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The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin  
Speaker  
155 Herman Cortez St.  
Twentieth Guam Legislature  
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Enclosed is Substitute Bill 154 which I have signed into law as Public Law 20-171.

The Departments of Public Health and Social Services and Education have advised me that this new program will be implemented at one or two centers next school year. After an evaluation of the pilot program is completed the departments will report to the Legislature their recommendations for the program prior to expansion to all the centers.

This program compliments the After School Care Program begun by this administration in the school system. In order to provide the best for our children we must continue to use all the resources available to us. I can think of no better way to teach our children than through our manamko.

Cordially,

*Joseph F. Ada*  
JOSEPH F. ADA  
Governor

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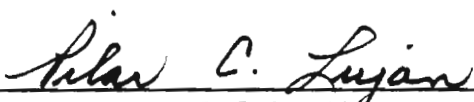
TWENTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1990 (SECOND) Regular Session

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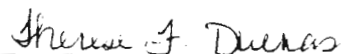
This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 154 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD §8116 TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO ESTABLISH THE "MANAMKO YAN MANHOBEN" PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES," was on the 1st day of May, 1990, duly and regularly passed.

  
JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN  
Speaker

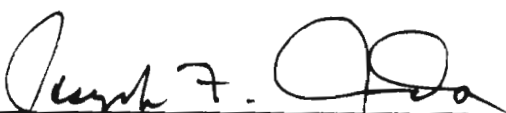
Attested:

  
PILAR C. LUJAN  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by the Governor this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May,  
1990, at 7:34 o'clock P.m.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
Governor's Office

APPROVED:

  
JOSEPH F. ADA  
Governor of Guam

Date: MAY 15 1990

Public Law No. 20-171

TWENTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1989 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 154 (COR)  
As substituted by the Committee  
on Youth, Senior Citizens, Cultural  
Affairs and Human Resources,  
and further substituted by the  
Committee on Rules

Introduced by:

E. P. Arriola  
H. D. Dierking  
~~J. P. Aguon~~  
J. G. Bamba  
M. Z. Bordallo  
D. F. Brooks  
E. R. Duenas  
E. M. Espaldon  
C. T. C. Gutierrez  
P. C. Lujan  
G. Mailloux  
M. D. A. Manibusan  
T. S. Nelson  
D. Parkinson  
F. J. A. Quitugua  
E. D. Reyes  
M. C. Ruth  
J. T. San Agustin  
F. R. Santos  
T. V. C. Tanaka  
A. R. Unpingco

AN ACT TO ADD §8116 TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 10, GUAM  
CODE ANNOTATED, TO ESTABLISH THE "MANAMKO YAN  
MANHOBEN" PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

1           WHEREAS, there are nineteen (19) Senior Citizens Centers operating  
2   with an average of forty (40) participants per center; and

1           WHEREAS, since senior citizens are interested in earning income in  
2 addition to retirement benefits, and today's "latch-key" children would  
3 have an opportunity to be with other people rather than being left alone  
4 while their parents are at work if these senior citizens are utilized to care  
5 for such children who can thereby establish a relationship with and learn  
6 from their elders to carry on Guam's traditions and culture; now, therefore

7           BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

8           Section 1. §8116 is added to Chapter 8, Title 10, Guam Code  
9 Annotated, to read:

10           "§8116. Manamko Yan Manhoben Program.

11           (a) There is established within the Division of Senior Citizens  
12 of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the  
13 "Manamko Yan Manhoben" program (the "Program") which shall  
14 consist of a cultural and educational exchange designed for school age  
15 children, wherein the elderly participants from Guam's senior  
citizens teach arts and crafts.

16           (b) The Guam Council on Senior Citizens shall with the  
17 Territorial Board of Education, the Department of Youth Affairs, and  
18 the Mayors' Council establish a coordinating committee which shall  
19 have the following responsibilities:  
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21           (1) Establish a curriculum or program guideline taking  
22 into consideration the available cultural, traditional and  
23 educational skills within each Senior Citizen Center;

24           (2) Determine the readiness of each Center for the  
25 implementation of the Program; and

26           (3) Establish a fee schedule to be collected from  
27 parents, taking into consideration their incomes.

28           (c) Monies received from the Program shall be deposited into  
29 a revolving fund, separate and apart from all other funds of the  
30 government of Guam, to be used for the purchase of supplies and  
31 materials and to pay the wages of the senior citizens.

32           (d) Senior citizens employed under the Program shall be paid  
33 a wage not less than Guam's minimum wage."

