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The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin
Speaker, Twenty-Second Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 281 which I have signed into law this date as
Public Law 22-67.

Sincerely yours,

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JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam


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Attachment

TWENTY-SECOND GUAM LEGISLATURE
1994 (SECOND) Regular Session


CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 281 (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND §1701 OF TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO ADD A YOUTH MEMBER TO THE COMMISSION ON SELF DETERMINATION; AND TO AMEND §7106 OF TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ON SESSIONS OF THE GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS," was on the 5th day of January, 1994, duly and regularly passed.




JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN
Speaker

Attested:



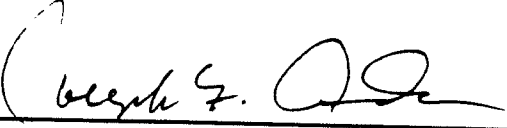
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Senator and Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 7th day of January
1994, at 4:30 o'clock p.M.



Theresa J. Duenas
Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:



JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

Date: JAN 18 1994

Public Law No. 22-67

TWENTY-SECOND GUAM LEGISLATURE
1993 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 281 (LS)

As amended and substituted by the
Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs
and as substituted by the Committee on Rules

Introduced by:

E. P. Arriola
F. E. Santos
P. C. Lujan
M. D. A. Manibusan
H. D. Dierking
T. S. Nelson
J. G. Bamba
A. C. Blaz
T. C. Ada
J. P. Aguon
M. Z. Bordallo
C. T. C. Gutierrez
V. C. Pangelinan
D. Parkinson
E. D. Reyes
J. T. San Agustin
D. L. G. Shimizu
D. F. Brooks
F. P. Camacho
T. V. C. Tanaka
A. R. Unpingco

AN ACT TO AMEND §1701 OF TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO ADD A YOUTH MEMBER TO THE COMMISSION ON SELF DETERMINATION; AND TO AMEND §7106 OF TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, ON SESSIONS OF THE GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:
2 Section 1. §1701 of Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, is amended to read:

1 **"§1701. Creation and membership.** There is established a
2 Commission on Self Determination for the people of Guam which
3 shall be composed of nine (9) members including the Chairperson.
4 The Governor shall serve as Chairperson of the Commission. Two
5 (2) members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor;
6 three (3) members of the Legislature, of which one (1) shall be a
7 member of and be selected by, the Legislature's minority, one (1)
8 member to be the Chairperson on Federal, Foreign and Legal
9 Affairs, and one (1) to be appointed by the Speaker, who may appoint
10 himself; one (1) member of the Mayors' Council shall be appointed by
11 the Mayors' Council; one (1) member to represent the judiciary to be
12 appointed by the Presiding Judge who may appoint himself; and one
13 (1) member to represent the youth of Guam to be appointed by the
14 Speaker of the Youth Congress from among the qualified members
15 of the Guam Youth Congress or he may appoint himself. The
16 Commission shall choose a vice-chairperson from among the
17 members of the Commission. No person shall be eligible to serve as
18 a member of the commission unless he or she shall be a citizen of the
19 United States qualified to vote on Guam. Members shall serve so
20 long as they retain the positions they occupy or are members of the
21 groups they represent when appointed. The term of any non-elected
22 appointee appointed by the Governor shall expire with the term of
23 the appointing authority. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled
24 in the same manner as the original appointment."

25 **Section 2.** §7106 of Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby amended
26 to read:

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“§7106. Sessions. Regular sessions of the Congress shall be held each third Saturday of the month exclusive of holidays, commencing the third Saturday in October, and shall continue for two (2) calendar years. Sessions shall be held in the legislative chamber of the Guam Legislature.”

TWENTY-SECOND GUAM LEGISLATURE

1994 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: 1-5-94

VOTING SHEET (AS REVISED)

Bill No. 281
 Resolution No. _____
 Question: _____

NAME	AYE	NO	NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED	ABSENT/ OUT DURING ROLL CALL
ADA, Thomas C.	✓			
AGUON, John P.	✓			
ARRIOLA, Elizabeth P.	✓			
BAMBA, J. George	✓			
BLAZ, Anthony C.	✓			
BORDALLO, Madeleine Z.	✓			
BROOKS, Doris F.	✓			
CAMACHO, Felix P.	✓			
DIERKING, Herminia D.	✓			
GUTIERREZ, Carl T. C.	✓			
LUJAN, Pilar C.	✓			
MANIBUSAN, Marilyn D. A.	✓			
NELSON, Ted S.	✓			
PANGELINAN, Vicente C.	✓			
PARKINSON, Don	✓			
REYES, Edward D.	✓			
SAN AGUSTIN, Joe T.	✓			
SANTOS, Francis E.	✓			
SHIMIZU, David L. G.	✓			
TANAKA, Thomas V. C.	✓			
UNPINGCO, Antonio R.	✓			

