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The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin
Speaker, Twenty-First Guarn Legislature

155 Hesler Street
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:



Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 31, which I have signed into law this date as Public Law 21-63.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH F. ADA

Governor

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Attachment



TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE 1991 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 31 (LS), "AN ACT TO CREATE PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL SITES FOR THE USE OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE JFK FOOTBALL TEAM, FOR ANIMAL CONTROL, FOR THE SKIP ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY, FOR CYCLING, FOR A REAL ESTATE APPRAISER'S COURSE, AND FOR A SURVEY OF LOT NO. 266-1, AGAT, AND MAKING A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO A PREVIOUS APPROPRIATION MADE FOR THE DISTANT COUSINS CULTURAL PROGRAM," was on the 8th day of November, 1991, duly and regularly passed.

Attested:	JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN Speaker
PILAR C. LUJAN Senator and Legislative Secretary	
This Act was received by the Governor o'clockM.	this 13th day of National, 1991, at
APPRQVED:	Assistant Staff Officer Governor's Office

Governor of Guam

21-63

NOV 14 1991

Public Law No.

TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE 1991 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 31 (LS)
As substituted by the Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens and Cultural Affairs and as further substituted by

the Committee on Rules

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO CREATE PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL SITES FOR THE USE OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE JFK FOOTBALL TEAM, FOR ANIMAL CONTROL, FOR THE SKIP ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY, FOR CYCLING, FOR A REAL ESTATE APPRAISER'S COURSE, AND FOR A SURVEY OF LOT NO. 266-1, AGAT, AND MAKING A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO A PREVIOUS

APPROPRIATION MADE FOR THE DISTANT COUSINS CULTURAL PROGRAM.

- Section 1. (a) Public campgrounds. The Department of Parks and
- 4 Recreation (the "Department") shall designate several suitable parcels of
- 5 government land for use as public campgrounds and recreational areas.
- 6 Each of such parcels shall be of a size suitable for campsites with ready
- 7 access for the public.
- 8 (b) Camping sites. One (1) of such designated parcels shall be set
- 9 aside for camping and shall be made available without charge to non-
- 10 profit organizations such as the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. Other
- 11 users of the campgrounds shall be charged in advance a nominal fee for
- 12 use of the grounds to ensure proper maintenance. Users of the
- campgrounds shall be responsible to keep it in such condition that other
- 1 4 members of the public can also enjoy the benefits of nature. One (1) other
- of the designated parcels shall be for enjoying marine life and seaside
- 16 recreation. It shall be utilized under the same conditions as are applicable
- 17 to the campgrounds.
- 18 (c) Report. The Department shall within one hundred eighty (180)
- 19 days of the enactment of this Act submit to the Legislature its
- 20 recommendations as to the methods to best establish these campgrounds
- 21 and recreational areas, along with a request for necessary funding to
- 22 implement the projects, which should include fresh water, security,
- 23 sanitary and trash disposal facilities.
- Section 2. Appropriation for football team. Twenty Thousand

- 1 Dollars (\$20,000) are appropriated from the General Fund to the Sports
- 2 Travel Fund to defray the expenses of the participation by the John F.
- 3 Kennedy High School football team in the All-Star Football Game in
- 4 Korea. The Principal of John F. Kennedy High School shall submit to the
- 5 Director of Parks and Recreation and to the Speaker of the Legislature a
- 6 financial statement covering all expenditures from the appropriation
- 7 within forty-five (45) days of its receipt. Any unexpended amount of such
- 8 appropriation shall revert to the General Fund.
- 9 Section 3. Appropriation for animal control. One Hundred 10 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) are hereby appropriated from the General
- 11 Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for the
- operation of the animal control program. The amount appropriated shall
- be utilized for the purchase of a mobile radio system, and for protective
- 14 clothing, humane snares, nets, trucks, special cages and covers, traps, a
- 15 freezer, cat kennels, and other special supplies including cat food and kitty
- 16 litter, materials and equipment, and for the services of two (2) Animal
- 17 Control Officers II. The amount appropriated by this Act shall be
- 18 incorporated in the budget for the Department of Public Health and Social
- 19 Services, Division of Environmental Health, and be the maintenance level
- 20 for budget purposes, but the appropriation shall remain outstanding and
- 21 available until expended.
- Section 4. Appropriation for SKIP. (a) Purpose. The SKIP
- 23 Entertainment Company ("SKIP") was recently notified of its selection to
- 24 represent Guam at the Second Annual "First Night" Program in Honolulu
- Hawaii. "First Night" is a national program which promotes a "no drugs,
- 26 no alcohol" family night program on New Year's Eve. SKIP will be

