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The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin
Speaker, Twenty-First Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 334, which I have signed into law this date as Public Law 21-54.

Sincerely,

FRANK F. BLAS
Governor of Guam
Acting

Attachment




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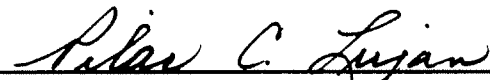
TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE
1991 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR


This is to certify that Bill No. 334 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD §63304 TO TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO PLANT IFET, AHGAO, AND PAHONG TREES TO PROVIDE MATERIALS TO BE USED TO PROMOTE LOCAL WOOD CARVING AND WEAVING," was on the 30th day of August, 1991, duly and regularly passed.


JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN
Speaker


Attested:


PILAR C. LUJAN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 10th day of September,
1991, at 4:45 o'clock p.m.


Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:


FRANK F. BLAS
Governor of Guam
Acting

Date: SEP 20 1991

Public Law No: 21-54

TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE
1991 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 334 (COR)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO ADD §63304 TO TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO PLANT IFET, AHGAO, AND PAHONG TREES TO PROVIDE MATERIALS TO BE USED TO PROMOTE LOCAL WOOD CARVING AND WEAVING.

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:**
2 **Section 1.** §63304 is added to Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read:
3 **"§63304. Ifet, Ahgao, and Pahong: Forestry Program.**
4 **Legislative intent.** (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to

1 preserve Guam's traditions and culture in the arts. In order to
2 revitalize the traditional arts of wood carving and weaving, it is
3 necessary to develop a forestry program (the "Program") to plant
4 Ifet (also known as Ifil), Ahgao, and Pahong (also known as
5 Akgag) trees (the "trees"), which trees provide materials for
6 carving and for weaving and which are needed to teach these arts
7 to the future generations of Guam. Because of the slow growth
8 rate of the trees, it is necessary that the program be implemented
9 immediately to meet the objectives of this Section.

10 (b) **Establishment of Program.** The Department of
11 Agriculture (the "Department") shall establish the Program to
12 plant the trees on that land chosen by the Department that is best
13 suitable for the purposes of the Program. The land area
14 designated shall consist of at least eighty (80) acres, with fifty (50)
15 acres for Ifet, twenty (20) acres for Ahgao, and ten (10) acres for
16 Pahong.

17 (c) **Assignment and rezoning of land.** The Department of
18 Land Management shall assist the Department in locating
19 government land that is best suitable for the Program, such
20 assistance to include assignment of such land to the Department
21 and its rezoning if necessary. Seventy (70) acres in northern
22 Guam in a limestone area shall be set aside for Ifet (fifty (50)
23 acres) and Ahgao (twenty (20) acres); and ten (10) acres shall be set
24 aside in central or southern Guam for Pahong.

1 (d) **Forestry maintenance and issuance of permits.** The
2 Department shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep
3 of the trees in the Program and shall hire two (2) full time
4 employees for the maintenance of these forestry preserves. The
5 Department shall be responsible for the issuance of permits for
6 the harvesting of wood therefrom; **provided**, that such permits
7 must have the approval of the Guam Council on the Arts and
8 Humanities Agency ("CAHA").

9 (e) **Monitoring and approval of requests for harvest.** The
10 Department shall be the custodial agency for the Program. CAHA
11 shall approve the priority of permit recipients and the quantity of
12 materials to be given them, and shall monitor usage of such
13 materials. Materials obtained from the Program shall be used
14 exclusively for arts and other cultural programs. For every one
15 (1) tree harvested fifty (50) young trees of the same species shall be
16 planted by the recipient(s) in the same area. Seedlings of such
17 species will be provided by the Department which will also
18 supervise their planting.

19 (f) **Appropriation authorized.** The Department is
20 authorized to submit the necessary appropriation to the
21 Legislature to carry out the Program within ninety (90) days of the
22 enactment of this Section."



SENATOR GORDON MAILLOUX

CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE

August 16, 1991

Honorable Joe T. San Agustin
Speaker, Twenty-first Guam Legislature
155 Hesler St.
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Economic & Agricultural Development received Bill No. 334, "AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A FORESTRY PROGRAM TO PLANT IFET, AHGAO AND [AKGAK] PAHONG FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE ARTS TO PROMOTE LOCAL TALENT IN WOOD CARVING AND WEAVING" as Referred from the Rules Committee.