TOTAL 21 _____

Committee on

FEDERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Twenty Second Guam Legislature

Senator Francis E. Santos, Chairman

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December 15, 1993

The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin
Speaker
22nd Guam Legislature
Agana, Guam

Dear Mr. Speaker,

The Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs, to which was referred **Bill No. 281, An Act to amend Section 1701, I GCA Chap. 17, relative to the composition of the Commission on Self-Determination**, has had the same under consideration and herewith submits its Committee Report with a recommendation TO PASS as amended and substituted.

Votes of the Committee members are as follows:

TO PASS	<u> -13-</u>
NOT TO PASS	<u> -0-</u>
ABSTAIN	<u> -0-</u>
TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE	<u> -0-</u>

Sincerely yours,

F.E. Santos

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Committee Report

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Bill No. 281

An Act to amend section 1701, I GCA Chapter 17,
relative to the composition of the Commission
on Self-Determination

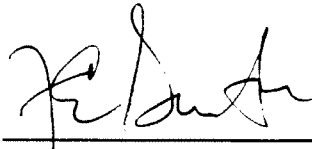
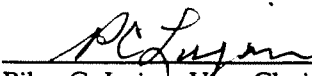
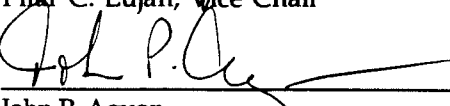

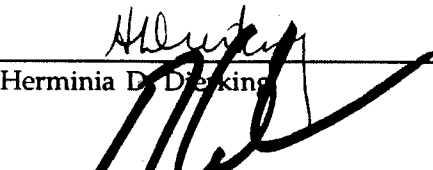
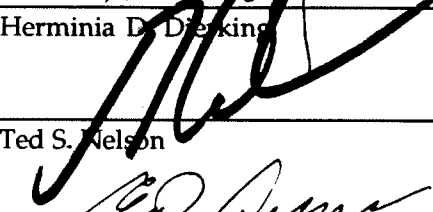
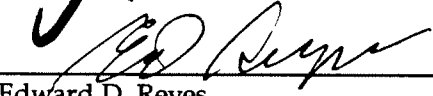
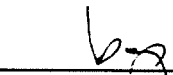


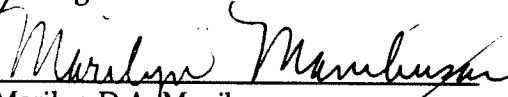
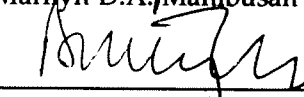
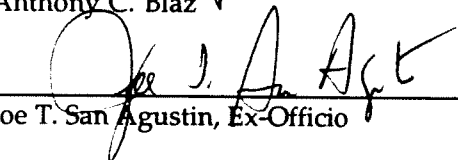
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Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs

22nd Guam Legislature

Vote Sheet

On Bill No. 281: An Act to amend Section 1701 of I GCA Chapter 17 relative to the composition of the Commission on Self-Determination

Name	To Pass	Not to Pass	Abstain	To Place in Inactive File
 Francis E. Santos, Chairman	✓			
 Pilar C. Lujan, Vice Chair	✓			
 John P. Aguon	✓			
 Elizabeth P. Arriola	✓			
 Herminia D. De la Cruz	✓			
 Ted S. Nelson	✓			
 Edward D. Reyes	✓			
 Vicente C. Pangelinan	✓			
 Thomas C. Ada	✓			
 J. George Bamba	✓			
 Marilyn D.A. Manibusan	✓			
 Anthony C. Blaz	✓			
 Joe T. San Agustin, Ex-Officio	✓			

Committee Report

on

Bill No. 281

An Act to amend section 1701, I GCA Chapter 17,
relative to the composition of the Commission
on Self-Determination

December 14, 1993

TWENTY-SECOND GUAM LEGISLATURE
1993 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 281

As amended and substituted by the
Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs

Introduced by:

E. P. Arriola

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1701 OF 1 GCA
RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE
COMMISSION ON SELF DETERMINATION.