- 1 presenting both cultural and contemporary dances during the program.
- 2 The Legislature finds that assisting SKIP to take part in this program is in
- 3 the public interest.
- 4 (b) Appropriation. Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-
- 5 One Dollars (\$22,431) are appropriated from the General Fund to the
- 6 Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency to defray the cost of the
- 7 participation of SKIP in the "First Night" Program to be held in Honolulu,
- 8 Hawaii. SKIP shall make a report of its expenditures of funds from this
- 9 appropriation to the Governor and the Legislature, following standard
- 10 government accounting procedures, within thirty (30) days of the "First
- 11 Night" Program.
- Section 5. Appropriation for cycling. Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars
- 13 (\$35,000) are appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
- 14 Parks and Recreation for the use of the Guam Cycling Association in
- preparation for the Guam cyclists who will participate in the Olympics to
- 16 be held in Barcelona, Spain.
- 17 Section 6. Appropriation for real estate appraiser's test. Thirty
- 18 Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) are appropriated from the General Fund to
- 19 the Department of Revenue and Taxation for the establishment and
- 20 administration of a certification course and examination for Guam real
- 21 estate appraisers.
- Section 7. Survey in Agat. Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) are
- 23 appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Land
- 24 Management to conduct an as-built survey of Lot No. 266-1, Agat, leased
- to the VFW Post 2917 pursuant to Section 10 of Public Law 21-14.
- Section 8. Amendment to P.L. 21-42. Subsection (b) of Section 71 of

Public Law 21-42 is amended to read:

"(b) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) are appropriated from the General Fund to the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency ("CAHA") to help defray the cost of the Manamkos to attend the "Distant Cousins Cultural Program" to be held in Bali, Indonesia in February of 1992. CAHA in coordination with the Servicio Para I Manamko (SPIMA) will select approximately two (2) Manamkos from each senior citizens' center or from other villages who would have the skills necessary to best represent Guam's culture. The recipient of this appropriation shall make a report of the expenditures of the funds in this appropriation to the Governor and the Legislature, following standard government accounting procedures, within thirty (30) days after the event funded by this Section."



Twenty-First Guam Legislature -

SENATOR ELIZABETH P. ARRIOLA

Chairperson

Committee on Youth,
Senior Citizens and Cultural Affairs

March 27, 1991

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

VIA: Chairman. Committee on Rules

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens and Cultural Affairs to which was referred Bill No. 31, "AN ACT TO CREATE PUBLIC CAMP GROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL SITES FOR THE USE OF THE PEOPLE", has had the same under consideration and now wishes to report back its recommendation TO DO PASS as substituted.

Committee votes received:

TO PASS NOT TO PASS REPORT OUT OTHER

Attached herewith are the Committee Report and other pertinent documents for your perusal.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH P. ARRIOLA

Attachments

VOTE SHEET

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SENIOR CITIZENS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill No. 31 -

as substituted by the Committee:

"AN ACT TO CREATE PUBLIC CAMPS GROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL SITES FOR THE USE OF THE PEOPLE."

Chairperson:	To Pass	Not To Pass	Report Out	Inactive File
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David L. G. Shimizu				
Speaker Joe T. San Agustin				

COMMITTEE REPORT

of the

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SENIOR CITIZENS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS on BILL NO. 31

AN ACT TO CREATE PUBLIC CAMP GROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL SITES FOR THE USE OF THE PEOPLE.

PREFACE

A public hearing on Bill No. 31 was held by the Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens and Cultural Affairs, on Tuesday, February 26, 1991, at the Legislative Public Hearing Room, Pacific Arcade Building.

Present at the hearing were Chairperson, Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola and attended by Senator Pilar C. Lujan.

BACKGROUND

Bill No. 31 mandates the Department of Parks and Recreation to designate several areas of government land which could be used as public camp grounds and public recreational areas. The Bill also specifies that one of the designated areas be made available to non-profit organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts without charge.

TESTIMONY

Mr. Anthony C. Mariano, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, testified in support of Bill No. 31. He said "there are no public facilities on Guam designated specifically for camping..." He named several potential campsites to include Nimitz Beach, Agat; Tagachang Beach, Yona; and Tarzan Falls, Yona.