The Committee on Economic & Agricultural Development hereby recommends Bill No.334, as Amended by the Committee on Economic & Agricultural Development, To Pass by the Twenty-first Guam Legislature.

The Committee votes are as follows:

To Do Pass	11
To Not Pass	0
To Place in Inactive File	0
To Abstain	0
Not Available for Voting	2

A copy of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are enclosed for your perusal.

Sincerely,

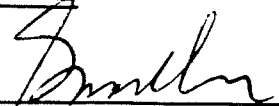
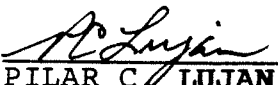
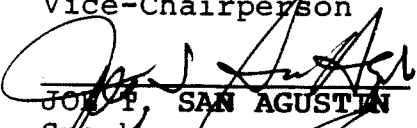


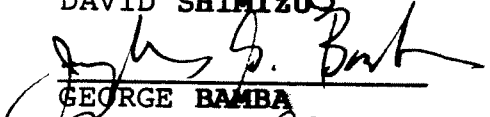



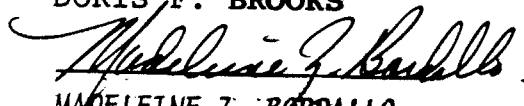
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Enclosures
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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC & AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

VOTE SHEET-BILL NO. 334, AS AMENDED

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<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>TO</u> <u>PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO</u> <u>PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>INACTIVE</u> <u>FILE</u>
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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC & AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

BILL NO. 334 - AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A FORESTRY PROGRAM TO PLANT IFIT, AHGAO AND AKGAK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE ARTS TO PROMOTE LOCAL TALENT IN WOOD CARVING AND WEAVING.

DATE: May 29, 1991

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING ROOM
PACIFIC ARCADE BLDG.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Senator Gordon Mailloux, Senator Doris Brooks.

WITNESS PRESENT: Carlos Noquez, Chief of the Forestry Division, Department of Agriculture; Tony Lamorena, Director of the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Both representatives from the Department of Agriculture and the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency are in favor of forest preserves for the growing of wood and special grasses for the purpose of perpetuating the Chamorro weaving and wood carving art forms. Concerns were expressed that the Bill did not allow enough acreage to provide a viable source for the artisans of the future. Mr. Lamorena suggested the pahong be grown near each village. Mr. Noquez said that an area in the central or southern portion of the island designating a 10 acre site would be sufficient for supplying the island' weavers.

FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS

All the materials mentioned in the Bill are still grown here, in the wild. None are currently being grown for the express purpose of providing supplies for future wood carvers and weavers. It was pointed out that trees take about 80 to 100 years to mature and that an ongoing planting program needs to be implemented. Also, in order to have a forest preserve, more agricultural workers would be needed in the Forestry Division in order to maintain the preserve. Everyone who spoke of this Bill was in favor of the concept. Several suggestions were made by the Director of GCAHA and the Chief forester. Therefore, **the Committee on Economic and Agricultural Development recommends To pass Bill 334, as Amended by the Committee, to the Twenty-First Guam Legislature.**

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bill 334, as Amended by the Committee.
2. Bill 334, as Referred to the Committee.
3. Written testimony of the Director of the Department of Agriculture, Tony Quitugua.
4. Written testimony of the Director of the Guam Council of Arts and Humanities Agency, Tony Lamorena.
5. Fiscal Impact report by the Bureau of Budget and Management Research.
6. Attendance sheet.

Twenty-First Guam Legislature
1991 (First) Regular Session

Bill No. 334, as Amended by
the Committee on Economic and
Agricultural Development

Introduced by:

E.P. Arriola

R. Lejan
M. Manibusan mdm

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10 to plant Ifet, Ahgao and [Akgak] Pahong trees (the "trees") which
11 quality materials for carving and weaving needed to teach the art
12 to the future generations of Guam. Because of the slow growth
13 rate of these trees, it is necessary that a Forestry Program be

1 implemented immediately to meet the objectives of this act.

