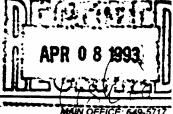
Educating social workers at our local institution has several definite advantages to the Guam community. First, students would receive a background of information pertinent to the population of Guam which is broadly diverse, and has groups with distinctly different values and needs. Since Social Workers endeavor to help prevent and resolve problems of people it is essential to understand the cultural values of the people they serve. Social Workers who understand the client's culture will be more effective in helping them. As Social Workers are trained to provide social services, the awareness of diverse needs develops, and must then be addressed with cultural sensitivity. For example, an individual from Chuuk who has recently arrived on Guam might be less likely to say to a stranger that he does not understand instructions on filling out a form than a person raised in California or in Dededo. The traditions of some cultures do not encourage members to advocate for themselves as individuals, and if these groups are to be provided services it is incumbent upon the Social Worker to be aware of, and adapt to the client. Second, Social Workers educated on Guam are more likely to remain on Guam. We presently have young people leaving to be educated and remaining off-island, creating a "brain drain". Third, the establishment of Bachelors and Masters Degree in Social Work Program would result in a contingent of Social Workers who are permanent residents of Guam, rather than having to depend upon a revolving group of contract employees as some GovGuam agencies presently rely on. There are many benefits to having experienced long term employees to staff our social service agencies.

As the needs of the people of Guam have become more demanding, more private and public social services agencies are established to meet these needs. Concurrently, the expectations of these agencies have increased. An example is what we have experienced at Guam Memorial Hospital. At first our hospital gave only basic medical care to primarily Chamorro people of Guam; at that time we saw no need for such a thing as a "social worker". Today, Guam Memorial has come a long ways in the delivery of health care. Our services include general acute, long-term and ambulatory care with a host of professional diagnostic, therapeutic and other specialty services. With these advancements we are experiencing a greatly increased and diverse patient population. Thus, the need for not only more but competently trained social work professionals.

Social Workers are the helpers of our people. They help the patients at the hospital, they help the youths in the schools, they counsel those who are abused or troubled by addictions. Social Workers have proven that they can improve the lives of our people through various professional social work interventions. An investment in the Social Workers of Guam is an investment in the future of Guam. On behalf of the Authority, I respectfully request the Committee's endorsement of this Bill and passage by the Legislature.





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The Honorable Senator Madeleine Z. Bordallo Chairperson, Committee on Education Twenty-second Guam Legislature Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Senator Bordallo:

Re: Bill No. 353

The purpose of Bill No. 353 is to establish a Social Work program at the University of Guam with ten (10) scholarships for different levels of Social Work degree, and to provide funding for the program.

Being an agency that utilizes social workers makes us aware of the acute shortage of personnel in the various social work field. We are thankful to the author of the bill in recognizing employees in the private sector to be potential recipients of a scholarship. This is a unique way of assisting the private sector in their quest to upgrade the quality of employees, for after all, we deliver services to the people of Guam and they deserve the best that we can give them.

The good points of the bill are:

- Recognizes the need for more social workers due to the social upheavel experienced by many families, some attributable to the decline of the strong family support system;
- 2. Recognizes the manpower shortage in the field of social work and psychology;
- 3. Provides ten (10) scholarships in the area of social work in order to encourage those interested in this field of work to pursue it; and
- 4. Provides an initial appropriation to the program to begin Fiscal Year '94/95.





The concerns which we would raise and needs to be looked into are:

- 1. The availability of a scholarship to those unemployed may encourage a person to become unemployed (resign from their present employment) in order to qualify for that slot. The bill or the panel may need to define what is unemployed.
- 2. For those in both the bachelors and the masters programs, a realistic time frame may have to be set for the completion of the degree.
- 3. The panel and University of Guam should also be given more authority to collect the funds should the awardee fail to finish the program. Those monies should be identified and another awardee identified to be the recipient.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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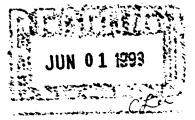


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May 26, 1993

Senater Madeleine Bordallo Chairperson, Committee on Education 22nd Guam Legislature Agana, GU 96910



Re: Bill 353: Social Work Scholarship/Masters Program

Dear Senator Bordallo:

We have become increasingly aware of the myriad of social problems confronting the community in recent years. At the same time, we continue to attempt to deal with these issues, given our limited personnel resources at present.