Ms. Susan Anton, representing the President of the Board of Directors of the Guam Girl Scouts, read the written testimony submitted by the President. The Guam Girl Scouts endorses Bill No. 31. She said, "camping experiences represent an important part of our program." She also told the Committee that in the past, Girl Scouts' camping has been held at "Scout Beach" on Anderson Air Force Base, however, the Base has curtailed camping to local (non-military) troops unless they can secure a sponsor who must acquire a pass. She recommends that any site designated for the Girl Scouts must be provided with some sort of security.

Mr. Thomas E. Cramer, Jr., Staff Executive of the Chamorro District Boy Scouts, testified supporting Bill No. 31. Mr. Cramer said that finding suitable campgrounds for the youth on a weekly basis is a problem because he has to deal with the private landowners and representatives from the military. He added that with the hightened security situation at the bases, the problems of finding campgrounds has increased. Mr. Cramer further stated, "if properly set up, managed and administered, these campsites can be the pride of the Pacific. I don't believe there is any campsite in the mainland that would compare to the jungle camps that could be established here on Guam."

Messrs. Thomas E. Cramer III and Todd Richards of the Chamorro District Boy Scouts of America, testified that the Boy Scouts "need a campsite to fulfill the basic requirements of scout advancement."

There being no further testimony, Chairperson Arriola adjourned the hearing on Bill No. 31.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens, Cultural Affairs, and Human Resources wishes to report Bill No. 31, "AN ACT TO CREATE PUBLIC CAMP GROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL SITES FOR THE USE OF THE PEOPLE" has had the same under consideration, and now wishes to report back the same with the recommendation <u>TO DO PASS</u> as substituted by the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Written testimony by Mr. Anthony C, Mariano, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 2. Written testimony by Ms. Mary Sencion English, President, Guam Girl Scouts Board of Directors.
- 3. Written testimony by Mr. Thomas E. Cramer, Jr., Staff Executive, Chamorro District, Boy Scouts of America.
- 4. Written testimony by Mr. Thomas E. Cramer III, Member, Troop 41.

Twenty-First Guam Legislature 1991 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 31
as Substituted by the Committee on Youth, Senior Citizens and Cultural Affairs

Introduced by:

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E. P. Arriola
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- 6 available to non-profit organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts without charge. Other users
- 7 of the camp grounds may be charged a nominal fee in advance for the purpose of ensuring proper
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- 9 members of the public can also enjoy the benefits of nature and natural resources.
- Section 3. Another one of the designated areas shall be for the purpose of enjoying marine life and
- seaside recreation under the same conditions as Section 2.
- 12 Section 4. The Department of Parks and Recreation shall submit to the Legislature their
- 13 recommendations after one hundred eighty (180) days of the enactment of this Act to carry out the
- establishment of these camp grounds and recreational areas, along with a request for necessary funding
- 15 to implement the projects. The facilities should include fresh water, security, toilet accommodations and
- 16 trash disposal.

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- 4 these places shall be of an area at least ten (10) hectares, with ready access for the public.
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- 15 accommodations and trash disposal.

pground bill new doors

We like Sen. Elizabeth Arriola's bill to create over night campgrounds on Government of Guam land.

In addition to opening up a new avenue for family recreation, we think that campgrounds will have positive fallout beyond the fact that they exist.

People cherish what they know. And giving families the opportunity to take their children away from the television sets and into the beauty of natural Guam is bound to foster an appreciation in the young people for the land and waters of our island. And that appreciation will manifest itself in a greater sense of stewardship and respect toward nature that will help Guam stand up to the pressures of increased population and development.

There are pitfalls, however. Thomas Cramer, a staff executive for the Chamorro District, Boy Scouts of America, noted how many beach areas are "trashed." The camping areas would have to be policed somehow so that families that want to use them can do so without fear of the type of people who destroy property and spew garbage. A small campsite fee — say \$5 per night — and registration system might help keep problem people out and defray the cost of the camping program. Self-service pay stations like those used by the U.S. Forest Service in the mainland would be effective and inexpen-

The Gulf War has reduced the Guam Police Department force, so what they don't need is another patrol responsibility. But a few Department of Parks and Recreation employees, functioning as rangers, could check and service the sites regularly on rounds that should include surveillance of all Parks and Rec facilities.

Where should the campgrounds be? There are many potential sites. The mountains and hills of central Guam come to mind for inland camping. For shoreline camping, there is a stunning bit of government property adjacent to Urunao Beach in Northwest Guam, but there still is an access problem there.

The campgrounds needn't be elaborate. Fire rings and grills would be essential in controlling fire danger. Austere, vandal-resistant restrooms would be good, as would heave of the resistant restrooms would be good, as help campers cook and wash dishes would be good.

Campsites should be spacious and offer a measure of privacy, but an emphasis should be placed on preserving the natural vegetation as much as possible.

Once created, the camping areas could spawn hiking and nature trails, and even offer evening programs by naturalists, astronomers, historians or archaeologists.

We hope to see this bill come to fruition, and we hope that potential problems are anticipated and addressed.



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Director

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FEB 2 6 1991

The Honorable Elizabeth P. Arriola Chairperson, Committee on Youth Senior Citizens and Cultural Affairs Twenty-first Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Street Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Senator Arriola:

I am testifying on Bill No. 31, an Act to create public camp grounds and recreation sites for the use of the people.

Currently, there are no public facilities on Guam designed specifically for camping although camping is an activity that takes place in many of our parks. Demand for camping by our permits and reflected in the current <u>Guam Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan</u> is relative low. This plan does indicate a need for 30 campsites which is consistent with Bill No. 31.

We feel that several areas have potential as a campground to be developed for both group and family camping. These include Nimitz Beach, Agat; Tagachang Beach, Yona; and Tarzan Falls, Yona.

We would suggest changes in Bill NO. 31 in order to expedite creation of public camping facilities. This includes removing the requirement that a campground be at least ten hectors since this is an excessively large area for camping.

Therefore, with these changes, we recommend passage of Bill No. 31.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY C. MARIANO





February 26, 1991

Guam Girl Scout Inc.

Madame Chair & Members of the Committee:

P.O. Box 6607, Tamuning, Guam 96911 (671) 646-5652

I am Mary English and I am here today on behalf of the Guam Girl Scouts.

I have served as President of the Board of Directors of the Guam Girl Scouts for the past two years and am also a leader for Brownie Troop #9.

Bill #31 and establishment of campsites for youth groups is a concept we wholeheartedly endorse.

Girl scout camping is an experience open to Brownie Girl Scouts, Junior Girl Scouts, Cadette Girl Scouts and Senior Girl Scouts.

Camping experiences represent an important part of our program. Camping develops skills in troop government, cooking, fire and emergency procedures, first aid, awareness, and understanding of differing social, economic and ethnic backgrounds. Girls participate in the planning and preparation of the trip by determining menus, activities, rules for group living and on-site activities. They learn about appropriate clothing, bedding, footwear, packing, personal health care and ways to deal with changes in weather conditions.

In the past girl scout camping has been held at "Scout Beach" on Anderson Air Force Base. The facility has a tin roof pavillion with tables and benches, a flag pole and campfire area. The campsite has running water, three outdoor showers and two portable toilets. These facilities are well maintained and the toilet facilities are very clean. Scout Beach is located in a jungle area just off the beach. Trash is carried out and camp experiences include the teaching of appreciation for the environment and minimal impact to the physical site. Leader Camp-Qualified training has been taught there as well as girl scout troops using the facility for lone troop camping, group troop camping, family camping and day camping.

Presently, Anderson Air Force Base has severly curtailed camping to local (non-military) troops unless they can secure a sponsor who not only accepts responsiblity and acquires their passes, but must also accompany the troop for the entire camp experience. This will have little impact on those troops either lead by or made up of military dependants. This has however, severly hampered any local troop (troops meeting in non-military housing or off bases) from camping. Ultimately, I am not sure that this vital activity which contributes to the growth of Guam's young women should be dependent upon the military.

The camp experience gives each girl scout the opportunity to grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually in an outdoor environment. These activities can serve as a spring board for development in other areas. For these reasons we believe strongly in trying to provide the girls with camp experience.

Having a camping facility in the community will not only assist us in providing that experience to all girls scouts, but will enable us to provide the experience to more girls. Having a facility within the community will also open up the types of experiences possible. We can forsee day camps, summer camps, perhaps even camps of a week long duration. Camping sites located within the community and therefore with easy access to medical facilities, food supplies and security would make summer/vacation camping an experience available to many who might never have known what it is like to sleep under the stars.

We eagerly anticpate the possiblity of expanding the camp experience to reach more girl scouts.

The proposed bill in it's current form could be improved. We offer the following suggestions. As an all girl organization, we find that a majority of our troops do camp without men present. We are therefore very concerned that any facility used by girl scouts for day and overnight camping be secured and private, and while in use, be patrolled on a regular basis (at regular intervals) by law enforcement personnel. Male Co-Leaders and fathers do participate in a number of our troops, however, the majority of troops are lead by female volunteers and because of this, security and privacy are major concerns. We would like to see a gated/locked site with vegetation for privacy.

These concerns can be met with minimal impact to the environment. In fact, should these facitlities become a reality, it is our sincere hope that the site undergo a minimal environmental impact. With the exception of a Pavillion (which although serving as a lunch area, is more necessary for protection from rain) and a small cleared area for campfire building, toilet facilites and running water, we would prefer that as much natural vegetation be left as is. Our purposes would not be served by, nor would we want a facility which has been leveled and landscaped. Nor should such a facility necessarily be located near a beach. While providing them with lessons about the ocean, a beach brings inevitable questions about swimming and girl scout guidelines would require a certified lifeguard present for swimming. Most leaders would be unable to secure someone with those qualifications and therefore probably would be unable to use the beach for swimming.

Our safety guidelines require that a Red Cross Certified First Aider be in attendance at all times during camping. We are required to have a least one Leader/Adult per every 10 girls. Additionally, we would need one toilet facility for each 10 girls, we would therefore like to see 4/5 outdoor toilets to accomadate group troop camping. The closest law enforcement station/substation should be notified when campers are using the facility and regular, increased, patrolling can be initiated.

In closing, girl scouting is a program that instills values, develops self worth and strengthens the family unit and consequently the community. As future employers and employees, programs that help our young develop to their fullest potential needs the support of those who may have benefitted from these programs in the past, the support of those who plan for the future, the support of each and every one of us who has been a child, knows a child, or will have a child. They are our future, no job is more important than securing our future by investing in our young today. We hope you will help us do that job. Guam's future.

My sincere thanks for the opportunity to come before you today and I would be happy to answer any questions or help in any way I can.

Guam Girl Scouts, Inc.

Mary Soncion English President

Board of Directors

MY NAME IS THOMAS E. CRAMER JR. I AM THE STAFF EXECUTIVE OF THE CHAMORRO DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS WHICH FALLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ALOHA COUNCIL IN HAWAII.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN REGARDS TO BILL 31, WHICH IS BEING PROPOSED TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS.

FIRST AS THE EXECUTIVE OF THE SCOUTS I WOULD LIKE TO STATE FOR THE RECORDS THAT THE CHAMORRO DISTRICT SCOUTS DO NOT HAVE AN ESTABLISHED CAMP FACILITY THAT CAN BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE FOR OVERNIGHT OR LONG TERM CAMPING FOR OUR SCOUTS TO ATTEND HERE ON GUAM. FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN HERE WE HAVE HAD TO REQUEST THRU VARIOUS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS THE USE OF THEIR FACILITIES OR PROPERTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF OVERNIGHT CAMPING. THE MILITARY INSTALATIONS AT POLARIS POINT AND ANDERSON AIR FORCE BASE HAVE ALSO ALLOWED ACCESS TO SOME OF THEIR FACILITIES. THE PROBLEM OF ACCESS HAS ALWAYS BEING ON OUR AGENDA WHEN WE ARE LOOKING FOR CAMPSITES. THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH THE GULF WAR IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THE PROBLEM WITH ACCESS THOU WE FILL OUT THE PROPER DOCUMENTS FOR NON ID TO THE BASES. CARDHOLDERS TO AQUIRE BASES ACCESS DURING CAMPS SOMETHING USUALLY COMES UP. THE USUAL SITUATION IS THAT SOMEONE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE CAMP SUCH AS A PARENT OR UNIT COMMITTEE MEMBER BRING IN SUPPLIES THAT MAY HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN, OR LAST MINUTE PRESS COVERAGE. OR EVEN AN EMERGENCY THAT MAY REQUIRE THE SCOUT TO BE PICKED UP. CAN NOT GAIN ACCESS. THO THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN VERY OFFEN, AND THE MILITARY HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE BY ALLOWING THE SCOUTS TO USE THE LAND. WE NEED TO ESTABLISH FACILITIES THAT WE HAVE BETTER CONTROL OF.

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WITH THE RISING COST OF EVERTHING ESPECIALLY ENTERTAINMENT, CAMPING COULD FILL THAT GAP. THE COST OF CAMPING FOR A FAMILY IS NEGLIGABLE. FAMILY CAMPING PROMOTES AND BUILDS THE FAMILIY TIES THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT IN TODAYS SOCITITY. THE SKILLS THAT ARE LEARNED DURING A TYPICAL CAMPING WEEKEND TEACH OUR ISLANDS YOUTH HOW TO COPE WITH AND RESPOND TO REAL LIFE SITUATIONS AS THOSE THAT COME UP AFTER TYPHOONS WHEN THERE IS NO POWER, OR WHEN A PERSON HAS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION SUCH AS BEING LOST.

AS A PARENT AND ALSO THE EXECUTIVE OF THE BOY SCOUTS I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY NATURE AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MY FAMILY AND THE OTHER RESIDENTS OF GUAM TO ENJOY AND LEARN FROM THE OUTDOOR EXPIRIENCE. A LOT OF PLANNING AND MAINTANCE WILL GO INTO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CAMPING FACILITIES. RULES AND

REGUALATIONS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED UPKEEP AND GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE FACILITIES WILL NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED BEFORE THE FIRST CAMPERS SHOW UP. THE SCOUTING PROGRAM WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED AND HELP ASSIST IN WHAT EVER WAY IT CAN, EITHER IN THE PLANNING OR UPKEEP OF THE CAMPSITES. POSSIBLY BOY SCOUT UNITS COULD ADOPT VARIOUS CAMPSITES AND HELP DO PERIODIC MAINTANCE OR CLEANUP IN RETURN FOR BEING ALLOWED TO USE THE CAMP FOR A FEE WAIVER. OUR EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECTS ALREADY HELP THE VARIOUS AGENCIES BY DOING PAINTING, AND CLEANUP AND I AM SURE THEY WOULD ASSIST WITH THE NEW SITES ALSO.

NATURE WAS PUT HERE FOR A REASON A LONG TIME AGO, WE NEED TO TEACH OUR YOUTH WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER AND HOW TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE IT, BEFORE THE WHOLE WORLD TURNS INTO METAL AND CONCRETE.

IN CONCLUSION I WHOLE HEARTHEDLY ENDORE BILL 31, AND EXTEND MY HELP IN ANY WAY THAT I CAN. ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY VIEWS.

ALWAYS IN SCOUTING,

THOMAS E. CRAMER UR.
STAFF EXECUTIVE
SHAMORRO DISTRICT
ALOHA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

SCOUT OFFICE 649-0639 HOME 342-1150 I AM THOMAS CRAMER, SENIOR PATROL LEADER OF TROOP 41, SPONSORED BY THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS BUILDING IN AGANA. I AM HERE TO REPRESENT THE CHAMORRO DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

WE NEED A CAMPSITE TO FULLFILL THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF SCOUT ADVANCEMENT. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO LIGHT FIRES, SET UP TENTS AND OTHER TROOP CAMP GEAR, BUILD WOOD CRAFTS, AND OBSERVE NATURE. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BATHROOMS, PICNIC TABLES, TRASH CANS, CAMPFIRE RINGS, AND DRINKABLE WATER. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN ISOLATED AREA POSSIBLY NEXT TO A FRESH WATER STREAM, TREES FOR SHADE AND A CABANA TO HOLD MEETINGS DURING A RAINY DAY.

CURRENTLY WE DO NOT HAVE ANY FACILITIES THAT MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT BILL 31 BE PASSED SO THAT WE, THE BOY SCOUTS WILL HAVE A SAFE AND CLEAN CAMPSITE TO USE.

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Bill No. 31 (LS)

Introduced by:

E. P. Arriola Est

AN ACT TO CREATE PUBLIC CAMP GROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL SITES FOR THE USE OF THE PEOPLE.

- 2 Section 1. The Department of Parks and Recreation shall designate several suitable areas of
- 3 government land for the purpose of creating public camp grounds and public recreational areas. Each of
- 4 these places shall be of an area at least ten (10) hectares, with ready access for the public.
- 5 Section 2. One of these designated areas shall be for the purpose of camping and shall be made
- 6 available to non-profit organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts without charge. Other users
- 7 of the camp grounds may be charged a nominal fee in advance for the purpose of ensuring proper
- 8 maintenance. Uses of these camp grounds shall be responsible to keep them in such condition that other
- 9 members of the public can also enjoy the benefits of nature and natural resources.
- 10 Section 3. Another one of the designated areas shall be for the purpose of enjoying marine life and
- seaside recreation under the same conditions as Section 2.
- 12 Section 4. The Department of Parks and Recreation shall submit to the Legislature their
- 13 recommendations to carry out the establishment of these camp grounds and recreational areas, along with a
- 14 request for necessary funding to implement the projects. The facilities should include fresh water, toilet
- 15 accommodations and trash disposal.