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GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco  
Speaker  
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature  
Guam Legislature Temporary Building  
155 Hesler Street  
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OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT

Received By Panning Garcia

Time 3:20 p.m.

Date 4-8-98


Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find a copy of Substitute Bill No. 484 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §16125 OF CHAPTER 16, DIVISION 3 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING RESIDENTS OF GUAM WHO ARE FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FROM PAYING TUITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-151**.

This legislation allows senior citizens to attend University of Guam classes, free of charge, if space permits. This means that young people who may be attending classes full time will have the opportunity to interact with older persons who will most certainly have a different prospective to offer. At the same time, older persons will enrich their lives through learning and interacting with other students.

The legislation, while creating a mandate to the University without its participation or decision, is not foreseen to create a financial burden because the participation of students aged 55 and older is on a space available basis, or by permission of the instructor.

Very truly yours,

  
Carl T. C. Gutierrez  
Governor of Guam

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown  
Legislative Secretary

Office of the Speaker  
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO

Date: 4-8-98

Time: 1:45 P

Rec'd by: [Signature]

Print Name: Christine Duran

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**TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE**  
**1998 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 484 (COR)**

As substituted by the Committee  
on Education and as amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

L. F. Kasperbauer  
J. C. Salas  
E. J. Cruz

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T. C. Ada  
F. B. Aguon, Jr.  
A. C. Blaz  
J. M.S. Brown  
Felix P. Camacho  
Francisco P. Camacho  
M. C. Charfauros  
W. B.S.M. Flores  
Mark Forbes  
A. C. Lamorena, V  
C. A. Leon Guerrero  
L. Leon Guerrero  
V. C. Pangelinan  
A. L.G. Santos  
F. E. Santos  
A. R. Unpingco  
J. Won Pat-Borja

**AN ACT TO AMEND §16125 OF CHAPTER 16,  
DIVISION 3 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE  
ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING  
RESIDENTS OF GUAM WHO ARE FIFTY-FIVE (55)  
YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FROM PAYING  
TUITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM.**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Finding and Intent.**     The Guam Legislature  
3 finds that residents of Guam who are fifty-five (55) years of age or older are  
4 exempt from tuition cost in attending the Guam Community College, but not  
5 at the University of Guam. Members of this esteemed group, many of whom  
6 are now retired, have through their life long efforts made Guam the  
7 Community it is today. It is the intent of the Guam Legislature to extend the  
8 free tuition benefits that students who are fifty-five (55) years of age or older  
9 enjoy at the Guam Community College to those attending or wanting to  
10 attend the University of Guam.

11           **Section 2.**   Section 16125 of Chapter 16, Division 3 of Title 17 of the  
12 Guam Code Annotated is hereby amended to read as follows:

13                   **"Section 16125. Residents of the CNMI, the FSM, the**  
14                   **Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands;**  
15                   **Advanced Placement Program; Residents of Guam Fifty-five (55)**  
16                   **Years of Age or Older.** (a) Students who are residents of the  
17 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States  
18 of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau or the Republic of the Marshall  
19 Islands, enrolled in and matriculating at the University of Guam, shall  
20 be charged resident tuition for their attendance at the University of  
21 Guam.

22                   (b) No tuition shall be levied upon any student admitted to  
23 study under the Advanced Placement Program.

1           (c) No tuition shall be levied upon any resident of Guam  
2 admitted who is fifty-five (55) years of age or older, provided that  
3 admission into a course(s) shall be on a space available basis or, if a  
4 course(s) is full, by permission of the instructor(s). Participation  
5 pursuant to this subsection shall require that the enrollee be a resident  
6 of Guam for no less than five (5) years preceding enrollment.”

PL24-151



TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
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**Lawrence F. Kasperbauer**  
Chairman

February 19, 1998

Senator  
**John C. Salas**  
Vice Chairman

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco  
Speaker, 24<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Agaña, Guam

Speaker  
**Antonio R. Unpingco**  
Ex-Officio

via: Committee on Rules

Senator  
**Thomas C. Ada**  
Member

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Senator  
**Frank B. Aguon**  
Member

The Committee on Education to which was referred **Bill No. 484**: "AN ACT TO AMEND §16125 OF TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING RESIDENTS OF GUAM WHO ARE FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FROM TUITION LEVIED UPON STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM," herein reports back the recommendation **TO DO PASS Substitute Bill No. 484**.

