) students.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.