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

3 Section 1. (a) Section 1701 of 1 GCA is amended to read.

4 "§1701. There is established a Commission on Self Determination
5 for the people of Guam which shall be composed of [eight (8)] nine (9)
6 members including the Chairperson. The Governor shall serve as
7 Chairperson of the Commission. Two (2) members of the Commission
8 shall be appointed by the Governor; three (3) members of the Legislature,
9 of which one (1) shall be a member of and selected by, the Legislature's
10 minority, one (1) member to be the Chairperson on Federal, Foreign and
11 Legal Affairs and one (1) to be appointed by the commissioner's council;

1 [and] one (1) member to represent the judiciary to be appointed by the
2 Presiding Judge who may appoint himself [.] and the Speaker of the Youth
3 Congress who may appoint a designee from among the qualified members
4 of the Guam Youth Congress. The Commission shall choose a vice-
5 chairperson from among the members of the Commission. No person
6 shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Commission unless he or she
7 shall be a citizen of the United States qualified to vote on Guam. Members
8 shall serve so long as they retain the positions they occupy or are members
9 of the groups they represent when appointed. The term of any non-elected
10 appointee appointed by the Governor shall expire with the term of the
11 appointing authority. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled in the
12 same manner as the original appointment."

13 Section 2. §7106 of 2 GCA Chapter 7, is hereby amended to read:

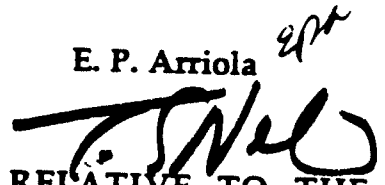
14 "§7106. Sessions. Regular sessions of the Congress shall be held
15 each third Saturday of the [year] month exclusive of holidays,
16 commencing the third Saturday in October, and shall continue for [~~one~~(1)]
17 two (2) calendar year. Sessions shall be held in the legislation chamber of
18 the Guam Legislature

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TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE
1993 (FIRST) Regular Session

FEB 26 '93

Bill No. 281(LS)
Introduced by:

E. P. Arriola *epa*



AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1701 OF 1 GCA RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION ON SELF DETERMINATION.

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

2 Section 1. (a) Section 1701 of 1 GCA is amended to read:

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4 for the people of Guam which shall be composed of [eight (8)] nine (9) members
5 including the Chairperson. The Governor shall serve as Chairperson of the
6 Commission. Two (2) members of the Commission shall be appointed by the
7 Governor; three (3) members of the Legislature, of which one (1) shall be a member
8 of and selected by, the Legislature's minority, one (1) member to be the Chairperson
9 on Federal, Foreign and Legal Affairs and one (1) to be appointed by the
10 commissioner's council; [and] one (1) member to represent the judiciary to be
11 appointed by the Presiding Judge who may appoint himself [.] and the Speaker of
12 the Youth Congress. The Commission shall choose a vice-chairperson from among
13 the members of the Commission. No person shall be eligible to serve as a member
14 of the Commission unless he or she shall be a citizen of the United States qualified
15 to vote on Guam [.] provided, however, that such qualification may not be
16 applicable to the speaker of the Youth Congress. Members shall serve so long as they
17 retain the positions they occupy or are members of the groups they represent when
18 appointed. The term of any non-elected appointee appointed by the Governor shall
19 expire with the term of the appointing authority. Vacancies in the membership
20 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment."

Committee Findings

- The Committee finds and recognizes that the passage and implementation of the Guam Commonwealth Act will have its greatest impact on the youth of Guam as they become the adults of the community.
- The Committee finds and recognizes that the youth of Guam have exhibited and shown a level of maturity and interest in the political, economic and social future of Guam that deserves recognition and nurturing through active participation in those forums, boards and commissions which affect the future of Guam.
- The Committee finds and recognizes that the youth of Guam have made beneficial contributions to Guam's Commonwealth efforts in various forums:
 1. during the Congressional public hearings in December 1989 in Honolulu, members of the Youth Congress provided moving testimony for the Congressional Record. Their testimony was noted as inspirational and helpful by The Honorable Ron deLugo, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on International and Insular Affairs.
 2. during the National Conference on the Territories in Washington, D.C., February, 1993, members of the Youth Congress attended several of the sessions and provided input to various participants of the Conference. Participants in the Conference noted the astuteness of the youth attendees from Guam;

3. in various forums on Guam, the youth of Guam, and in particular, members of the Youth Congress have participated to promote and support Guam's Commonwealth effort.