Senator  
**Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson**  
Member

Votes of the committee members are as follows:

Vice Speaker  
**Anthony C. Blaz**  
Member

10 To Pass

Senator  
**Joanne M.S. Brown**  
Member

0 Not To Pass

Senator  
**Felix P. Camacho**  
Member

0 To The Inactive File

Senator  
**Edwardo J. Cruz**  
Member

0 Abstained

Senator  
**Mark Forbes**  
Member

Sincerely,

Senator  
**Angel L.G. Santos**  
Member

LAWRENCE F. KASPERBAUER

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Senator  
**Judith Won Pat-Borja**  
Member



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February 19, 1998

**TO: All Members  
Committee on Education**

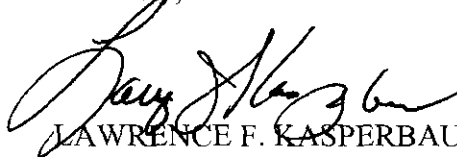
**FROM: Chairman**

**SUBJ: Voting Sheet**

Transmitted herewith is the voting sheet and committee report for **Substitute Bill No. 484:**  
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TO EXEMPTING RESIDENTS OF GUAM WHO ARE FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OF  
AGE OR OLDER FROM TUITION LEVIED UPON STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY  
OF GUAM."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE F. KASPERBAUER

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**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
 TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
 155 Hesler Street, Agana, Guam 96910**

<b>Chairman: Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer    Vice Chairman: Senator John C. Salas</b> <b>Ex-Officio Member: Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco</b>
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**VOTING SHEET ON:**

**Bill No. 484: "AN ACT TO AMEND §16125 OF TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING RESIDENTS OF GUAM WHO ARE FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FROM TUITION LEVIED UPON STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM."**

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>INITIAL</u>	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE</u>
Sen. Lawrence F. Kasperbauer <i>Chairman</i>	LK	X	_____	_____	_____
Sen. John C. Salas <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Salas	✓	_____	_____	_____
Spkr. Antonio R. Unpingco <i>Ex-Officio Member</i>	A	✓	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Thomas C. Ada <i>Member</i>	T	✓	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr. <i>Member (lead to define Resident)</i>	FBA	✓	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson <i>Member</i>	EBA	✓	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Anthony C. Blaz <i>Member</i>	A	✓	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Joanne M.S. Brown <i>Member</i>	JMB	✓	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Felix P. Camacho <i>Member</i>	FC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Francisco P. Camacho <i>Member</i>	FC	✓	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Eduardo J. Cruz <i>Member</i>	EJC	✓	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Mark Forbes <i>Member</i>	M	✓	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Angel L.G. Santos <i>Member</i>	ALS	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Judith Won Pat-Borja <i>Member</i>	JWP	_____	_____	_____	_____

## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

### Public Hearing:

The Committee on Education held a public hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the Legislative Public Hearing Room on referred **Bill No. 484**: "AN ACT TO AMEND §16125 OF TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING RESIDENTS OF GUAM WHO ARE FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FROM TUITION LEVIED UPON STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM." Public Notice was given in the February 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> issue of the Pacific Daily News.

### **Members Present were:**

Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Chairman  
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

### **Other Senators present:**

Senator Francisco P. Camacho

### **Testimony Submitted by:**

Mr. John M. Phillips, President, National Association of Retired Federal Employees	O/W
Mr. Joseph Rhatigan, Senior Citizen	O/W
Mr. William Woolley, American Association of Retired Persons, Council on Senior Citizens	O
Mr. Arthur U. San Agustin, Administrator, Senior Citizen's Division, DPHSS	O
Mr. Dennis Rodrigues, Director, DPHSS	W
Mr. Jesse Leon Guerrero, UOG Board of Regents	O/W
Mr. Ivan B. Carbullido	O
Mr. Tom Barcinas, American Association of Retired Persons	O
Mr. Jesus L. Perez, Senior Citizen and University of Guam student	W

### Summary of Testimonies:

Mr. John M. Phillips, President of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees submitted written testimony in addition to his oral support of Bill No. 484. Mr. Phillips, who is also a senior citizen, expressed the need for seniors to enhance their knowledge, which in turn enhances their lives. As an educator, Mr. Phillips stated how he welcomes seniors into his classes. He believes that they provide real life experiences and maturity to young students. Mr. Phillips further stated that seniors attending classes are at no cost to the University. He stated that the seats are empty, so the seniors do not deprive the young of an educational opportunity. In addition, instruction and overhead are already paid for. He believes that the University gains as the senior pays fees and purchases books and supplies, providing income to the University.