1           Section 2. The Program established in Section 1 of this Act shall be  
2 put in place by October 1, 1990.

TWENTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1990 (SECOND) Regular Session

ROLL CALL SHEET

Bill No. 154

Date: 5/1/90

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTION: \_\_\_\_\_

	AYE	NAY	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
J. P. Aguon				✓
E. P. Arriola	✓			
J. G. Bamba	✓			
M. Z. Bordallo	✓			
D. F. Brooks	✓			
H. D. Dierking	✓			
E. R. Duenas	✓			
E. M. Espaldon	✓			
C. T. C. Gutierrez	✓			
P. C. Lujan	✓			
G. Mailloux	✓			
M. D. A. Manibusan	✓			
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E. D. Reyes	✓			
M. C. Ruth	✓			
J. T. San Agustin	✓			
F. R. Santos	✓			
T. V. C. Tanaka	✓			
A. R. Unpingco	✓			

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**SENATOR ELIZABETH P. ARRIOLA**

*Chairperson*

Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens,  
Cultural Affairs and Human Resources



**Twentieth**  
Guam Legislature

February 6, 1990

The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin  
Speaker  
Twentieth Guam Legislature  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Agana, Guam 96910

VIA: Chairman, Committee on Rules

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens, Cultural Affairs and Human Resources to which were referred Bill No. 154 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 8116 TO CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO ESTABLISH THE "MANAMKO YAN MANHOBEN" PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR CITIZENS", has had the same under consideration and now wishes to report back its recommendation.

Committee votes received:

<u>TO DO PASS</u>	<u>TO NOT PASS</u>	<u>REPORT OUT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
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Attached herewith are the Committee Report and other pertinent documents for your perusal.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth P. Arriola*  
ELIZABETH P. ARRIOLA

Attachments

**VOTE SHEET**  
**THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SENIOR CITIZENS,**  
**CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

On Bill No. 154 (COR) - *as substituted by the Committee*  
**"AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 8116 TO CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO ESTABLISH THE "MANAMKO YAN MANHO BEN" PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR CITIZENS."**

Chairperson:	To Pass	Not To Pass	Report Out	Inactive File
<u>Elizabeth P. Arriola</u> Elizabeth P. Arriola	✓	_____	_____	_____
<b>Members:</b>				
<u>Frank R. Santos</u> Frank R. Santos	✓	_____	_____	_____
<u>J. George Bamba</u> J. George Bamba	✓	_____	_____	_____
<u>Madeline Bordallo</u> Madeline Bordallo	✓	_____	_____	_____
<u>Herminia Dierking</u> Herminia Dierking	✓	_____	_____	_____
<u>Edward Duenas</u> Edward Duenas	✓	_____	_____	_____
<u>Ernesto Espaldon</u> Ernesto Espaldon	✓	_____	_____	_____
<u>Pilar C. Lujan</u> Pilar C. Lujan	✓	_____	_____	_____
<u>Gordon Mailoux</u> Gordon Mailoux	✓	_____	_____	_____
<u>Ted S. Nelson</u> Ted S. Nelson	✓	_____	_____	_____
<u>Edward D. Reyes</u> Edward D. Reyes	✓	_____	_____	_____
<u>Martha C. Rath</u> Martha C. Rath	✓ 1/24/80	_____	_____	_____
<u>Jose San Agustin</u> Jose San Agustin	✓	_____	_____	_____



**COMMITTEE REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SENIOR CITIZENS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
ON BILL NO. 154 (COR)**

**Bill No. 154 - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION  
8116 TO CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM  
CODE ANNOTATED TO ESTABLISH THE  
"MANAMKO YAN MANHOBEN" PROGRAM WITHIN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR  
CITIZENS.**

**PREFACE**

The Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens, Cultural Affairs and Human Resources held a public hearing in the Legislative Session Hall on October 23, 1989, to receive testimony on **Bill No. 154 (COR)**. The hearing was conducted by Committee Chairperson, Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola and attended by Senators Frank R. Santos, Pilar C. Lujan, Eddie D. Reyes, Edward R. Duenas, Thomas V. C. Tanaka and Martha C. Ruth.

**TESTIMONY**

Mr. Larry Ramirez, representing Servicio Para l Manamko (SPIMA), testified endorsing Bill No. 154. He told the Committee there are about 600 elderlies who actively participate in activities at the senior citizens centers. Mr. Ramirez further added that some of these elders possess talents that they can impart to the youths by teaching them the local tradition and culture. The program may provide an avenue through which the youths may learn and appreciate the local culture, while simultaneously compensates the senior citizens for their time and knowledge.

Ms. Florence Shimizu, Administrator for the Division of Senior Citizens, testified on behalf of the Acting Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services. She lauded the intent of the Bill because "it is designed to foster intergenerational exchange specially for the senior citizens and 'latch key' children."

Senator Lujan asked if the Department of Public Health and Social Services has a program already in place in the Department which can be expanded to implement the "Manamko Yan Manhoben" program. Ms. Shimizu responded that the Department has programs for child welfare services and for the elders. The "Manamko Yan Manhoben" Program will require coordination with other agencies such as the Department of Education, Servicio Para l Manamko (SPIMA) and the Mayors.

Mr. Ramirez recommended that the Committee may consider establishing the program as a pilot project to determine the feasibility of extending it to all the municipalities.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens, Cultural Affairs and Human Resources, to which was referred ***Bill NO. 154, " AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 8116 TO CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO ESTABLISH THE "MANAMKO YAN MANHOBEN" PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR CITIZENS"***, as substituted has had the same under consideration, and now wishes to report back the same with the recommendation of the Committee members as reflected on the attached vote sheet.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Written testimony from Mr. Peter A. Ada, Acting Director, Department of Public Health and Social Services.
2. Written testimony from Dr. Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero, President, University of Guam.
3. Written testimony from Mr. Greg M. Borja, Mayor, Municipality of Santa Rita.

Twentieth Guam Legislature  
1989 (First) Regular Session

Bill No. 154  
as Substituted by the  
Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens, Cultural Affairs  
and Human Resources

Introduced by:

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E. P. Arriola  
N. C. RUIZ  
E. C. BUSTOS  
J. G. RAMBACH  
E. M. Espalacion  
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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 8116 TO CHAPTER 8 OF  
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4     benefits; and

5     **WHEREAS**, "latch-key" children will have an opportunity to be with other people rather than  
6     being left alone while their parents are at work; and

7     **WHEREAS**, children can establish a relationship with and learn from elders to help them  
8     carry on tradition and culture; now, therefore

9     **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:**

10    **Section 1.** A new Section 8116 is added to Chapter 8 of Title 10 of the Guam Code  
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14                   Department of Public Health and Social Services, the "Manamko Yan

1 Manhoben Program". The program shall consist of cultural and educational  
2 exchange designed for school age children, wherein the elderly  
3 participants of the Senior Citizens teach arts and crafts.

4 (b) The Guam Council on Senior Citizens shall with the Territorial Board of  
5 Education and Mayor's Council establish a coordinating committee who  
6 shall have the following responsibilities:

7 (1) Establish a curriculum or program guideline taking into consideration  
8 the available cultural, traditional and educational skills within each Senior  
9 Citizen Center;

10 (2) Determine the readiness of each center for the implementation of the  
11 program; and

12 (3) Establish a fee schedule to be charged from parents taking into  
13 consideration their income capability.

14 (c) Monies received from the program shall be deposited into a Revolving  
15 Fund, separate and apart from all other funds of the government to be used  
16 for the purchase of supplies and materials.

17 (d) Senior Citizens employed under this program shall be paid a wage not less  
18 than the applicable wage in the Senior Citizens Employment Program."

TWENTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1989 (First) REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Bill No. 154 (COR) /

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Introduced By:

E.P. Arriola *EPA*

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 8116 TO CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO ESTABLISH THE "MANAMKO YAN MANHOBEN" PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR CITIZENS.

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15 Public Health and Social Services, the 'Manamko Yan Manhob  
16 Program'. The program shall consist of a two-hour cultural  
17 educational exchange designed for school age children wherein  
18 elderly participants of the Senior Citizen Centers teach arts  
19 crafts.

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21 Territorial Board of Education establish a coordinating committee  
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12 Employment Program."



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM  
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OCT 20 1989

Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola  
Chairperson, Committee on Youth,  
Senior Citizens, Cultural Affairs  
and Human Resources  
Twentieth Guam Legislature  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Agana, Guam 96910

Re: Testimony on Bill # 154

Madame Chairperson:

I would like to extend my appreciation to you for your invitation to testify on Bill No. 154 - An Act to add a New Section 816 to Chapter 8 of Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated to Establish the "Manamko Yan Manhoben" program with the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Division of Senior Citizens.

This Bill, introduced by Senator Arriola is one that may be applauded as it is designed to foster intergenerational exchange specifically for senior centers and "latch key" children (whose ages, however, are not specified).

It is strongly felt that any inter-generational activity can be realized through the leadership of the Division of Senior Citizens which is the present mandate. However, there are programmatic as well as administrative concerns that have to be considered when implementing this program. The concerns the Department of Public Health and Social Services have which need to be addressed prior to final reading are as follows:

1. This legislation should provide for a clear focus and inclusive of intergenerational activities within the present structure of services of the Division of Senior Citizens.
2. There should be an assessment of need conducted at all elementary schools to determine not only the number of interested parents but to assess the number of "latch key" children.
3. It is recommended that a survey be conducted to assess the number of Senior Citizens currently in the Centers interested in participating in this program.

4. The present 16 centers, if to be utilized, would have to change the center operation hours to accomodate children who must wait for working parents, assuming that most of them get off at 5:00 p.m.
5. The children need to be screened and prior parental approval is necessary. There will be those who are "latch key" children where parental approval may not be given. These are situations where a school-based screening for eligibility committee may take the initiative to inform such parents of the availability of this program. There will be need to publicize this program and this can be done during parent-teacher meetings on handouts sent home with the children.
6. Planning and coordination with respect to bus schedule must be addressed. There will be a need for transportation system in place to transport the children from their schools to the centers (wherever applicable)
7. Center site managers are responsible for the overall operation of their respective centers. Who will be responsible for receiving and departure of the children and ensuring their safety? It is recommended that additional staff be recruited to supervise the children. Who is responsible if a child is injured in the Center? Liability should be clearly defined.
8. Those Senior Citizens who shall be paid, would they be required to be taxed accordingly? If so, this may not prove beneficial to the elderly.
9. The restriction of intergenerational activities to these seniors participating in the centers and "latch key" children precludes the expansion to other seniors and generation. For example: Youth (12-25) in need of older persons as role models in possibly a foster grandparent program; or seniors working with young executives and leaders in community leadership programs or activities.



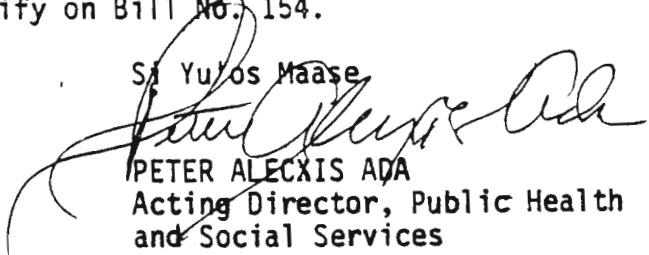
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Bill No. 154 in summary is well intended and sets the tone for inclusion of intergenerational activities in present programs. It is however, restrictive in its target group; programmatic and administrative realities must be addressed; and funding for such an effort must be identified.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Bill No. 154.

Sa Yul'os Maase



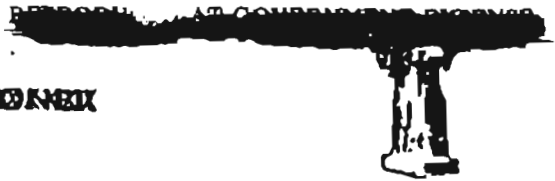
PETER ALEXSIS ADA  
Acting Director, Public Health  
and Social Services



GREG M. BORJA

~~COMMISSIONER~~  
MAYOR

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OCTOBER 23, 1989

Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola  
Chairperson,  
Committee On Youth, Senior Citizens,  
Cultural Affairs And Human Resources  
20th Guam Legislature  
Agana, Guam 96910

Good morning Madam Chairperson and members of the Committee. My name is Greg M. Borja, Mayor of the District of Santa Rita.

I hereby submit testimony in favor of the following Bills.

BILL NO. 952: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 2 AND 5 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-54 RELATIVE TO THE RECREATION FACILITIES AT AFLLEJE BEACH

I support the proposed amendment to Public Law No. 20-54 and also the Santa Rita Municipal Planning Council "MPC" supports the amendment in accordancw with TITLE I GCA SUBSECTION 403, ITEM (K) 1. Re: Municipal Boundaries.

BILL NO. 993: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ERECTION OF A MEMORIAL TO HONOR THOSE WHO WERE KILLED IN THE FENA LAKE/VALLEY MASSACRES ON JULY 19, 1944.

I strongly support this legislation, as I considered it to be long overdue to recognize and honor those young men and women from Agat and Sumay who were unmercifully massacred on that cold morning in July 1944.

I have personal knowledge of what happens in that horrible incident, as my oldest brother Vicente, who was 23 years old at the time, was one of those who were in the cave when Imperial Japanese Soldires started shooting into the cave with machine guns and were tossing hand grenades. They were not satisfied that they may have killed or wounded everyone, they then entered the cave with fixed bayonets to finish off those who showed some sign of life. The few who survived to tell of the horror and agony did so by pulling the bodies of their dead comrades and friends over their own body in order to survive.

I learned and heard these from a few of the survivors, one of whom later became my brother in-law, the husband of my older sister, Isabel. He is Juan G. Camacho a survivor whom later died in November 1962. His brother Francisco also survived and is now living in the U. S. Mainland.

I also recommend that Bill No. 993 be amended to include recognition to those residence of Agat and Sumay that were killed by Japanese Forces at other places than at the Fena Massacre. I also believe that the survivors of the massacre be afforded some kind of recognitions with their names be inscribed in a separate plaque to be installed alongside the names of those that were killed.

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SANTA RITA MAYOR'S OFFICE

"TESTIMONIES ON BILLS" OCT. 23, 198

BILL NO. 154: AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 8116 TO CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE ANNOTATED TO ESTABLISH THE "MANAMKO YAN MANHOBEN" PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR CITIZENS.

Madam Chairperson, I subbport the intent of Bill No. 154, however, I will will leave the mechanics and how the program will be conducted up to the Department that will be involved.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your Committee.

Very Respectfully,

  
GREG M. BORJA



## University of Guam

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April 24, 1989

The Honorable  
Elizabeth Arriola  
Chairperson, Committee on  
Youth, Senior Citizens,  
Cultural Affairs & Human Resources

Dear Senator Arriola:

This testimony is in support of Bill No. 154 (COR), "An Act to add a New Section 8116 to Chapter 8 of title 10 of The Guam Code Annotated to establish the MANAMKO YAN MANHOBEN" Program within the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Division of Senior Citizens.

The reasons for our support of this bill are twofold: We at the University of Guam recognize that many of Guam's Senior Citizens have an insufficient income to meet their daily needs while, on the other hand, they have a wealth of knowledge and experience acquired over a lifetime. We also know that many of our children come home to an empty house because in a large number of families both parents are employed, and grandparents or other kin are no longer on hand to provide the much needed supervision and attention to the children. We all know that lack of such supervision and attention can lead to mischief, if not juvenile delinquency.

The "Manamko Yan Manhoben" program can fill the void created by working parents by providing meaningful supervision to children in the hours after they are released from school and before their parents return from work. This supervision would consist between interaction of generations beneficial to the young and the old. The children will once again learn about the island's culture, through the telling of stories and the demonstration and teaching of indigenous handicrafts, and our elders will learn from the children all that is new in our present day environment, which will enable them to better understand our changing society. In addition, the Seniors will earn

April 24, 1989  
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some money, relieving them from the indignity of accepting social welfare payments or help from their children. The program will encourage independence and foster pride in being of use to our island community.

The "Manamko Yan Manhoben Program" is a project long overdue, and we thank you and your committee in your perseverance and continuous interest in the welfare of Guam's young and old population.

Sincerely,

  
WILFRED P. LEON GUERRERO  
President

JAN 14 '89

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Bill No. 154 (COR)

Introduced By:

E.P. Arriola *ema*

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14 established within the Division of Senior Citizens of the Department of  
15 Public Health and Social Services, the 'Manamko Yan Manhoben  
16 Program'. The program shall consist of a two-hour cultural and  
17 educational exchange designed for school age children, wherein the  
18 elderly participants of the Senior Citizen Centers teach arts and  
19 crafts.

20 (b) The Guam Council on Senior Citizens shall with the  
21 Territorial Board of Education establish a coordinating committee who  
22 shall have the following responsibilities:

23 (1) Establish a curriculum or program guideline taking into

1 consideration the available cultural, traditional and educational  
2 skills within each Senior Citizen Center;

3 (2) Determine the readiness of each center for the  
4 implementation of the program; and

5 (3) Establish a fee schedule to be charged from parents  
6 taking into consideration their income capability.

7 (c) Monies received from the program shall be deposited into a  
8 Revolving Fund, separate and apart from all other funds of the  
9 government, to be used for the purchase of supplies and materials.

10 (d) Senior Citizens employed under this program shall be paid a  
11 wage not less than the applicable wage in the Senior Citizens  
12 Employment Program."