- The Committee finds and recognizes that the inclusion of the Speaker of the Guam Youth Congress or his designee as a full member of the Commission on Self-Determination would not result in any adverse impact on the ability of the CSD to accomplish its mandated objectives.
- The Committee finds and recognizes that providing for the membership of a representative of the Youth Congress on the CSD may, in fact, provide input from the most affected sector of the community which will be beneficial to the preparation of the people of Guam for the final resolution of the political status question.
- The Committee finds and recognizes that encouraging active participation in the affairs of the community among the youth of Guam will result in a community more educated, interested and capable of addressing the political, economic and social issues which will surface in the future and will result in a more effective handling of the disinterest in the youth of the community to this most important political process.
- *The Committee finds and recognizes that, despite the fact that members of the Youth Congress may be elected who are not eligible to vote by virtue of their age, the existing law requiring that members of the CSD be qualified voters of Guam should not be amended to provide for membership for the*

Speaker of the Youth Congress or his/her designee who is not an eligible voter of Guam. The Committee finds that the importance of this provision of the existing mandate should not be compromised in any manner, mean or form in that the ultimate resolution of the political status question will again be placed on the ballot for the voters of Guam to decide.

- The Committee finds and recognizes that the term of office for the Youth Congress, one year, creates a problem of continuity for the Commission on Self-Determination., as well as, the other boards and commissions to which Youth Congress members have been admitted by PL 22-49. The Committee finds that the most effective way to insure continuity on the CSD, as well as, the other boards and commissions, is to increase the term of the Youth Congress from its present one year term to two year terms, in line and the same as the Guam Legislature. An added benefit to this provision will be the reduction of the cost of election for the Youth Congress.

Committee Recommendations

- The Committee recommends the passage of Bill No. 281 with the following amendments and provisions:
 1. deletion of the suggested amendment to §1701 of 1 GCA to exempt the representative of the Youth Congress to the CSD from the requirement that members of the CSD be eligible voters of Guam.;
 2. add to the proposed language a provision that the Speaker of the Youth Congress may appoint a representative who will serve as his designee and representative of the Youth Congress;
 3. add a new Section 2 amending the law establishing the Youth Congress to change the present one year term of said Congress to two year terms for the purpose of providing continuity within the CSD and provide that the new two year term will become effective with the next election of the Youth Congress.

Public Hearing

The Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs scheduled and conducted a public hearing on Bill No. 281 on Monday, November 22, 1993, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Present at the hearing were the following:

- Senator Francis E. Santos, Chairman
- Senator Pilar C. Lujan, Vice Chairperson
- Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola
- Senator Thomas C. Ada
- Senator Ben C. Pangelinan
- Senator Ted S. Nelson
- Senator Marilyn C. Manibusan
- Senator Anthony C. Blaz
- Senator J. George Bamba

Individuals appearing to provide public testimony on Bill No. 281 were:

- Mr. Rory Respicio, Speaker, 19th Guam Youth Congress
- Mr. Joshua Tenorio, former Speaker, Guam Youth Congress, UOG Political Science Student

The two individuals submitted written testimony which are appended to this report. After listening to the two individuals, the Chairman deferred initial questioning to the main sponsor of the legislation, Senator Arriola.

Senator Arriola thanked the individuals for appearing before the Committee and for their testimony. She noted that it was her intent in introducing the legislation to have greater youth participation in the government processes which will substantially affect their lives when they

begin raising families of their own. Senator Arriola also noted that this legislation was also introduced in the Twentieth and Twenty First and was publicly heard in the Twenty First. The sponsor noted that perhaps the legislation could get adopted in the Twenty Second.

Senator Pilar C. Lujan noted that as a member of the Commission on Self-Determination she was most interested in the legislation and had concerns over certain issues:

1. The issue of qualification: the CSD's enabling legislation contained provisions which require that all members be eligible voters of Guam which means that all members had to be 18 years of age or older while the law creating the Youth Congress provided for YC membership to individuals as young as 14 years.