Mr. Joseph Rhatigan also offered written testimony in support of the bill. Mr. Rhatigan recognized that nowadays, a person retires at the age of 65 years old and often seeks out a second lifetime job not as strenuous as the first. In addition, he further stated that the opportunity for Seniors to improve their minds and state of



being will encourage them to continue to be good and energetic citizens of the community. He concluded his testimony by encouraging the senators present to pass the bill unanimously.

Mr. Jesse Leon Guerrero, Vice Chairman representing the University's Board of Regents provided both oral and written testimony in favor of Bill No. 484. Mr. Leon Guerrero stated that this proposition is consistent with a long standing policy of the University. He mentioned that recent fiscal constraints caused the Board to reevaluate the policy although no changes have been made. Mr. Leon Guerrero stated that the present costs of the tuition waiver plan now amounts to approximately \$50,000.00 per academic year. He suggested that since the bill calls for a statutory tuition exemption, that an appropriation provision to cover the cost of implementation be included in the present bill. He further recommended that the provisions of Section 2 be further amended so that resident tuition be charged to residents of the outer islands only in the event that their respective institutions of higher learning reciprocate with an identical program for Guam residents.

Mr. Segundo Aguon, Director of Servicio Para I ManAmko, provided the Committee with written testimony in support of Bill No. 484. Mr. Aguon stated that SPIMA is not very clear on the number of senior citizens who are local residents and who would like to pursue education at the University. He did state however, that many of their residents 60 years and older fall in the low to moderate income category and would not be able to pay for the costs of tuition, fees and books. He further stated that the profile of senior citizens is changing, and that they believe that many would want to pursue further education after retirement. Mr. Aguon believes that such education will provide opportunities and incentives to our seniors to encourage them to continue contributing their vast knowledge and skills to our community.

Mr. Dennis Rodriguez, Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services submitted written testimony in support of Bill No. 484. Mr. Rodriguez stated that such legislation will allow our senior citizens to continue stimulating their minds and learn changes from our ever growing and dynamic society. He further added that their presence in the classrooms can contribute in several ways: first and foremost, their life experiences enrich classroom discussions and secondly, their acculturation to new ideas and practices bridges our generations. It is the position of the Department that tuition, as well as student fees be waived to those age fifty-five (55) years and older.

Mr. Jesus L. Perez provided written testimony in favor of Bill No. 484. Mr. Perez is an example of a senior citizen currently taking advantage of the senior citizen tuition exemption policy. He is pursuing a Master of Public Administration at the University and plans on graduating after the 1998 spring semester. Mr. Perez stated that the tuition exemption policy is both good and beneficial to the senior citizens as well as to the island. The opportunity for our seniors to stimulate their minds and well being will allow for them to continue to be productive citizens of our community.

Mr. Tom Barcinas, a citizen and member of the American Association of Retired Persons, testified orally in support of Bill No. 484. Mr. Barcinas stated that many citizens over the age of 55 are still employed and contributing to our community. He further stated that additional education will allow these seniors to be more efficient at work or prepare them for an alternative occupation. He emphasized that the senior citizens of today are a very active group in the community and want to continue to be this way. Some seniors may want to take additional courses at the University because they are short a few credits of a degree, or to help them with their volunteer jobs within the community, or simply for enrichment purposes. He concluded by reiterating his support for the bill and urged the Committee to do likewise.

Mr. Ivan Carbullido, a private citizen, offered oral testimony in support of the intent of Bill No. 484. Mr. Carbullido, however, expressed his concern as to the cost of implementing this program and whether the appropriate funding would be available.

## **Findings**

The Committee on Education, to which was referred **Bill No. 484**: “AN ACT TO AMEND §16125 OF TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING RESIDENTS OF GUAM WHO ARE FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FROM TUITION LEVIED UPON STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM,” finds that by extending the free tuition benefits to those senior citizens desiring to attend the University, the education derived by these seniors will contribute to their well being by enriching their lives, stimulating their minds, and allowing them to remain energetic and productive citizens of our community. The Committee further finds that since admission into a course(s) shall be on a space available basis or, if a course(s) if full, by permission of the instructor(s), no such additional appropriation to the University is necessary.