These social issues, obviously, cannot be addressed by only one segment of the community, or one group of professionals. However, it is the group of professionals called social workers, or human service providers, that assume the bulk of these responsibilities in their community-based settings. Therefore, it is appropriate that the government and the community support efforts to enhance the number of professional social workers on island.

The Archdiocese of Agana has been providing human services to the community for many years through our agencies of Catholic Social Services—Homemaker Services, Meals Program, San Jose Homeless Program, ALEE Spouse Abuse Shelter and Child Abuse Shelter, etc.—Guma San Francisco, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, St. Dominics Senior Care Home, and the offices of Family and Youth Ministry. We, too, are painfully aware of our limited "manpower" resources, and we, too, can utilize additional trained personnel.

We are, hereby, submitting testimony IN SUPPORT of Bill 353 in its intent. We are especially pleased that the benefits of the bill will include the private sector, where many service providers are employed. We, in the Archdiocese of Agana, welcome such a bill and hope that it will be enacted into law in the near future.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony.

Sincerely yours,

Most Rev. Anthony Sablah Apuron, OFICap., D.D.

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Senator Madeleine Bordallo Chairperson, Committee on Education 22nd Guam Legislature Agana, GU 96910

Re: Bill 353: Social Work Scholarship and Masters Program at UOG

Dear Senator Bordallo:

As a professionally trained social worker and a private citizen, I would like to present testimony IN SUPPORT of Bill 353.

Although I am currently employed in the private sector, I have had over twelve years of employment with Government of Guam and have first-hand knowledge of the critical need for social workers in the various agencies, both public and private.

While the current Bachelor of Social Work program at the University of Guam has provided trained social workers at the entry level in recent years, there is a definite need for more advanced training in the human service arena. It is often the social worker, or human service provider, that is tasked with the responsibility of dealing with our increasing and often recurring social problems on island. Yet, the opportunities for professional training, and commensurate salaries, are not readily available to these workers. Thus, human service agencies continue to be understaffed and underpaid, an injustice that merits the community's attention.

I am in agreement with the overall intent of Bill 353, and I am confident that its passage will have a positive effect on our present and future social workers and their clientele.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my views on this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

A Janie Pargalina

Sr. Trinie Pangelinan, ACSW Director of Family & Youth Ministry



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Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo Chairperson, Committee on Education Twenty-Second Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Street Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Senator Bordallo:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony or comments relative to Bill No. 353, an "Act to establish a social work education scholarship program, and to establish and confer a masters of social work degree program at the University of Guam, and to cite the Act as the Programan Ayudu Para Y Ayudante."

As you may know, in December of 1991, Guam hosted the South Pacific Commission's Fifth Regional Conference of Pacific Women. At this conference, each member country, including Guam, identified critical health issues relative to their respective country. These country action plans were then adopted by the official delegates at the last plenary session of the conference. Item 1.C. of Guam's Action Plan specifically states, "Amend professional/technical award scholarships/student loan programs to list health care professionals as the top priority." It is for this reason that I am here today, on behalf of the Bureau of Women's Affairs, to testify in support of the intent of Bill No. 353.

However, we would like to make the following recommendations for your Committee's consideration.

- 1. That the proposed scholarship program be incorporated into existing financial assistance programs, such as the In-Service Training Program, Pro-Tech Scholarship Program, and the WHO Fellowship Program, to name a few.
- 2. That more emphasis be placed on the number of scholarships for advanced degrees in social work. It is our understanding that Government of Guam agencies are currently finding it necessary to recruit social workers from off-island, particularly for higher level technical positions with advanced



degrees. While these "recruited personnel" may certainly have the required advanced degrees, it would take them time to learn and understand our "island" societal system. We believe that it would be to our advantage to develop our local people to fill these positions.

3. That upon attainment of the applicant's degree through the participation in this program, the applicant shall provide services to Guam for a period of time equal to the period of enrollment under this program.

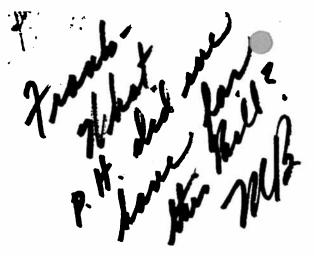
We commend Senator Dierking and this Committee for your commitment to the development of our local people by providing the opportunities and resources through programs such as this.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

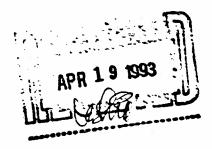
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April 16, 1993

The Honorable Madeline Z. Bordallo Senator Chairperson Committee on Education Twenty-Second Guam Legislature Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Senator Bordallo:

Enclosed, please find written testimony in support of Bill No. 353, "An act to establish a social work education scholarship program; and to establish and confer a Masters of Social Work degree program at the University of Guam, and to cite the Act as the Programan Adyuda Para Y Ayudante." Senator Dierking personally invited me to attend the hearing scheduled on April 7, 1993, regretably I was unable to attend due to a prior engagement, however, I have prepared comments on this measure.

In light of the increasing social problems in the Territory, coupled with the limited supply of social workers available to effectively address these problems, Bill 353 is a long-awaited measure. I urge the Legislature to act favorably and expeditiously on this matter.

Best regards,

PETER S. CALVO

DIRECTOR

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL NO. 353

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND TO ESTABLISH AND CONFER A MASTERS OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, AND TO CITE THE ACT AS THE PROGRAMAN AYUDA PARA Y AYUDANTE."

The scholarship program proposed for educational opportunities in social work is urgently needed in the Territory. This is quite obvious with the steady increase in juvenile delinquency, chronic truancy, and frighteningly high dropout rates, not to mention the soaring cases of alcohol and drug abuse, child sexual molestation/abuse and family violence. Social problems are on the rise in the Territory and it is incumbent upon us to explore avenues for resolving, or minimizing, the causes.

The current supply of social workers on the island is not sufficient to address the problems we are facing in the community. Most social workers employed in the government are already associated with specific human service programs and carry a burdensome caseload of clients. These are highly critical positions and individuals holding such positions play an important role in fielding social problems. Opportunities to increase the supply of social workers to meet the demands of the community must be made available inorder to take the first step in effectively addressing social issues. Furthermore, the current numbers of social workers must be given an opportunity to enhance their education and training in an effort to acquire the specialized skills, knowledge, and expertise to help our people. By providing this opportunity, we assure our people that their welfare and well-being is a major concern of public officials, and the community as a whole.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this much needed, long-awaited measure. I urge all members of this Committee, and the Legislature as a whole, to favorably consider passage of this legislation.

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Dear Senator Dierking:

22nd Guam Legislature

155 Hesler Street Agana, GU 96910

Senator Herminia Dierking Chairperson, Committee on Rules

This is to acknowledge our support of a Masters of Social Work program at the University of Guam.

I remember that even as late as 1967 that only a few local people had college degrees in social work and the bulk of social workers then were college graduates with social science backgrounds and some were even allowed in the profession who did not have college degrees.

So Guam has moved a long way from its initial beginning. However, the need for the provision of a variety of social work services in many different settings has grown tremendously as well as the types and nature of social problems and individual problems encountered by people.

So with that in mind and the fact that we have since then developed a cadre of grained and highly educated and experienced professionals in this particular discipline, it seems appropriate that the University of Guam may be ready to have a master program in Social Work if the numbers are there to support the need for such a program. I think we do have available potential social work professors to be able to harness expertise in many areas.

In closing, we appreciate your initiative in recommending the establishment of the above program; and we welcome the opportunity to have offered testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,

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May 19, 1993 VIA FAX

Senator Herminia D. Dierking Chairperson, Committee on Rules 22nd Guam Legislature 155 Healer Street Agana, Guam 96910

RE: Request for Testimony on Bill 353, Social Work Scholarship and
Establishment of Masters of Social Work Program at University of Guam

Dear Senator Dierking:

Thank you for your request for testimony on the above-noted Bill. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this important hearing due to a schedule conflict. However, I do have some comment to make.

Certainly the establishment of a Social Work Scholarship and establishment of a Masters Program in Social Work will be greatly beneficial to all Guam residents. We at Guam Legal Services employ a social worker who is a graduate of the present social work program at the University of Guam. Her training has provided us with invaluable assaistance in meeting the needs of our clients. We are fortunate to have her on board; my understanding is that there is a chronic shortage of trained social workers on Guam. A scholarship for needy students in this area would make a direct contribution to the besterment of our community.

It would also be of benefit to the community of Guam to establish a Master's Program in Social Work. The fact that social workers who wish to further their education must leave the island to do so, exacerbates the continuing shortage of trained workers. There is also the added threat that a state-side trained social worker may not return to Guam to share his or her knowledge and expertise with our local community.

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Funding a social work scholarship and establishing a Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Guam is a valuable investment in our people and our future.

Thank you for requesting testimony from us. I hope you will consider the above remarks in your quest for information.

Sincerely, Awan alwarne

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The Honorable Herminia D. Dierking Chairperson. Committee on Rules 22nd Guam Legislature 155 Healer, St. Agans, Guam. 96910

Dear Senator Dierking

The Department of Labor wishes to submit the following testimony on BILL NO. 353 - AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: AND TO ESTABLISH AND CONFER A MASTERS OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, AND TO CITE THE ACT AS THE PROGRAMAN AYUDU PARA Y AYUDANTE:

While the Department of Labor supports the intent of Bill 353, we recommend that SECTION 4. OUNLIFICATIONS. (a) be amended to include permanent resident aliens. In its present form, the bill appears highly restrictive to United States Chizens only.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Bill 353, and should you need additional information. please feel free to call me or Rod Arndt, Public Information Officer, at 647-4125

Sincerely.

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Director (Acting)



Commonwealth Now:

May 20, 1993

To:

Senator Herminia Dirking 22nd Guam Legislature

Agana, Guam

Subject:

Public Hearing, May 26, 1993

Bill 353 (Establishment of MSW at UOG)

Dear Senator Dirking:

To often the decision to pursue a Master in Social Work rest upon the mind boggling decision to relocate off island. Literally moving thousands of miles from friends, relatives, and family members that serve as an on going net work of emotionally and often financial support.

As a two year program, the MSW applicant has to say good-bye to the close family ties that most of our Chamorro families still uphold today. Two years is perhaps a small investment compared to the personal enrichment, professional and knowledge obtained. These are indeed wonderful gifts to return with and offer the people of Guam. Yet, it is also a high price to pay when compared to time spent away from elder parents and siblings. With this in mind, the MSW applicant often changes his mind and suppresses the desire to better serve his island home community.

For those that chose to pursue their degree, the challenges of virtually surviving in a new community become an everyday issue. Availability of affordable housing hopefully near the campus is more than a dream, it is a necessity. Reliable transportation to and from classes is also a concern.

We are fortunate that we have recognized the importance of "family," and the vital role Social Services plays on our island. However, to often are resources lay thousands of miles away from the people who need them most. In 1981 the University of Guam implemented the Bachelors of Social Work program and the results has been very positive. Now, we are challenged to better this field of study by implementing a MSW program. Like many other places, Guam cannot afford to leave this challenge unmet. It is a vital step in preserving the "family."

TERRY G. AGUON Social Worker III The Honorable Herminia D. Dierking Senator, Twenty-Second Guam Legislature Agana, Guam

Dear Senator Dierking:

My name is Barbara S.N. Benavente and I wish to provide testimony in support of Bill No. 353, "An Act to Establish a Social Work Education Scholarship Program; and to Establish and Confer a Masters of Social Work Degree Program at the University of Guam, and to Cite the Act as the Programan Ayudu Para Y Ayudante".

I am currently a member of the Guam Association of Social Workers, and the Supervisor for the Prevention and Training Branch of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. I believe this proposed legislation is a crucial step in the right direction.

Guam needs social workers in the bachelors, masters and doctorate levels. This proposed social work education scholarship program will be a wise investment towards the continued professional development in social work for the people of this Territory. The personnel crisis in the field of health and human services on Guam has long been known. The time is now to put an end to this crisis.

The time is now for honoring and supporting the people of Guam in their pursuit of higher education; for removing all obstacles and barriers which prevent the people of this Territory from enhancing their knowledge and skills as professionals in responding to the needs of our community; for respecting our community's wish to receive legislative and administrative support for Bill No. 353, in its entirety; and for preventing the current crisis of limited professional resources from continuing.

It is my hope that we seriously take on the challenge of responding effectively to the social problems and conditions that the children, youth and families face daily on this island, and that we do not insult the intelligience of this community by providing excuses for our lack of, or limited, commitment.

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in this public hearing.

Sincerely, M. Ben

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- V. BILL NO. 456
 "AN ACT TO CREATE AN EMERGENCY TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM TO BENEFIT T
 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE."

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND EXPRESS ITS VIEWS.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TWENTY SECOND GUAM LEGISLATURE

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

Section 1. Legislative Statement. The Legislature finds that Guam is experiencing enormous socio-economic growth, and that families and the service system have become overwhelmed by the social problems inherent in Social mobility and economic security are such growth. further hindered for the people of our territory due to major obstructive factors. The primary issues that have steadily increased in the last two decades are alcohol and other forms of substance abuse, family violence, juvenile delinquency and high school truancy and dropouts. Furthermore, the Legislature finds that families. communities, and the public and private educational and social services agencies have humanpower limitations required to meet the challenges of these social problems.

Moreover, the approach to resolving and preventing these problems must be family focused, and be culturally sensitive and appropriate to be effective with the diverse populations of our territory and the Pacific.

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- Section 2. Social Work Scholarship Program. There is hereby established within the University of Guam, a Social Work Scholarship Program, (the "PROGRAM") which shall provide the financial support for local residents who are currently employed or who otherwise qualify for administered The Program shall be monitored by the University of Guam which shall also coordinate the selection of the recipients by a five (5) member panel. The Panel, who shall be appointed by the President of the University, shall be comprised of one (1) member from the Department of Social Work Faculty, two (2) members representing the Guam Association of Social Workers, and two (2) members to be appointed by the Presidents of the University, one (1) of whom should represent a major government employer of social workers.
- Section 3. Number of Scholarships. Each year the University shall grant a total of ten (10) scholarships; provided, however, that
- a total of five (5) scholarships shall be made available for the study and completion of a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Degree, one (1) of which must be awarded to an individual currently employed in a private, social service organization, for a minimum of two years; and three (3) may be awarded to government employees and to those unemployed who meet the qualifications;
- a total of four (4) scholarships shall be made (b) available for off-island studies at an accredited institution of higher learning for enrollment in a Masters or Social Work (MSW) Degree, one (1) of which must be awarded to an individual currently employed in a private, social service organization for a minimum of two (2) years; and three (3) may be awarded to government employees or to those

unemployed who meet the qualifications; and

(c) a total of one (1) scholarship shall be made available for off-island studies at an accredited institution for enrollment in a Doctorate in Social Work (DSW) Program. The recipient may be currently employed in the private or public sector, or be unemployed at the time of application, but must meet other qualifications for the Program. The term of the scholarship program shall not exceed two (2) years. However, subsequent applications may be received for additional requests by an applicant if the applicant is pursuing a degree higher than the degree initially sought in previous applications. Exemptions for extending the term may be granted by the Panel if so warranted for extreme and justifiable reasons upon request by the scholarship recipient.

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Section 4. Qualifications. Applicants for the Program must:

- (a) be a United States Citizen, and a resident of Guam; and
- (b) be at the time of application, provide proof of his acceptance into the BSW program at the University of Guam, or the MSW or the DSW programs whichever is applicable at an accredited institution of higher learning;
- (c) be enrolled and maintain full time status as may be defined by the respective programs of study; and must maintain a grade point average of 2.5 at the undergraduate level and 3.0 at the graduate level throughout his participation in the program;
- (d) must agree that upon attainment of the applicants degree through the participation in this program, shall provide services to Guam to the organization they were employed with at the time of application or if unemployed to any public or private human service, health, educational or social services agency or organization, for a minimum of five (5) years;
- provide a statement of need, showing that without the support of the program, attainment of a degree would be impossible including three (3) letters of

recommendation from professionals in the field of social work, health and human services;

(f) if employed, show proof that the employer has granted educational leave with or without pay for the duration of the program.

Section 5. <u>Program Provisions</u>. The Program shall provide qualified applicants with the following:

- (a) tuition, registration, and other fees;
- (b) books, and supplies; and

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(c) travel and transportation costs (local and offisland).

For those applicants studying off-island, and who are not employed, or receiving compensation from their place of employment while on educational leave, shall receive a living allowance not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) per annum. The amount of the living allowance shall be determined by the Panel about submission of the applicant of the projected costs of living in the area in which off-island study is being pursued. If the recipient fails to maintain the provisions of this section at any time during the term of the scholarship, the University may request that remittance in part or whole be made to the fund. Any appeals for consideration must be made to the President of the University who shall convene the panel for their review and recommendation.

Section 6. Graduate Programs in Social Work and Psychology; Establishment. The University of Guam shall develop and establish graduate studies in social work that would meet accreditation standards for a Masters Degree. The curriculum should include research and experimental training in cross cultural issues, chemical dependency, family violence and social policy. The Masters in Social Work program shall be established no later than Academic Year 1996.

Section 7. <u>Appropriation</u>, <u>Authorization</u>. (a) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) from Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 of the General Fund to the University of Guam; of

which Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) will be used to strengthen undergraduate programs and establish a Masters in Social Work program; and Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of funding the scholarship program established by this Act.

(b) The University shall on an annual basis submit to the Governor and the Speaker and members of the Legislature, an annual report and budgetary requests for the purpose of funding the programs established by this Act for succeeding years.