2 Section 2. Ifet, Ahgao, [Akgak] Pahong Tree Forestry
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5 and shall locate a land that is best suitable for the purpose.
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13 suitable for the Forestry Program to include assignment and
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21 forestry. No permits shall be issued for harvest without the
22 approval and consent of the Guam Council of the Arts and
23 Humanities Agency.] and shall hire two full time employees for
24 the maintenance of these forestry preserves. The Department of
25 Agriculture shall be responsible for the issuance of permits for
26 the harvesting of wood from these preserves. Such permits must
27 have the approval and consent of the Guam Council of the Arts and
28 Humanities Agency.

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10 same species shall be planted by the recipient in the same area.
11 Seedlings of such species will be provided by the forestry
12 division who will also supervise the planting thereof.

13 Section 6. Appropriation Authorized. The Department of
14 Agriculture is authorized to submit to the Legislature the
15 necessary amount within six (6) months of the enactment of this
16 Act for the implementation of this Act."

Twenty-First Guam Legislature
1991 (First) Regular Session

Bill No. 334

Introduced by:

E.P. Arriola *EPA*
P.C. LUTAN *PL*
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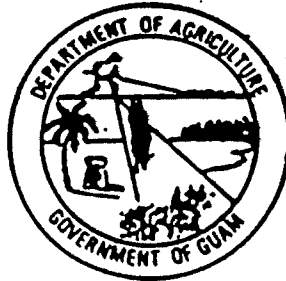
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ANTONIO S. QUITUGUA
DIRECTOR



JOSE A.E. MANIBUSAN
Deputy Director



AGANA, GUAM 96910

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TESTIMONY ON BILL 334

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A FORESTRY PROGRAM TO PLANT IFIT, AHGAO, AND AKGAK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE ARTS TO PROMOTE LOCAL TALENT IN WOOD CARVING AND WEAVING.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, MY NAME IS ANTONIO S. QUITUGUA, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. I APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY IN REGARD TO BILL 334. BILL 334 HAS THE NOBLE INTENTION OF FOSTERING THE ARTS AND CULTURE OF THIS TERRITORY. FOR IT IS IN THE PERPETUATION OF OUR CULTURE THAT WE CAN SHOW TO THE WORLD OUR IDENTITY AS A DISTINCT GROUP OF PEOPLE.

IT IS BY THIS CULTURE THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY WITH THE WORD CHAMORRO. AND THIS COULD BE DONE BY EXPRESSION OF OUR TRUE FEELINGS AND IDENTITY THROUGH THE ARTS BY THE USE OF OUR OWN NATIVE PLANTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT ARE ONLY FOUND OR THOSE THAT IDENTIFY WITH THIS ISLAND.

MR. CHAIRMAN IN BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER SOME COMMENTS ON BILL 334.



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SECTION 1

WE HAVE DELVED THROUGH OUR BOOKS AND WE HAVE NOT FOUND AKGAK IN THE LISTING OF PLANTS IN GUAM BY B.J. STONE. WE JUST ASSUME THAT THE PLANT BEING REFERRED TO IS PANDANUS DUBIUS OR PAHONG IN CHAMORRO, A FAVORITE MATERIAL FOR WEAVING MATS AND HATS. SECTION I ACKNOWLEDGES THE SLOW GROWTH OF THESE TREES. THE ESTIMATED ROTATION AGE FROM PLANTING TO HARVEST OF MATURE WOOD AND LEAVES ARE 80 TO 120 YEARS FOR IFIT, 25 TO 40 YEARS FOR AHGAO AND 7 TO 10 YEARS FOR PAHONG. NO FORESTRY PROGRAM OR CULTURE METHOD COULD LET THESE TREES MATURE EARLIER, NO MATTER HOW EFFICIENT. IT IS MATURITY OF THE TREE THAT MAKES THE WOOD HARD AND NOT BY CULTURE TECHNIQUES.