## **Recommendations**

The Committee on Education, to which was referred **Bill No. 484**: “AN ACT TO AMEND §16125 OF TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING RESIDENTS OF GUAM WHO ARE FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FROM TUITION LEVIED UPON STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM,” herein submits its findings and recommendation **TO DO PASS Substitute Bill No. 484**.

FISCAL NOTE

BU. U OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEA.

Bill No. 484 Date Received: January 20, 1998

Amendatory Bill: Yes Date Reviewed: February 6, 1998

Department/Agency Affected: University of Guam

Department/Agency Head: Dr. Jose T. Nededog

Total FY Appropriation to Date: \$34,316,684

Bill Title (preamble): **AN ACT TO AMEND §16125 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING RESIDENTS OF GUAM FROM TUITION LEVIED UPON STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM.**

Change in Law: Amendment to Guam Code Annotated

Bill's Impact on Present Program Funding:

Increase X Decrease \_\_\_\_\_ Reallocation \_\_\_\_\_ No Change \_\_\_\_\_

Bill is for:

Operations: X Capital Improvement: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPACT

ESTIMATED SINGLE YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)

Program Category	General Fund	OTHER	TOTAL
Education	NA	NA	NA

ESTIMATED MULTI-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS

FUND	1st	2nd	3rd
GENERAL FUND	NA		
OTHER	NA		
TOTAL	NA		

Total
NA
NA
NA

*KMS/ptz*

FUNDS ADEQUATE TO COVER INTENT OF THE BILL? see footnote

IF NO, ADDITIONAL AMOUNT REQUIRED: NA

AGENCY/PERSON/DATE CONTACTED: UOG/ Mark Heath/ 2/4/98

ESTIMATED POTENTIAL MULTI-YEAR REVENUES (Per Bill)

FUND	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
GENERAL FUND	NA					NA
OTHER	NA					NA
TOTAL	NA					NA

ANALYST: Jose S. Galvo, BMA Spvr

DATE: 2/9/98

DIRECTOR: Joseph E. Rivers, Acting

DATE: FEB 11 1998

FOOTNOTE: No data was received from the University to determine the fiscal impact of this Bill.

The General Fund revenues available for appropriation, as adopted in Public Law 24-59, is \$353,292,790 (includes \$7,600,000 Autonomous Agency Fund, \$7,000,000 Use Tax and \$36,000,000 in Section 30 funds). The appropriations for FY1998 in P.L. 24-59 is \$346,128,092 plus continuing appropriations for debt service of \$2,504,141 for a total appropriation against of \$348,632,234. Pursuant to P.L. 24-59, surplus FY1998 revenues available for appropriations is \$4.6M.

However, it should be noted that the expected combined collection from both the Autonomous Agency Fund and the Use Tax is only \$3.0M, a reduction of \$11.6M ( $\$14.6 - 3.0 = \$11.6$ ). As such, \$341,739,919 in revenue less \$348,632,234 in appropriations leaves an expected shortfall of (\$6,892,315) as of P.L. 24-59.

# COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

TWENTY FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
 Tuesday, February 10, 1998  
 10:00 A.M.

## BILL 484

**“AN ACT TO AMEND §16125 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING RESIDENTS OF GUAM, AGE 55 YEARS AND OLDER, FROM TUITION LEVIED UPON STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY.”**

*President of National Federal Employees Association of Retired Post Pres. Assoc. Guam*

**Witness Sign-In Sheet**

NAME:	AGENCY OR INTEREST GROUP	TELEPHONE NUMBER	TESTIMONY		COMMENT	
			ORAL	WRITTEN	FOR	AGAINST
<i>John M. Phillips</i>	<i>NARFE</i>	<i>565 5044</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ADDRESS: <i>ZIO San Pedro San Fco. R.I.</i>						

NAME:	AGENCY OR INTEREST GROUP	TELEPHONE NUMBER	TESTIMONY		COMMENT	
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<i>Joseph RHATIGAN</i>	<i>SENIOR CITIZENS</i>	<i>649-9328</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ADDRESS: <i>TUMON GU</i>						