The two members of the Youth Congress noted that Bill 281 was written to waive the voting requirement for the Youth Congress member but that the Youth Congress would not be adverse to the requirement that its representative to the CSD be an eligible voter of Guam.

2. The issue of continuity: in accordance with the enabling legislation, the members of the Guam Youth Congress presently serve one year terms. There has always been a concern that the individual appointed would have the time to learn about the complex problems confronting Guam's Commonwealth Act only to have his/her term come to an end. The members of the CSD have noted this in discussions on legislation previously introduced for this purpose.

The two members of the Youth Congress noted that they understood about the problem of continuity but that the only way this could be resolved was to change the law to change the term of the Youth Congress from one year to two years.

In closing her remarks, Senator Lujan asked the chief sponsor to be made one of the chief co-sponsors of the measure.

Senator Marilyn DA Manibusan noted that she was in full support of the legislation and the amendments necessary to make it work. She asked the primary sponsor to be made a chief co-sponsor of the measure.

Senator Ted S. Nelson noted that he supported giving active participation to the youth of Guam in all matters related to the government.

Senator Anthony C. Blaz noted that as a young Senator he welcomes the participation of the youth of Guam in matters of government, particularly, in matters of government which would affect the youth and their families when they take over the leadership of the island.

Testimony on Bill No. 281

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1701 OF 1 GCA RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION ON SELF DETERMINATION. *Introduced by: Senator Elizabeth P. Arriola.*

provided by:

Rory Respicio
Speaker, 19th Guam Youth Congress

Good morning Honorable Chairman and members of your Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs. I am Rory Respicio, a political science student at the University of Guam, and Speaker of the 19th Guam Youth Congress. Before I offer testimony on Bill 281, I first convey my gratitude for your Committee's decision to hear this bill publicly. I also congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, on your appointment to serve as Chairman of this very significant and important legislative standing committee.

Bill 281 seeks to place a youth member on the Commission on Self Determination. This youth member will represent the voices and concerns of young people. The youth of Guam, consequently, is composed of a sizable number... a sizable group of people which is not represented in the Commission on Self Determination, this same Commission which is tasked to undertake Guam's desires for self government. Can we truly say that the current composition of the Commission on Self Determination is indeed representative of Guam's youth?

Mr. Chairman, the foundation of democracy and the meaningful phrase of "government derives its consent from the governed", provides that government is tailored to meet the needs of its constituents, and policies are developed by representatives of the people. With this in mind, and being that Commonwealth will affect the youth more than any other group of this territory, doesn't it seem appropriate to place a representative of the youth on this commission, so we can say without reservation that Guam's quest for Commonwealth has been well represented by all ages, inclusive of the young people whose lives Commonwealth seeks to enhance!

In reviewing the proposed legislation, I share your concern of continuity. At this time, I wish to offer suggestions which may address and hopefully alleviate your concern:

On line 11, replace the underlined language to read: "and one (1) member to represent the youth of the territory of Guam to be appointed by the Speaker of the Youth Congress, who may appoint him or herself. "

Also on line 15, replace the underlined language to read: "provided, however, that such qualification may not be applicable to the Speaker of the Youth Congress or the Youth Speaker's designee."

And, in order to ensure continuity, a new sentence to line 17, after the word appointed, be added to read: "The Speaker of the Youth Congress or his designee, however, shall serve a term of two (2) years."

Mr. Chairman, I want to assure you that the Youth Congress is committed to educating our peers on the issue of Commonwealth and what this change in political status and the goal of self government mean for us. In fact, the 15th Guam Youth Congress held a commonwealth conference, and I plan to uphold my commitment to having another educational and informational type of activity, as well. The Youth Congress has passed resolutions endorsing Commonwealth for Guam, thus fulfilling our commitment and expressing our in depth understanding of the issue.

I thank you for your time and patience, and I trust that your committee will report this bill to the full legislature on the next legislative session to pass. I also trust that the recommendations made herein will be taken into account.

Thank you, Si Yu'os Ma'ase,


RORY RESPICIO

Public Hearing on Bill# 281
Public Hearing Room, Guam Legislature
November 22, 1993
Testimony of Joshua F. Tenorio

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee on Federal & Foreign Affairs. My name is Joshua Franquez Tenorio. In addition to being a former Speaker of the Guam Youth Congress, I am a resident of the village of Sinajana, a registered voter, and a student of Political Science & History at the University of Guam. More importantly, I symbolize the immediate future of our beloved island.