SECTION 2

THE **AREA STIPULATED FOR THE PROJECT IS TOO LIMITED IN SIZE.** IF IFIT IS TO BE SPACED FIFTEEN FEET APART, THERE WILL ONLY BE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED IFIL TREES PER ACRE. GRANTING THAT THERE WILL BE THREE ACRES OF IFIL OUT OF THE FIVE ACRES STATED IN SECTION 2, SIX HUNDRED TREES WILL NOT BE A VIABLE SOURCE OF MATERIALS FOR WOODCRAFT IN A PRODUCTION ROTATION OF 80 TO 120 YEARS. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE SIZE FOR IFIL ALONE **BE INCREASED TO FIFTY ACRES, AHGAO TO TWENTY ACRES** AND PAHONG OR **PANDANUS TO TEN ACRES** FOR A TOTAL OF **EIGHTY ACRES.** THIS WILL GUARANTEE EVERY CRAFTSMAN AN AMPLE SUPPLY OF MATERIALS ALL YEAR ROUND WHEN THESE TREES ATTAIN HARVESTABLE AGE. IT WILL ALSO ENABLE A SOUND ROTATION FROM REPLANTING TO HARVEST. THREE ACRES OR SIX HUNDRED TREES WILL NOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS FOR A LARGER NUMBER OF

WOODCARVERS FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS. PAHONG IS NOT A BIG CONCERN SINCE THE LEAVES ARE THE ONES UTILIZED. THEY CAN REJUVENATE AND DEVELOP WEAVING MATERIALS WITHIN A SIX MONTH PERIOD. THE MAIN CONCERN HERE ARE THE TREES. ONCE THEY ARE CUT, THEY ARE GONE NOT UNLESS ANOTHER IS PLANTED TO REPLACE IT. A SOUND FORESTRY PRACTICE DICTATES THAT THE CYCLE SHOULD BE CONTINUOUS. ONCE THE LAST TREE IS CUT, THE FIRST REPLACEMENTS WILL ALSO BE READY TO BE HARVESTED AS A SECOND GENERATION PLANTING.

SECTION 3

WE SUGGEST THAT THIS BILL SHOULD BE EXPLICIT IN THE SITE SELECTION FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT. IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT IFIT AND AHGAO WILL GROW MUCH BETTER AND FASTER IN THE LIMESTONE AREAS. IT SHOULD THEN BE INCORPORATED IN THE BILL THAT ABOUT **SEVENTY ACRES OF GOVERNMENT LAND SHOULD BE SET ASIDE IN NORTHERN GUAM FOR IFIT AND AHGAO.** THE **TEN ACRES FOR PANDANUS** COULD BE LOCATED IN GOVERNMENT LANDS DOWN SOUTH OR CENTRAL GUAM.

SECTION 4

IF OUR PROPOSAL FOR INCREASE IN ACREAGE IS CONSIDERED, THE LABOR FACTOR THAT GOES WITH MAINTENANCE SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. TWO FULL TIME EMPLOYEES WOULD BE AMPLE ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF THE PERIODIC WEEDING, INSECT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROJECT. THE SEASONAL FIRE PROTECTION OF THE PLANTATION WILL FALL UNDER THE FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES OF FORESTRY.

SECTION 5

BY THE TIME THE PROJECT IS READY FOR HARVEST, WE SUGGEST THAT THE QUANTITY OF HARVESTABLE TREES AND LEAF MATERIAL SHOULD BE

DETERMINED BY FORESTRY AND SUBMITTED TO THE GUAM COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES. IT WILL BE THE COUNCIL TO DETERMINE THE PRIORITY IN RECIPIENTS AND THE QUANTITY ALLOTTED FOR EACH APPLICANT. ALL HARVEST ACTIVITIES SHOULD CONFORM WITH WHAT IS STIPULATED IN THE PERMIT AS ISSUED BY THE FORESTRY DIVISION.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, AN IMPORTANT SECTION SHOULD BE INCLUDED SO AS TO INSURE THE PERPETUITY OF THE SPECIES IN THIS PLANTATION. WE SUGGEST THAT A SECTION SHOULD BE ADDED TO STATE:

SECTION 6 - MITIGATION :

FOR EVERY TREE HARVESTED, FIFTY YOUNG TREES OF THE SAME SPECIES BE PLANTED BY THE RECIPIENT IN THE SAME AREA. SEEDLINGS OF SUCH SPECIES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE FORESTRY DIVISION WHO WILL ALSO SUPERVISE THE PLANTING THEREOF.

IN CLOSING MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, ALL WE ASK IS THAT THIS PROJECT BE EXPANDED TO AFFORD A GREATER NUMBER OF CLIENTELE. IT SHOULD BE THAT THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN CRAFTWORK, EITHER PROFESSIONAL OR AMATEUR COULD BE AFFORDED THE MATERIALS THAT THEY NEED AS THE ARTS COUNCIL MAY SEE FIT.

IT IS THE AIM OF THE DEPARTMENT TO AFFORD THIS ISLAND A HEALTHY SUPPLY OF TREES AND WOOD FOR ALL THE PEOPLE AND WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS THAT GOAL. AT PRESENT WE ALREADY HAVE AFFORESTED ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED ACRES OF GOVERNMENT LAND WITH FAST GROWING, GOOD TIMBER QUALITY TREES. WE WILL BE READY TO HARVEST IN FIFTEEN YEARS FROM WHAT WE PLANTED TEN YEARS AGO. THIS BILL IF EFFECTED INTO LAW WOULD GIVE THE FORESTRY PROGRAM UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE A TREMENDOUS BOOST.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.

TESTIMONY ON BILL 334

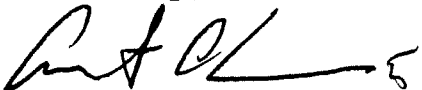
AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A FORESTRY PROGRAM TO PLANT IFIT, AHGAO AND AKGAK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE ARTS TO PROMOTE LOCAL TALENT IN WOODCARVING AND WEAVING.

Mr. Chairman, Senator Gordon Mailloux and members on the Committee on Economic and Agricultural Development my name is Alberto A. Lamorena V, Executive Director of the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency. I am appearing before you today to testify in favor of Bill 334 AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A FORESTRY PROGRAM TO PLANT IFIT, AHGAO AND AKGAK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE ARTS TO PROMOTE LOCAL TALENT IN WOOD CARVING AND WEAVING. First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola for having the foresight in introducing Bill 334 which will preserve the carving and weaving artforms.

Several years ago a similar bill was introduced appropriating \$50,000 to the Department of Agriculture to grow Ifit and Akgak. GCAHA came out in support of this bill but agreed with the Department of Agriculture's comments which felt that the land identified and the amount appropriated were insufficient to successfully pursue the project. Presently the only available Ifit to our craftsmen is available from private property owners or from the military which at times is not readily available. Our weavers presently cultivate their own Akgak in order to practice their craft. Because of the lack of natural resources available to our craftpersons it is very difficult for them to use their skills as a viable source of income. During the past four years GCAHA has offered apprenticeship programs in the traditional arts and crafts. the purpose of these programs is two fold, one to create an awareness of the artform and secondly to teach our people the skills necessary to preserve our culture and traditions. In order for us to continue these skills into the future we must provide the necessary resources. GCAHA endorses the passage of Bill 334 and advises this body that the Department of Agriculture be allowed to identify the proper land needed and the appropriate budget to run this program. As you all know we will not see the harvesting of ifit and Ahgao for at least fifty years and Akgak for at least five years. This may seem like a long period of time but if we do not take any steps now we will no longer be able to continue this tradition in the future.

I would like to take this time to say Dankulo Si Yu'os Ma'ase for providing me this opportunity to voice my concerns and endorsement of Bill 334.

Sincerely,



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**FISCAL NOTE
BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH**

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Bill No. 334

Amendatory Bill

YES NO

Date Received 5/24/91

Date Reviewed 5/29/91

Department/Agency Affected: Agriculture/GCAHA/Land Management

Department/Agency Head: A. Quituqua/T. Lamorena/F. Castro

Total FY Appropriation to Date: \$2,286,225/835,455/3,112,640

Bill Title (preamble) : An act relative to establishing a Forestry Program to plant Ifet, Ahgao, and Akgak for the purpose of providing materials to be used in the arts to promote local talent in wood carving and weaving.

Change in Law: N/A

Bill's Impact on Present Program Funding:

 Increase Decrease Reallocation No Change

Bill is for: Operations Capital Improvement x Other ()

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPACT

ESTIMATED SINGLE-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)

PROGRAM CATEGORY	GENERAL FUND	OTHER	TOTAL
Natural Resources, Recreation and Arts	<u>See Comments</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

ESTIMATED MULTI-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)

FUND	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND	<u>See Comments</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OTHER	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

FUNDS ADEQUATE TO COVER INTENT OF THE BILL? YES/NO-IF NO, ADD'L AMOUNT REQUIRED See Comment

AGENCY/PERSON/DATE CONTACTED: Agriculture / Annie Bonds / 5/28/91

ESTIMATED POTENTIAL MULTI-YEAR REVENUES

FUND	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OTHER	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

ANALYST Dina C. Perez DATE 5/29/91 DIRECTOR [Signature] DATE 6/10/91

FOOTNOTES: If enacted, Bill No. 334 will entail a fiscal impact on the General Fund for the development of a Forestry Program for the planting of trees. However, this impact cannot be determined due to the unavailability of data at this time.

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: MAY 29, 1991

BILL NO. 334 - AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A FORESTRY PROGRAM TO PLANT JET, AHGAO AND AKGAK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE ARTS TO PROMOTE LOCAL TALENT IN WOOD CARVING AND WEAVING.

AGENCY / INTEREST GROUP

GOVERNMENT

FAVOR: AGAINST:

DATE:

SIGN:

WRITER:

ORAL:

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Agriculture

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GCCHA

Introduced

Twenty-First Guam Legislature
1991 (First) Regular Session

APR 30 '91

Bill No. *334 (cor)*

Introduced by:

E.P. Arriola *epa*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A FORESTRY PROGRAM TO PLANT IFET, AHGAO AND AKGAK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE ARTS TO PROMOTE LOCAL TALENT IN WOOD CARVING AND WEAVING.

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

2 Section 1. A new Chapter _____ is added to Title _____ of the
3 Government Code to read:

4 "Chapter _____"

5 Ifet, Ahgao and Akgak Forestry Program

6 Section 1. Legislature Intent. It is the intent of the
7 legislature to preserve the local tradition and culture of Guam in the
8 arts. In order to revitalize the traditional art of wood carving and
9 weaving, it is necessary to develop a Forestry Program to plant Ifet,
10 Aghao and Akgak trees (the "trees") which are quality materials for
11 carving and weaving needed to teach the art to the future generations of
12 Guam. Because of the slow growth rate of these trees, it is necessary

1 that a Forestry Program be implemented immediately to meet the
2 objectives of this act.

3 Section 2. Ifet, Ahgao, Akgak Tree Forestry Program. The
4 Department of Agriculture shall establish a Forestry Program to plant
5 Ifet, Ahgao and Akgak trees and shall locate a land area that is best
6 suitable for the purpose. The land area designated shall be at least five
7 (5) acres in size to plant the trees.

8 Section 3. Assignment and Rezoning of Land. The Department
9 of Land Management shall assist the Department of Agriculture in locating
10 a government land area that is best suitable for the Forestry Program to
11 include assignment and rezoning if necessary.

12 Section 4. Forestry Maintenance and Upkeep and Issuance of
13 Permit. The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for the
14 maintenance and upkeep of the Forestry Program under this Act and also
15 the issuance of permits to harvest wood from the forestry. No permits
16 shall be issued for harvest without the approval and consent of the Guam
17 Council of the Arts and Humanities Agency.

18 Section 5. Monitoring and Approval of Request for Harvest.
19 The Guam Council of the Arts and Humanities shall be the custodial agency
20 for the forestry program for the purpose of approving requests for
21 materials and the monitoring of usage of materials from the forestry.
22 Materials derived from the forestry shall be used exclusively for arts and
23 cultural program purposes.

24 Section 6. Appropriation Authorized. The Department of
25 Agriculture is authorized to submit to the Legislature the necessary
26 amount within six (6) months of the enactment of this Act for the
27 implementation of this Act.”