NAME:	AGENCY OR INTEREST GROUP	TELEPHONE NUMBER	TESTIMONY		COMMENT	
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<i>William Woodley</i>	<i>(1) NARFE (President of P)</i>	<i>696-4981</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ADDRESS: <i>Tampabay</i>	<i>(2) Council of Sen. Citizens</i>					

NAME:	AGENCY OR INTEREST GROUP	TELEPHONE NUMBER	TESTIMONY		COMMENT	
			ORAL	WRITTEN	FOR	AGAINST
<i>Arthur U. San Agustin</i>	<i>DPHSS - DSC</i>	<i>475-0263</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ADDRESS: <i>POB 2816 Agaña, Guam 96932</i>	<i>The Administration of the Division of Senior Citizens Speak for</i>					

*See Report on PPHSS.*

# Witness Sign-In Sheet

## BILL 484

NAME:	AGENCY OR INTEREST GROUP	TELEPHONE NUMBER	TESTIMONY		COMMENT	
			ORAL	WRITTEN	FOR	AGAINST
Jesse Lew Gusarero	W.O.G BOARD OF DIRECTORS	477-2394/5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ADDRESS: P.O. Box CK Alpen, Guam 96932						

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			ORAL	WRITTEN	FOR	AGAINST
Ivan P. Gonzalez	Citizen	499-206	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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NAME:	AGENCY OR INTEREST GROUP	TELEPHONE NUMBER	TESTIMONY		COMMENT	
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Tom Darcin	AARP	565-5765	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ADDRESS: 260 <del>Santa Rita</del> Chandiya Circle Santa Rita, Guam 96915						

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NAME:	AGENCY OR INTEREST GROUP	TELEPHONE NUMBER	TESTIMONY		COMMENT	
Arthur San Agustin			ORAL	WRITTEN	FOR	AGAINST
ADDRESS:			X			

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TESTIMONY ON BILL 484 - An Act relative to exempting residents of Guam, Age 55 and over, from tuition levied upon students of the University of Guam:

My Name is John M Phillips. I am a Senior Citizen, President of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) and Past President of The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and currently a member of the Board of Directors of AARP. I am also Chair of the Accounting Department at the University of Guam. I am a domicile of Santa Rita, a registered voter and a property owner.

I speak today both as a senior citizen and as an educator. I am in favor of enacting this provision back into law. A similar provision was repealed when the current law establishing the University Faculty & Administrators as a separate class of employees was enacted. I was a member of the University's Board of Regents that enacted the current University policy on Senior citizens in 1985.

First Senior citizens need the opportunity to enhance their knowledge, which in turn enhances their life. Senior citizens are not preparing for a new occupation. But, that should not stop them from acquiring additional knowledge, and enriching their lives.

Senior Citizens are not wealthy, especially on Guam. They are on a fixed or semi-fixed income and this income is needed for their living and medical expenses. Education is a luxury if one has to pay for it. The Senior citizen would have to forgo this needed item, but a luxury, in order to pay the rent, food and medical expenses.

As a faculty member I welcome senior citizens into my class. They provide real life experiences and maturity to the young students. They enhance the classes. Most upper level classes never are full, the senior citizen do not deprive the young of an educational opportunity by taking a space in a class.

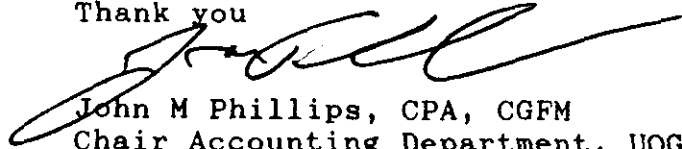
There is no cost to the University. The seat is empty, instruction, overhead are paid for. The University gains as the senior pays fees and purchases books and supplies, which provide income to the University.

The Senior will be a recruiter for the University. They will tell their grandchildren and other family members about the opportunities available at the University. And they will encourage people to follow their example. Learning is a great way to overcome boredom. And there is always the possibility that they will leave monies to the University in their will.



The University can only gain by offering no tuition to the senior community. Remember this is the growing part of the population. The improvement of the seniors lives will improve the Island

Thank you



John M Phillips, CPA, CGFM  
Chair Accounting Department, UOG  
President NARFE, Board Member AARP



*Mr. J. T. Rhatigan  
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February 10, 1998

Good Morning Mr. Chairman, distinguished Legislators, and members of the public:

My name is Joseph Rhatigan, a resident of this fair island of Guam for the past thirty years. I present myself today to testify very strongly in favor of Bill No. 484. Since I have devoted most of my life to helping and assisting others who are in need, I must also support this very commendable Bill and urge that it be enacted into law as soon as humanly possible.

Until very recently, the people of Guam, particularly the elderly or Manamko, were given the opportunity to further their education at very little expense other than the cost of books and related classroom items. But through what was perhaps a spirit of false economy, this privilege was taken away from the Manamko. The chance to improve their minds and state of being was deleted from the law books and the elderly were left to fend for themselves, in the best way that they could.

The elderly of today are quite different from those of twenty or thirty years ago. At that time, it was considered very proper to allow the senior citizens to sit and just vegetate into antiquity. That is definitely not the situation today. Today, a person might retire from his or her life's work when they reach the ripe age of 65. But the

majority of these will then proceed to assume a second life time job. Perhaps not as strenuous as the first one, but at least, productive and satisfying. In this way, they continue to be good and energetic citizens of the community. Enactment of this Bill will help to ensure that this trend becomes a continuing facet of the life of our elderly. It is through education that one grows and thus we are able to help, not only one's self, but others around us as well. Yes, Senators, this Bill, today, is a necessity. Through education, the welfare rolls can be diminished and the overall productivity of this Island can be greatly increased. This will be beneficial to young and old alike.

Once again, through the efforts of members of this Legislature, the elderly will be offered the prospect of seeking enrichment of their minds and their lives. Persons like myself, who could not afford to enroll at the University for full time classes, would have the possibility of attending certain classes such as computer classes, language classes and writing courses. This will enable myself to continue to help others ( a task I set for myself many, many years ago.). I have always enjoyed helping those in need. It is one of the unpaid pleasures of my life to see someone else benefit from my endeavors to assist them. I would greatly enjoy having the chance to enlarge my intellect and thus be able to assist even more people in need.

Therefore, it is my heartfelt desire, that this Legislature unanimously pass this Bill and forward it to the Governor for his immediate signature and enactment into law. It is only in this way that we can show to our Manamko that they are fully appreciated

and that we are concerned for their mental well being. It will be the culmination of the Golden Rule - **“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!”**

Thank you all for having given me the opportunity today to express my heartfelt thoughts on this most worthy Bill. I eagerly look forward to its enactment!

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**Testimony on Bill No. 484 (COR)**

AN ACT TO AMEND §16125 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING RESIDENTS OF GUAM FROM TUITION LEVIED UPON STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM.

The Department of Public Health and Social Services, Division of Senior Citizens supports the intent of Bill No. 484 (COR), specifically the amendment exempting tuition to be levied upon any student admitted who is **Fifty-five (55) years of age or older**, provided that such individual meet the admission requirements of the University of Guam and are residents of Guam.

The proposed provision would allow senior citizens of our island to continue stimulating their minds and learn changes from our ever growing and dynamic society. Their presence in a classroom contributes in two major ways. First of all, their life experiences enrich classroom discussions and secondly, their acculturation to new ideas and practices bridges our generations. Both aspects are particularly important for us to have a community that values contributions made from all ages and having an educated community. The opportunity to continue being a part of the learning process maintains the channel of communications with our elders; thus, allowing a greater understanding of the changes that are occurring in our community.

All students admitted into the University should meet admission and residency requirements established by the University. This effort would insure consistency and provide uniformity to all students of the University of Guam. In addition, I would recommend the legislation be further amended to include the levy of student fees on senior enrollees of the University of Guam.

As the Department and Division that advocates for senior citizens, locally, I thank you for the opportunity to express support on behalf of our manamko.

  
**DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ**  
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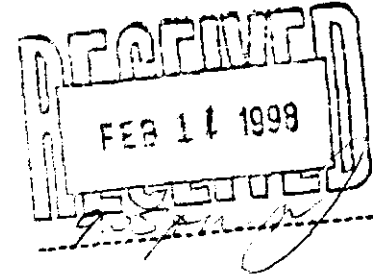


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Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, PhD  
Chairperson, Committee on Education  
24th Guam Legislature  
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Suite 106-F Ada's Professional & Commercial Center  
Agana, Guam 96910



Dear Senator Kasperbauer:

Buenas yan Saluda! In reference to the written testimony provided on Bill No. 484 (COR) on January 10, 1998, I am submitting clarification on the intended position with regards to student fees. The intended amendment is to waive and not impose student fees to those age fifty-five (55) years and older.

My department was represented by Mr. Arthur U. San Agustin, MHR, Administrator for the Division of Senior Citizens and was asked by Senator Aguon as to the intended written position of the department/division on this recommended provision to be added. From my understanding, Mr. San Agustin indicated that prior legislation exempted seniors from being assessed tuition and fees and it is the position of this department that such be afforded to our manamko.

I felt this clarification was important for me to express in a timely manner as your Committee further deliberates on the final version of Bill No. 484 (COR).

Should you need further assistance on clarification, please contact Mr. San Agustin at 475-0263.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

**DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ**  
Director

cc: Senator Aguon  
Senator Camacho  
Committee Members



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**February 10, 1998**

**Dear Senator Kasperbauer:**

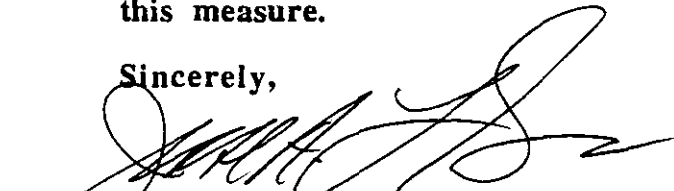
**On behalf of the Board of Regents of the University of Guam I would like to express our support for the primary intent of Bill 484 to exempt residents of Guam, age 55 years and older, from paying tuition. This proposition is consistent with a long standing policy of the University of Guam.**

**However, recent fiscal constraints have caused the Board to reevaluate this policy, although no change is planned. Consequently, since this measure calls for a statutory tuition exemption, we would request that an additional section be added containing an appropriation provision to cover the costs of implementation. Present costs of the tuition waiver plan now amounts to approximately \$50,000.00 per academic year.**

**I also note that under existing law and the provisions of Section 2. of the bill it is contemplated that resident tuition fees would be charged residents of the outerislands. I would recommend that that provision be further amended to allow for resident tuition only in the event that their respective institutions of higher learning reciprocate with an identical program for Guam residents.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Bill 484. I am ready to answer any further questions you may have concerning the Board of Regents' position on this measure.**

**Sincerely,**



**Jesse A. Leon Guerrero**  
**Vice-Chairman, Board of Regents**  
**University of Guam**

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February 10, 1998

Honorable Lawrence Kasperbauer  
Chairperson  
Committee on Education  
24th Guam legislature  
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Agana, Guam 96910

Hafa Adai:


This is a formal testimony in **support of Bill 484** "An Act to amend 16125 of Title 17, Guam Code Annotated relative to Exempting Residents of Guam from Tuition levied upon students of the University of Guam."

We are unclear as to the number of senior citizens who are local residents and who have or want to pursue education at the University of Guam. But what we are clear of, is that the average senior who would want to attend would not be able to pay for the costs of tuition, fees, and books. As you are aware, many of our residents 60 years and older fall in the low to moderate income category.

Our profile of senior citizens is surely changing and we believe that many will want to pursue further education even after retirement. It is our sincerest hope that this Legislature will pass this bill. It will provide opportunities and incentives to persons 55 years and older to encourage them to continue contributing their vast knowledge and skills to our community.

We will be more than happy to join forces with the University of Guam in promoting this incentive should this law be passed.

If you should need additional information, let me know.

  
SEGUNDO AGUON  
Director



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TESTIMONY ON BILL 484

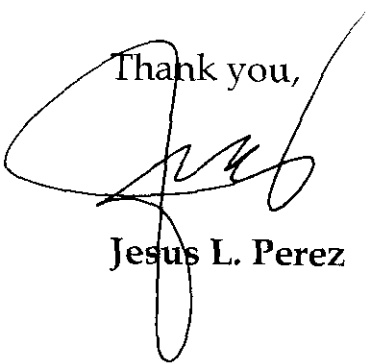
My name is Jesus L. Perez. I am 55 years old and currently enrolled at the University of Guam, Graduate School, College of Business, Public Administration and Law since the fall 1997 semester and expect to graduate after the spring semester 1998.

For the last two semesters, I have been pursuing my "mid-life career" change and hope to graduate after the spring 1998 semester.