I am here to testify in favor bill 281 . A measure that if passed, would increase the membership of the Commission on Self-Determination by one. It would enable the Youth of the island, which comprise a sizable percentage of the population, representation on the Commission via the Speaker of the Guam Youth Congress or his designee. This is the second time that a proposed piece of legislation has been introduced on behalf of the Youth Congress. This is also the second time that a public hearing was held regarding this matter.

The current composition of the Commission on Self-Determination is far from reflective of the island's largest minority group--the youth. For many years they have been denied the opportunity of representation on this very important Commission. For years the Youth Congress have been unsuccessfully trying to secure a seat on this Commission.

One might ask, Why the Guam Youth Congress, and more importantly the Youth of Guam would want a seat on the Commission

on Self-Determination. The answer to this question is very simple. We, the youth of the territory are going to be the main recipients of Commonwealth and its impact. We want to be involved now! We want to assure that the future of this territory will be protected and preserved. The only way that this is possible, is if we, the Youth of the Territory, have a voice in the Commission.

The Guam Youth Congress, as a legislative body has always and will continue to be one of the strongest supporters of the Guam Commonwealth Act. In 1989, in a government building in downtown Honolulu, where the first Congressional Hearings on the proposed Commonwealth Act were held, the Youth Congress presented what historically is perceived, as one of the strongest, motivating and energizing testimonies to date. Our commitment and seriousness to this issue is unquestionable.

At that hearing, the conception of the idea to include the Guam Youth Congress, in the Commission on Self-Determination occurred. Congressman Eni Faleomavega, from American Samoa, planted that seed during the testimony. The matter kept life outside the Guam Youth Congress through a myriad of supporters. Senators Bordallo, Arriola, Manibusan and Gutierrez to name a few have been vigorous in their support for this seat. Even, Congressman Ben Blaz, during his term as our Delegate, strongly challenged this Legislature to act on this representation.

Mr. Chairman, if this bill is denied passage, the Guam Legislature is sending a signal out to the Youth of the territory. The signal is simple, we are clearly not wanted.

This inaction would give hard evidence to a message that Speaker Michael Weakley of the Eighteenth Guam Youth Congress gave at the inauguration of the Nineteenth Guam Youth Congress just this past weekend. He said that at certain times, the youth of the territory are expected to act mature and grown-up. But when an opportunity arises to let a member of the Youth community take a leadership role in major events, they are told that they are too young. It is no wonder that many of the youth of today are troubled and highly challenged. They are not trusted, respected or encouraged.

Mr. Chairman, at the inauguration of the Nineteenth Guam Youth Congress, you challenged the Youth Congress to become the leaders of today. Please allow us to do so. Please allow us to prove to the island, that we are worthy of this important role. Please take the leadership that you have attained, and secure passage both within this committee and in next session. Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

Committee on
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Bill No. 281
Witness Sign Up Sheet

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TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE
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Bill No. 281 (LS)
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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1701 OF 1 GCA RELATIVE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION ON SELF DETERMINATION.

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

2 Section 1. (a) Section 1701 of 1 GCA is amended to read:

3 "§1701. There is established a Commission on Self Determination
4 for the people of Guam which shall be composed of [eight (8)] nine (9) members
5 including the Chairperson. The Governor shall serve as Chairperson of the
6 Commission. Two (2) members of the Commission shall be appointed by the
7 Governor; three (3) members of the Legislature, of which one (1) shall be a member
8 of and selected by, the Legislature's minority, one (1) member to be the Chairperson
9 on Federal, Foreign and Legal Affairs and one (1) to be appointed by the
10 commissioner's council; [and] one (1) member to represent the judiciary to be
11 appointed by the Presiding Judge who may appoint himself [.] and the Speaker of
12 the Youth Congress. The Commission shall choose a vice-chairperson from among
13 the members of the Commission. No person shall be eligible to serve as a member
14 of the Commission unless he or she shall be a citizen of the United States qualified
15 to vote on Guam [.] provided, however, that such qualification may not be
16 applicable to the speaker of the Youth Congress. Members shall serve so long as they
17 retain the positions they occupy or are members of the groups they represent when
18 appointed. The term of any non-elected appointee appointed by the Governor shall
19 expire with the term of the appointing authority. Vacancies in the membership
20 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment."