

CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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The Honorable Sonny L. Orsini Acting Legislative Secretary Twenty-Third Guam Legislature Guam Legislature Temporary Building 155 Hesler Street Agana, Guam 96910

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Dear Mr. Legislative Secretary:

Enclosed please find a copy of Governor's message and Substitute Bill No. 598 (LS), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) FROM THE SURPLUS OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FIELD HOUSE TO INSTALL AN OVERHEAD CEILING TRUSS TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL WORKING STAGES OR PLATFORMS FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS, MUSICIANS AND GROUPS", which I have signed into law today as Public Law No. 23-110.

A copy has also been delivered to the Office of the Speaker.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez

Governor of Guam

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TWENTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 1996 (SECOND) Regular Session

#### CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 598 (LS), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) FROM THE SURPLUS OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FIELD HOUSE TO INSTALL AN OVERHEAD CEILING TRUSS TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL WORKING STAGES OR PLATFORMS FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS, MUSICIANS AND GROUPS," was on the 11th day of July, 1996, duly and regularly passed.

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DON PARKINSON Speaker

Attested:

JUDITH WON PAT-BORJA Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this  $15 \text{ //} \text{ day of } \sqrt{128 \text{ day of } \sqrt{1996}}$ , at 9:17 o'clock  $\cancel{A}$ .M.

Governor's Office

**APPROVED:** 

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ Governor of Guam

Date: <u>7-26-96</u>

Public Law No. <u>23-110</u>





#### TWENTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 1996 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 598 (LS)

As amended by the Committee on Tourism & Transportation

Introduced by:

A.C. Blaz J. P. Aguon T.S. Nelson T. C. Ada E. Barrett-Anderson J. S. Brown F. P. Camacho M. C. Charfauros H. A. Cristobal M. Forbes A. C. Lamorena V C. Leon Guerrero L. Leon Guerrero S. L. Orsini V. C. Pangelinan D. Parkinson J. T. San Agustin A. L. G. Santos F. E. Santos A. R. Unpingco J. Won Pat-Borja

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 overhead truss, a cable framework for support used to hold up a stage or
 platform, is needed at the University of Guam Field House in order to help
 construct temporary professional platforms or stages for performing artists,
 musicians and groups.

The Legislature also finds that our island of Guam has grown and 6 prospered tremendously in the last couple of decades and that the income 7 levels of our people have grown higher. We are now enjoying the fruits of the 8 labors of our forefathers who ensured, in the early days of Guam's growth, 9 10 that our island and our people would be afforded a rich variety of employment, educational, recreational and cultural opportunities that 11 12 accompany development and prosperity. The Legislature also acknowledges the fact that our island's level of sophistication has grown along with our 13 prosperity and that this is very apparent in our arts, in our culture, in our 14 15 learning and in our presentation of the skills and accomplishments that have 16 come to be associated with the Chamoru people.

17 The University of Guam Field House has already been used numerous 18 times as a place to showcase Guam's truly talented artists, musicians and 19 groups to at least one thousand patrons, supporters and customers during a 20 single performance. It has also been a place to showcase the talents of 21 performers, artists, musicians or groups from other parts of the world who 22 come to entertain or to enrich our people.

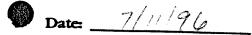
The Legislature finds that the University of Guam Field House is currently not equipped to easily construct a professional working stage or raised platform needed for performers, artists, musicians and groups simply because a truss, or cable framework used for support, has not been placed on the ceiling of the Field House.

The Legislature finds that the placement of an overhead cable on the 1 ceiling of the Field House would greatly benefit the people of Guam who 2 would have more access to a greater diversity of performances, would benefit 3 our local performers, artists, musicians and groups who would easily 4 5 construct a working stage, would benefit the students of the University of Guam and the College of Communications and Fine Arts by having access to 6 a professional working stage, would benefit local entertainment or 7 production companies who bring in outside professional groups and 8 entertainers to Guam and would benefit the facility itself for having an added 9 10 structural improvement.

Section 2. Appropriation. Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) is hereby appropriated from the surplus of the Tourist Attraction Fund to the University of Guam Field House for the placement of an overhead truss or cable framework to the ceiling of the Field House to be used to support a professional working stage or platform.

Section 3. Guidelines. The University of Guam Field House Manager
 shall develop the guidelines for which such truss is to be used.

# 1995 (FIRST) Regular Session



## **VOTING SHEET**

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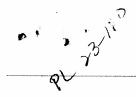
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Committee on Tourism & Transportation

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May 31, 1996

Honorable Don Parkinson, Speaker 23rd Guam Legislature 155 Hessler St. Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker,

The Committee on Tourism & Transportation, to which the following was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations:

**BILL 598:** AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) FROM THE SURPLUS OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FIELD HOUSE TO INSTALL AN OVERHEAD CEILING TRUSS TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL WORKING STAGES OR PLATFORMS FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS, MUSICIANS AND GROUPS.

The Committee voting record on Bill 598 is as follows:

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NOT TO PASS	0
TO ABSTAIN	0
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The recommendation of the Committee is to do pass. A copy of the voting sheet, report and all pertinent documents are attached for your information.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

Attachments

#### VOTING SHEET COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & TRANSPORTATION 23rd GUAM LEGISLATURE

**BILL NO. 598 - (as amended by the Committee on Tourism & Transportation)** AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) FROM THE SURPLUS OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FIELD HOUSE TO INSTALL AN OVERHEAD CEILING TRUSS TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL WORKING STAGES OR PLATFORMS FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS, MUSICIANS AND GROUPS.

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# TWENTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 1996 (SECOND) Regular Session

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(as amended by the Committee on Tourism & Transportation)

Introduced by:

A. C. Blaz

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23rd Guam Legislature COMMITTEE ON TOURISM and TRANSPORTATION

# **COMMITTEE REPORT**

BILL 598: AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) FROM THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FIELD HOUSE TO INSTALL AN OVERHEAD CEILING TRUSS TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL WORKING STAGES OR PLATFORMS FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS, MUSICIANS AND GROUPS.

PUBLIC HEARING: May 22, 1996

SENATOR JOHN PEREZ AGUON, Chairman

SENATOR JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN Vice Chairman SENATOR JOANNE S. BROWN SENATOR FELIX P. CAMACHO SENATOR MARK FORBES

SENATOR CARLOTTA LEON GUERRERO SENATOR SONNY L. ORSINI SENATOR VICENTE C. PANGELINAN SENATOR FRANCIS E. SANTOS SENATOR ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO SENATOR JUDITH WON PAT-BORJA

# COMMITTEE REPORT BILL NO. 598 UOG FIELD HOUSE OVERHEAD CEILING TRUSS

#### **Public Hearing:**

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- Persons who presented testimonies: John Salas, UOG President Capt. Dave Harmon, private citizen Gil Standridge, UOG Field House manager Megan Murphy, owner of Body Arts Dance Studio Vivienne Toiman, Body Arts Dance Studio teacher Dede Lum, Guam Ballet Arts Theater Treasurer Chris Matthews, UOG Associate Professor
- 2. Date: May 22, 1996
- 3. Committee members present: Chairperson John Perez Aguon Senator Tony Blaz Senator Felix Camacho Senator Ben Pangelinan Senator Francis Santos

#### 4. Summary.

John Salas (UOG President) read the written testimony of J. U. Torres (UOG Chairman of the Board of Regents) supporting the bill. With the truss, the Field House can have more shows and increase the number of performances. The truss will benefit both UOG and the community. UOG will get input from lighting and sound professionals to maximize the use of the truss. The Field House manager will maintain and have fair guidelines on the use of the truss. Salas added that when he grew up in the 50's and 60's, all large events on island were held in military facilities. During the early 80's, the Field House was built for about \$3 M and the venue's size now accommodates large events. Now, the island has developed where specialized events need to be accommodated for the morale of the locals. Through the truss, the community benefits from the visitor industry.

**Gil Standridge** (UOG Field House Manager) submitted written testimony but gave an oral summary of his support. He will make sure that they develop the guidelines for the use of the truss and that it is properly maintained.

**Megan Murphy** (owner of Body Arts Dance Studio) submitted written testimony supporting the bill. Murphy and John Grensback are the primary movers behind this bill. Murphy explained that the truss will allow the hanging of curtains, lights, backdrops and scenery above and around the stage as well as enhance the facility.

Without the truss, either the equipment is rented off-island or the performers by pass Guam. She explained that her studio is committed to developing the performing arts. In the absence of a performing arts theater, the Field House with a truss will allow for the showcasing her student's talents.

Vivienne Toiman (ballet teacher) gave her oral testimony supporting the bill.

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**Dede Lum** (Guam Ballet Arts Theater Treasurer) read her written testimony supporting the bill. Lum explained that she has been involved with the organization for 16 years and they have stage productions in the UOG Fine Arts Auditorium, the Orote Point Theater, the former Pescador, the St. John's School Gymnasium, the Guam Hilton Hotel ballroom and on the various stages built for the Gupot Chamorro. All the stated venues had problems -i.e. too small, did not have graduated seating, and / or lacked the necessary stage, lighting and sound equipment. In 1994, the Megan Murphy and John Grensback approached the Guam Ballet Arts Theater to produce "The Nutcracker Ballet". Based on their needs, they decided to use the UOG Field House. However, they spent

"... almost \$25,000 in flying in the overhead ceiling truss ... to support our sets and technical equipment. This also included a three - man professional stage crew from Hawaii to install it and take it apart, paying them their per diem and fees and sending them and the truss back to Honolulu again."

**Chris Matthews** (UOG Associated Professor of Theater) read his written testimony supporting the bill. Since Guam does not have performing arts theater, equipping the Field House with a truss is the alternative because it will allow the stage to look like a theater.

**James Nelson III** (GVB General Manager) submitted written testimony supporting the bill. Although the bill is within the authorized uses of the TAF, he expressed the "... need to develop a prioritized listing of publicly - heard and other projects in order to best utilize..." the limited TAF funds.

#### DISCUSSIONS

Aguon asked Salas why UOG has not invested \$50,000 for a truss. Salas explained that the Field House budgets about \$120,000 annually and it generates under \$100,000 per year. Forty percent of the budget is payment for electricity. Non-profit organizations are charged \$3,000 per day while commercial entities (Calvo Enterprises, Shimbros, etc.) pay \$5,000 per day. Salas stated that they do not have a capital construction budget for the Field House. In addition, government entities (DOE, Senior Citizens) use the Field House for free.

Aguon inquired with Lum why they did not consider buying and installing the truss for \$50,000 rather than renting for \$25,000. Lum replied that they did not know that they would be spending \$25,000.

Aguon asked who prepared the estimate of \$50,000. Matthews replied that he and Bryan Baward (professional rigger and stage hand) from Honolulu made the approximations. Aguon explained that he needs the exact figure so that the appropriation is sufficient to cover the cost. Salas added that there are about 6 major events each year and their pricing is based on this estimate. With the installation of the truss, he expects usage to increase and will result in the reduction of the fees charged to non-profit organizations.

Aguon inquired how long the project would take to complete if funds were available tomorrow. Salas replied that they truss would be installed by December. Matthews added that all the materials are available off the shelf.

Aguon asked for the life span of the truss. Standridge answered that if properly maintained, it should last longer than the building.

#### 5. Committee Recommendation.

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The Committee on Tourism and Transportation recommends the passage of Bill No. 598: AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) FROM THE SURPLUS OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FIELD HOUSE TO INSTALL AN OVERHEAD CEILING TRUSS TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL WORKING STAGES OR PLATFORMS FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS, MUSICIANS AND GROUPS. The Committee on Tourism and Transportation made technical amendments to the bill.

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May 21, 1996

Senator John P. Aguon, Chair Committee on Tourism and Transportation 23rd Guam Legislature Guam Legislature Building 155 Hessler Street Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Senator Aguon:

On behalf of the University of Guam (UOG), I want to ask you for your support of Bill 598. Dr. John C. Salas, UOG President and I are behind this bill 100%. In introducing this bill, Senator Blaz very eloquently summed up the feelings of the University.

Not having a truss has restricted the usage of the Field House for many years. Show promoters have had to rent a truss from off-island, ship it in and have it set up. This is expensive, difficult and time consuming. This has limited the kinds of shows as well as the number of performances that can be held. With a truss, we will be able to have more shows with local performers to highlight our culture. Obviously, equipping the Field House with a truss benefits not just UOG but the island community as well.

Discussions with professionals in the lighting and sound business indicate that \$50,000 should be enough to cover the cost of a truss. I would also like to assure you that if Bill 598 becomes law we will get input from lighting and sound professionals to make sure we get a truss that is flexible to everyone's needs. The Field House manager will ensure the truss is maintained and fair guidelines for using it are developed.

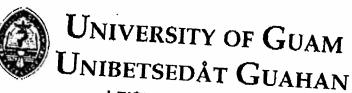
Si Yu'os Ma'ase for your help and support on this bill.

Sincerely,

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LEISURE MANAGEMENT FIELD HOUSE UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923 Telephone: (671) 735-2862 Fax: (671) 734-2170

May 20, 1996

Senator John P. Aguon 23rd Guam Legislature Guam Legislature Building 155 Hessler Street Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Senator Aguon:

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Sir, my discussions with professionals in the lighting and sound business indicate that \$50,000.00 should be enough to cover the cost of a truss. I would also like to assure you that once Bill 598 is passed, I plan to get input from lighting and sound professionals to make sure we get a truss that is flexible to everyone's needs. As Field House manager, I will ensure the truss is maintained, and fair guidelines for using it are developed.

Si yu'os ma'ase for your help and support on this bill. UOG and the Field House will be well represented at the public hearing on May 22nd at the legislative building.

Sincerely,

Manager

May 22, 1996

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Written testimony in support of Bill 598 Submitted by: Megan Murphy and John Grensback Owners of BodyArts Dance Studio

To: Legislative Committee on Tourism 23rd Guam Legislature

Sen. John Aguon and members of the Committee on Tourism

We are in support of Bill 598 which appropriates \$50,000 for the purchase of a permanent overhead ceiling truss for the University of Guam fieldhouse. The truss will enable groups to hang curtains, lights, backdrops and scenery above and around the stage at the fieldhouse. This piece of equipment will enhance the facility, making it more usable for cultural and staged sporting events.

The UOG fieldhouse is currently the site of many major cultural events each year, which could be attractive to tourists. However, without the truss the facility is inadequate, forcing organizations and traveling groups to either rent off-island equipment at high costs, or to bypass Guam completely.

We at BodyArts are committed to developing the dancers of Guam but are unable to showcase this talent without an adequate facility. Until such a time when Guam has a performing arts center this truss would serve to enhance the only facility available to us. We can foresee cultural exchanges with Japan, Taiwan, Korea and other countries in our region in addition to concerts, pageants, dance performances and staged sporting events such as the upcoming South Pacific Games ceremonies. If these events were marketed, we believe that tourists as well as the local community would enjoy many of these events.

We successfully staged the Nutcracker Ballet on Guam last December and hope to make this production an annual event. There were 150 dancers involved, both children and adults. We raised \$150,000 for the show with a full one-third of the costs spent for staging. The truss had to be shipped in and flown back to Hawaii, along with four stage hands to set it up. If a truss was in place it would bring down production costs for us, as well as many other productions, enormously.

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### Testimony in Favor of Bill #598 Presented to the Committee on Tourism & Transportation, 23rd Guam Legislature

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May 22, 1996

Dear Senator Aguon and Members of the Committee on Tourism & Transportation, 23rd Guam Legislature:

My name is Dede Lum, and I am the Treasurer for Guam Ballet Arts Theater, a non-profit organization formed in Guam in 1980. I have served on the Board of Directors for this organization for 16 years.

During the past 16 years, I have been involved in staging ballet productions at various venues around the island. These have included the University of Guam's Fine Arts Auditorium; the Orote Point Theater; the former Pescador; the St. John's School Gymnasium; the Guam Hilton Hotel's ballroom; and various temporary stages built for special events such as Gupot Chamorro. All of these facilities severely limited the professionalism with which we were able to stage our performances because either they were not big enough, they did not have graduated seating, and/or they lacked necessary stage, lighting and sound equipment.

In 1994, the Directors of BodyArts Dance Studio, Megan Murphy and John Grensback, approached Guam Ballet Arts Theater to sponsor them in their attempt to produce a full-scale production of "The Nutcracker Ballet". After much thought and study, they concluded that the only venue that would be large enough to accommodate the stage that would be required as well as the anticipated size of the audiences would be the University of Guam FieldHouse. We members of Guam Ballet Arts Theater argued with them - the University of Guam FieldHouse is a large gymnasium with inadequate sound, lighting, seating, and stage equipment. To turn it into a theater suitable for the production they envisioned would cost thousands and thousands of dollars. I personally told John Grensback that he may not be paid a single cent for his efforts, as it would be necessary for us to pay all other bills first.

Mr. Grensback replied that he didn't care if he didn't get paid - it was time that his dancers had the opportunity to perform in a real ballet production, and it was time that the people of Guam had the opportunity to see The Nutcracker Ballet performed at Christmas time, as it is all over the United States. Testimony in Favor of Bill #598 Page 2

With that decision, we embarked on an 18-month fundraising spree which netted us over \$90,000 in cash. We were ready for the Nutcracker! The production was enormously successful, and the more than 3,000 persons who watched the two performances raved about it! The sponsors were extremely pleased with the results of our efforts and, in fact, the President of Mobil Oil Guam dubbed it "a sponsor's dream". But after it was all over, after months and months of hard work, sometimes seven days a week, we had only \$5,000 left over! Where had it all gone?

In reviewing our expenses, we found that we had spent almost \$25,000 in flying the overhead ceiling truss to Guam that was necessary to support our sets and technical equipment. This also included flying a three-man professional stage crew in from Honolulu to install it and take it apart, paying them their per diem and fees, and sending them and the truss back to Honolulu again.

It wasn't fair! Not only had we paid over \$10,000 in FieldHouse rental and insurance fees, which can be considered normal expenses, but we also had to pay to assemble a temporary theater because Guam doesn't have one!

We considered <u>not</u> doing a 1996 Nutcracker Ballet production due to all of the effort and expenses involved. However, we promised our dancers and sponsors that we would, so we must fulfill that obligation, although we don't know for certain that we will be able to raise the necessary funds.

However, Committee Members, this will probably be the last time. It's just too much responsibility to raise all of those funds ourselves. And we know we're not the only ones who feel this way. Last year, a visit to Guam by the Houston Ballet Company that was being sponsored by two local entrepreneurs was cancelled because they were afraid they wouldn't be able to raise enough money to cover all of their production costs at the FieldHouse. That was a missed opportunity for the people of Guam to see one of the top five ballet companies in the United States perform. Who knows how many other groups have by-passed Guam because we don't have a suitable performing arts venue?

Should the Legislature approve the purchase of the overhead ceiling truss for permanent installation at the University of Guam FieldHouse, Guam will have a facility that can more easily be transformed into a performing arts theater. It may then be used by many artists, musicians and performing arts groups on Guam, as well as by artists transiting our area of the world.

Thank you for your attention.

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May 22, 1996

Good morning. My name is Chris Mathews. I have lived on Guam for nine years and work at the University of Guam where I am an Associate Professor of Theater. I have been very active in the performing arts all of my adult life. Before coming to Guam, I was a free-lance theatrical designer for 15 years. I will keep my remarks brief this morning. I am in total support of this Bill. Guam is in desperate need of a performing arts space. Over the years, many groups and individuals have worked toward this goal with little success. Other needs of the community have always been more pressing with the end result being there is no place for the performing artists of Guam to work. We have a vital and growing arts community on Guam. The children of Guam are being given excellent training through the DOE GATE Secondary Performing Arts program. Participation in this program is growing every year. Audiences are also growing every year at the various performing arts events. The desire is there, the need is there. Of course, what we need on Guam is a performing arts center. However, the price tag seems to be out of our reach at this time. As an alternative, equipping the Fieldhouse at UOG to be the best space it can be for performing arts is reasonable. It is also far less costly. To purchase the 9 2 Ton Loadstar Chain Motors, control box, cables and 210' of 24" box truss will cost approximately \$50,000. This will allow a user of the Fieldhouse to hang drapes from this "grid" to create the look of a theater. The Fieldhouse already has a very good portable stage. With some creative placing of the folding chairs, one can then have a space that would seat at least 1,500 for theatrical type presentations.

I think we owe it to the children of Guam, and to ourselves, to support this project. At the very least, we should make the Fieldhouse the best it can be. It has been said that the arts are a window into the very soul of a society. If this is so, then we must start supporting the arts with our collective wallets, not just with our lips.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you this morning.

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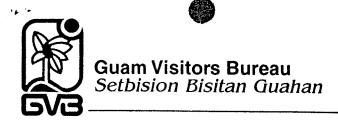
# Approximate Equipment Cost for Grid at the UOG Fieldhouse

9 2 Ton Loadstar Self Climbing Chain Hoist Motors	\$3,000 ea.	\$27,000
1 Motor Control Box		2,750
750' Motor Control Cable w/connecto	ors	3,500
21 - 10' Box Truss Units	750 ea.	15,750
100 Swivel Clamps	10 ea.	<u>1,000</u> \$50,000

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22 May 1996

HONORABLE JOHN P. AGUON
Senator and Chairman, Committee on Tourism & Transportation
23rd Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
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Dear Chairman Aguon:

Hafa Adai & Greetings from the Guam Visitors Bureau! Thank you for this opportunity to present joint testimony on:

**Bill No. 584** (An Act to Appropriate Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) from the Surplus of the Tourist Attraction Fund to the Department of Public Works for Phase One of the Guam Sports Complex...); and

**Bill No. 598** (An Act to Appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the University of Guam Field House to Install an Overhead Ceiling Truss...).

The Guam Visitors Bureau offers its favorable support of both measures, which fall within the authorized uses of the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF). These projects are needed not only for community use and development but also in attracting additional visitors to our island through activities and events hosted at these sites.

While we do support these bills, we must, however, express our sincere concern on whatever balance remains available and is considered surplus of the TAF. In the past few months alone, the Legislature has

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held public hearings on measures appropriating surplus TAF funds totaling millions of dollars toward extremely viable and needed projects. We also understand that other pieces of legislation are currently being developed tapping into the TAF. While we recognize that not all these measures have become law, we must stress the need to develop a prioritized listing of publicly-heard and other projects in order to best utilize our limited financial resources.

Once again, Mr. Chairman, we extend our appreciation for this opportunity to testify and express our concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. NELSON III General Manager

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May 2, 1996

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Senator John Aguon

Bill 598

From: Guam Ballet Arts Theater

Migger Mr. Murphy

Attached are the signatures we gathered of people who are in support of Bill 598, an act to appropriate \$50,000 to the University of Guam Field House in order to install an overhead truss to support professional stages or platforms for performing groups.

These are just the first petitions we have collected. There are other ones still being circulated and will be forwarded to you in time for the public hearing on Bill 598. We also have pictures of a truss which was installed for the Nutcracker production this past December at roughly the same cost - \$50,000, and it only stayed up for two days. To constantly spend so much money for a show tends to discourage any type of production for any performing group.

We have also been in touch, through the office of Senator Tony Blaz, with other dance or theater groups as well as the bodybuilders of Guam who use the UOG Field House for their shows. They have expressed their desire to voice their support.

We have talked with Mr. Clifford Guzman of the Governor's Office. He, too, is in support of a truss at the University of Guam Field House and says that the administration is committed to the arts.

Please schedule a public hearing for Bill 598 as soon as possible. There will be a number of people who will come to voice their support and their concerns.

We fully support the passage of Bill \_\_\_\_\_, an act to appropriate \$50,000 to the University of Guam Field House in order to install an overhead ceiling truss to support temporary professional working stages or platforms for performing artists, musicians and groups.

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We fully support the passage of Bill <u>598</u>, an act to appropriate \$50,000 to the University of Guam Field House in order to install an overhead ceiling truss to support temporary professional working stages or platforms for performing artists, musicians and groups.

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

 Bill No. 598
 Date Received - April 24, 1996

 Amendatory Bill:
 YES\_\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_X\_\_\_\_ Date Reviewed - April 30, 1996

 Department/Agency Affected:
 University of Guam

 Department/Agency Head:
 John C. Salas, President

 Total FY appropriation to Date:
 \$26,606,930 (General Fund Contribution)

 Bill Title (preamble):
 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FROM

 THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FIELD HOUSE TO INSTALL

 AN OVERHEAD CEILING TRUSS TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL WORKING STAGES

 OR PLATFORMS FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS, MUSICIANS AND GROUPS.

Change in Law: <u>N/A</u>

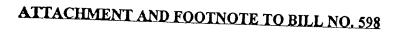
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### **Bill's Impact on Present Program Funding:**

Increase X	Decrease		Reallocation		No	Change
Bill is for:	Operations	X	Capital Improv			ther
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PROGRAM CAT	EGORY	GENERAL 0 -	FUND	OTHER (TA _\$50,000	JF)	TOTAL \$50,000
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THER(TAF)	<u>-0-</u> \$50,000			******		<u>-0-</u> \$50,000
TOTAL	\$50,000					<u>\$50,000</u> \$50,000
Funds Adequate To Cover Intent Of Bill? YES/NO - If No, Add'l Amount Required: <u>Yes</u> Agency/Person/Date Contacted: <u>UOG-Field House / Gil Standridge, Manager / May 6, 1996</u>						

## ESTIMATED POTENTIAL MULTI-YEAR REVENUES

<u>FUND</u> GEN. FUND	1st <u>(See</u>	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
OTHER	Attached)					
TOTAL			•		<u>-</u>	
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FOOTNOTE:	See Attached.				$\mathcal{J}^{-}$	



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The following is an analysis of the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF) for Fiscal Year 1996:

Executive Budget Forecast Level Less:		\$18,717,017
Annual Debt Service Requirements 20% of Annual Debt Service	2,451,408	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
(Minimum Depository Balance)	490,282	
Maximum Allocation for Executive Budgets		(2,941,690)
Less:		15,775,327
Guam Visitors Bureau		
Parks & Recreation - Parks Maintenance	10,000,000	
Guam Council an Arts & Humanities	2,263,287	
Guam Museum	780,101	
Guam Community College	315,566	
Guam Visitors Bureau - Canital Projects	1,216,081	
I otal for Executive Budgets	729,250	
Return of 20% Depository Requirement		(15,304,285)
		<u>490,282</u>
AVAILABLE BALANCE - TAF		<b>60/1 35 /</b>
		\$961,324
Less: University of Guam - Tourism Management Program		(227 (22))
		(337,525)
Adjusted Available Balance		£633 700
Loss Dropped I		\$623,799
Less Proposed Legislation:		
University of Guam Field House Truss Project	50,000	
Beautification Task Force - Two Lovers Point Project	800,000	
CARA - Pacific Festival of the Arte	120,000	
Total Proposed Legislation:		(970,000)
NEW AVAILABLE BALANCE - TAF		(770,000)
TAF		(\$346,201)
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NOTE: The intent of the Bill, to install an overhead ceiling truss, may have a positive fiscal impact in the form of revenue generation via increased utilization of the University of Guam Field House for concerts, performances, etc. However, this fiscal impact cannot be quantified at this time. Lastly, it should be noted that the intent of the Bill may not conform to guidelines established in 12 GCA and P.L. 20-14 regarding TAF fund usage.

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SUBJECT: Bill No:598

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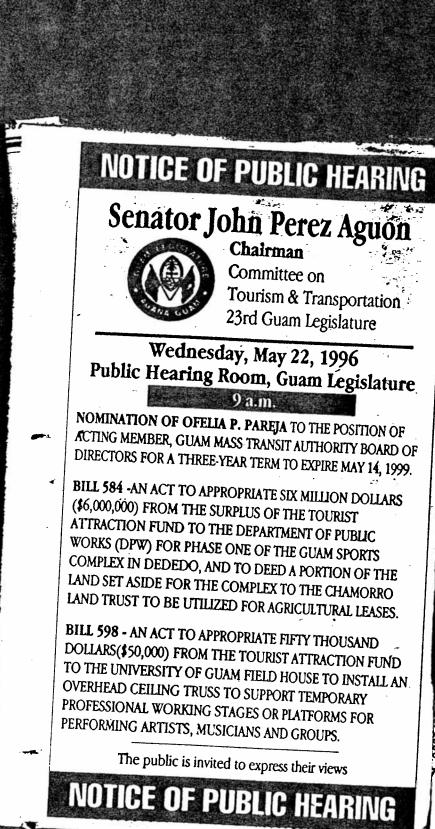
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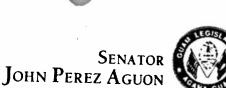
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May 12, 1996

**MEMORANDUM** 

TO: MEMBERS, COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & TRANSPORTATION

FROM: CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING

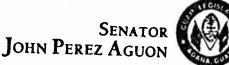
Please be informed that the Committee on Tourism and Transportation has scheduled a public for 9 a.m., on Wednesday, May 22, 1996, in the Legislative Public Hearing Room, 155 Hessler Place, Pacific Arcade Bldg., Agana on the following:

**Bill 584** - AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000) FROM THE SURPLUS OF THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) FOR PHASE ONE OF THE GUAM SPORTS COMPLEX IN DEDEDO, AND TO DEED A PORTION OF THE LAND SET ASIDE FOR THE COMPLEX TO THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST TO BE UTILIZED FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASES.

BILL 598 - AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) FROM THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FIELD HOUSE TO INSTALL AN OVERHEAD CEILING TRUSS TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL WORKING STAGES OR PLATFORMS FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS, MUSICIANS AND GROUPS.

Your attendance and participation will be appreciated.

c: All Senators Media





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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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May 8, 1996

The Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez Governor of Guam P.O. Box 2950 Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Governor Gutierrez:

Hafa adai. Please be advised that the public hearing on Bill 584, previously scheduled for May 1, 1996, has been rescheduled. The new time and date is 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, 1996, in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Legislature, 155 Hessler Street in Agana. Bill 598 is also scheduled to be heard following Bill 584.

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A copy of Bill 598 is enclosed for your review. A copy of Bill 584 has been provided to you with the original public hearing notice. If you wish to testify, please bring twenty (20) copies of any written testimony you may have to the hearing.

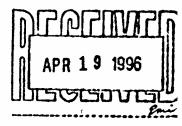
Sincerely yours,

Enclosure



# **COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Twenty-Third Guam Legislature 155 Hesler St., Agana, Guam 96910



April 16, 1996

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chairman, Committee on Tourism and Transportation

FROM: Chairman, Committee on Rules

SUBJECT: Referral - Bill No. 598

The above Bill is referred to your Committee as the principal committee. Please note that the referral is subject to ratification by the Committee on Rules at its next meeting. It is recommended you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

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Attachment:

# TWENTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE 1996 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 578 Introduced by:

A.C.BLAZ

#### AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FROM THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FIELD HOUSE TO INSTALL AN OVERHEAD CEILING TRUSS TO SUPPORT TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL WORKING STAGES OR PLATFORMS FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS, MUSICIANS AND GROUPS.

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3	Section 1. The legislature finds that an overhead truss, a cable framework for
4	support used to hold up a stage or platform, is needed at the University of Guam
5	Field House in order to help construct temporary professional platforms or stages
6	for performing artists, musicians, and groups.
7	The legislature also finds that our island of Guam has grown and prospered
8	tremendously in the last couple of decades, and that the income levels of our people
9	have grown higher. We are now enjoying the fruits of the labors of our forefathers
10	who ensured, in the early days of Guam's growth, that our island and our people
11	would be afforded a rich variety of employment, educational, recreational, and
12	cultural opportunities that accompany development and prosperity. The legislature

also acknowledges the fact that our island's level of sophistication has grown along
 with our prosperity, and that this is very apparent in our arts, in our culture, in our
 learning, and in our presentation of the skills and accomplishments that have come
 to be associated with the Chamoru people.

The University of Guam Field House has already been used numerous times 5 as a place to showcase Guam's truly talented artists, musicians, and groups to at 6 least one thousand patrons, supporters and customers during a single performance. 7 It has also been a place to showcase the talents of performers, artists, musicians or 8 groups from other parts of the world who come to entertain or to enrich our people. 9 The legislature finds that the University of Guam Field House is currently not 10 equipped to easily construct a professional working stage or raised platform needed 11 for performers, artists, musicians and groups simply because a truss, or cable 12 framework used for support, has not been placed on the ceiling of the field house. 13 The legislature finds that the placement of an overhead cable on the ceiling of 14 the field house would greatly benefit the people of Guam who would have more 15 access to a greater diversity of performances; would benefit our local performers, 16 artists, musicians and groups who would easily construct a working stage; would 17 benefit the students of the University of Guam and the College of Communications 18 and Fine Arts by having access to a professional working stage; would benefit local 19

entertainment or production companies who bring in outside professional groups and 1 entertainers to Guam; and would benefit the facility itself for having an added 2 structural improvement. 3 4 Section 2. Appropriation. Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is hereby 5 appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund to the University of Guam Field 6 House for the placement of an overhead truss or cable framework to the ceiling of 7 the field house to be used to support a professional working stage or platform. 8 9 Section 3. Guidelines. The University of Guam Field House Manager shall 10 develop the guidelines for which such truss is to be used. 11 12 13





# TWENTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATUREAPR 1 5 19961996 (SECOND) Regular Session

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