The senior citizen tuition exemption policy of the University of Guam is good and beneficial to the senior citizens as well as the island. I can prove this. Enclosed is a copy of my current transcript showing the number of courses I took within the relatively short period of time and the results.

I urge this legislature not to eliminate but rather enforce and enhance this worthwhile policy and program that the University of Guam has taken upon itself. It is good for Guam.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JP', with a large, sweeping flourish that loops back under the signature.

Jesus L. Perez

**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM**  
**Graduate School and Research**  
**GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM**  
**DEGREE: Master of Public Administration**  
**MAJOR: Public Administration**

**ADMISSION INFORMATION:**

1. GPA (Cumulative): \_\_\_\_\_ 2. GPA (Major Area): \_\_\_\_\_ 3. TOEFL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. GRE: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_; Quantitative \_\_\_\_\_; Analytical \_\_\_\_\_; GRE-Total \_\_\_\_\_

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

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 College Degree: Major: BA - Management & Accounting(1965) MBA - Economics & Finance(1979)  
 University: University of Guam University of Washington, Seattle  
Pacific Coast Banking School

**II. PRE-CANDIDATE ADVISEMENT and REVIEW (Acknowledged by Student and Program Chair)**

Student: Jesus L. Perez Date: 1/24/98 Program Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Please have committee members initial)**

Chairperson: Ronald L. McNinch, Jr. PHD Initial: RM  
 Name and Department  
 Members: 1: Ronald L. McNinch, Jr. PHD Initial: RM  
 Name and Department  
 2: Ronald B. Aguon, Asst. Professor Initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and Dept. (outside member)  
 3: John C. Dierking, Jr. Asst. Professor Initial: JCD  
 Name and Dept. (add, if needed)

Note: If the chairperson and/or committee member finds that he or she cannot serve, particularly due to absence from the campus at the time the student is finishing his work, he or she must notify the appropriate Graduate Program Chair and the Graduate Dean so that a substitute can be appointed.

**IV. TRANSFER CREDITS**

Note: A maximum of 9 semester credits can be transferred into a program (1 quarter hr. = 2/3 semester hours). Grades below "B" are not transferrable as graduate credit.

Course	College	Grade	Credit	UOG Course
<u>Analysis of Business</u>	<u>PCBS / University of Washington</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>PAS01</u>
<u>Organization of Management</u>	<u>PCBS / " "</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>PA545</u>

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Director, Admissions & Records

V. PROGRAM CONTRACT

Course Number	Title of Course	Crds.	Grade	Semester Taken
PA501	Introduction to Research (PCBS Course)	3	A	92
OR				
ED500	Introduction to Research	3		
PA510	Contemporary Theories of Public Administration	3	A	FA 97
PA525	Gov't. Planning & Budgeting	3	A	FA 97
PA530	Mngmnt. of Governmental Org.	3	A	FI 97-98
PA535	Intergovernmental Relations	3		SP 98
PA540	Administrative Law	3		SP 98
PA690	Special Project (3)	3		SP 98
OR				
PA695	Thesis (6)			

ELECTIVES: (12 - 15 credits with the approval of Program Chair)

PA594	Dispute Resolution (Govtiam)	3	A	FI 97-98
(PA560)	Planning	3	* A	<del>SP 98</del>
PA545	ORG Behavior and Theory	3	* A	(PCBS)
<del>PA565</del>	<del>Public Contracting</del>	<del>3</del>		<del>(PCBS)</del>
BA506	Managerial Acct.	3	A	FA 97
PA550	COMPARATIVE ADMINISTRATION	3	A	FA 97

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS-- 36

VI. QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

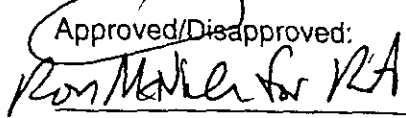
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Creative Thesis Proposal Approved: Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Members: 1: \_\_\_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_\_\_ 3: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If later substitutions are made in this contract, the student's Chairperson must receive written approval from the Program Chair and the Graduate Dean via an appropriate memorandum.

VII. CANDIDACY FOR THE M.P.A. DEGREE IN Public Administration

Approved/Disapproved:  
  
 PROGRAM CHAIR                      DATE

Approved/Disapproved:  
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 DEAN, GRAD. SCH. & RES.                      DATE



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