



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ  
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

APR 17 1998

Refer to  
Legislative Secretary

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco  
Speaker  
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature  
Guam Legislature Temporary Building  
155 Hesler Street  
Agana, Guam 96910

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY	
ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT	
Received By	<u>[Signature]</u>
Time	<u>4:45pm</u>
Date	<u>4-17-98</u>

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find a copy of Bill No. 493 (LS), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 41 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER PATIENTS", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-172**.

This legislation provides the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID) a separate fund with an appropriation of \$100,000 to respond quickly to the needs of disabled persons who may need assistance immediately.

There are no guidelines contained in the legislation for the disbursement of the funds, which should be used only for emergencies. The DISID will try to incorporate guidelines into their rules and regulations which will take into account disaster response needs. Although funds sitting idle in a separate account are not managed well, relative to good financial practices, the concept of having a ready resource to assist those in need is very important.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]  
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: 4-17-98  
Time: 1448  
Rec'd by: [Signature]  
Print Name: Charlene D.

TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR


This is to certify that Bill No. 493 (LS), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 41 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER PATIENTS," was on the 27<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 1998, duly and regularly passed.

  
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ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO  
Speaker

Attested:

  
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MARK FORBES  
Senator and Acting Legislative  
Secretary

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This Act was received by the Governor this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1998, at  
1:55 o'clock P.M.

  
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Assistant Staff Officer  
Governor's Office

APPROVED:

  
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CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ  
Governor of Guam

Date: 4-17-98

Public Law No. 24-172

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

**Bill No. 493 (LS)**

As amended by the Author  
and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

E. J. Cruz  
J. C. Salas  
L. F. Kasperbauer  
Felix P. Camacho  
E. Barrett-Anderson  
T. C. Ada  
F. B. Aguon, Jr.  
A. C. Blaz  
J. M.S. Brown  
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 ADD A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO  
CHAPTER 41 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE  
ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR  
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER  
PATIENTS.**



1 equipment, medical supplies and medications to individuals with  
2 disabilities and other patients under the care of a licensed physician.

3 **Section 41604.** The Director of the Department of Integrated  
4 Services for Individuals with Disabilities ('Director') is hereby  
5 authorized to dispense funds from the Individuals with Disabilities  
6 Disaster Recovery Fund pursuant to this Article.

7 **Section 41605. Administration.** The Director shall  
8 account for and administer the Fund. The Director shall keep all books,  
9 records, files and accounts for the Fund. The Director shall prepare  
10 semi-annual reports relative to the Fund reflecting the transactions and  
11 financial condition of the Fund, which semi-annual reports shall be  
12 transmitted to the Governor and the Speaker of the Guam Legislature."

13 **Section 3 Appropriation.** The sum of One Hundred Thousand  
14 Dollars (\$100,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the  
15 Individuals with Disabilities Disaster Recovery Fund for the purpose of this  
16 Act.

17 **Section 4. Administrative Adjudication Law.** The Director shall  
18 promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of this Act through the  
19 Administrative Adjudication Law within thirty (30) days from passage of this  
20 Act.

# TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: 3/27/98

## VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 493  
 Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Question: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED	ABSENT/ OUT DURING ROLL CALL
ADA, Thomas C.	✓			
AGUON, Frank B., Jr.	✓			
<del>BARRETT-ANDERSON, Elizabeth</del>				
BLAZ, Anthony C.	✓			
BROWN, Joanne M. S.	✓			
CAMACHO, Felix P.	✓			
CAMACHO, Francisco P.	✓			
CHARFAUROS, Mark C.	✓			
CRUZ, Eduardo J.	✓			
FLORES, William B.S.M.	✓			
FORBES, Mark	✓			
KASPERBAUER, Lawrence F.	✓			
LAMORENA, Alberto C., V	✓			
LEON GUERRERO, Carlotta A.	✓			
LEON GUERRERO, Lou	✓			
PANGELINAN, Vicente C.	✓			
SALAS, John C.	✓			
SANTOS, Angel L.G.	✓			
SANTOS, Francis E.	✓			
UNPINGCO, Antonio R.	✓			
WON PAT-BORJA, Judith	✓			

TOTAL

20

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk of the Legislature



TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

# Office of the Vice-Speaker

ANTHONY C. BLAZ

LEGISLATIVE  
COMMITTEE  
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Vice Chairman

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Public Safety & Consumer Protection

Information Technology & Telecommunications

Microfinance

Environment & Natural Resources

Commission on Self-Determination

March 16, 1998

The Honorable Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco  
24th Guam Legislature  
155 Hesler Street  
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to which was referred **Bill No. 493**, "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER PATIENTS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 41 OF TITLE 17 GCA", herein reports back with the recommendation **TO DO PASS**.

Votes of the committee members are as follows:

  11   To Pass

       Not to Pass

       To Place in Inactive File

       Abstain

       Off-Island

       Not Available

A copy of the Committee's report and other pertinent documents are enclosed for your reference and information.

Sincerely,

**ANTHONY C. BLAZ**

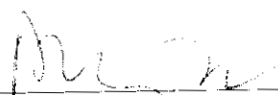

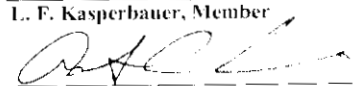
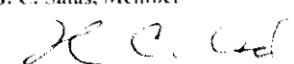
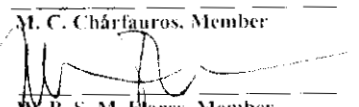
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Committee on Finance and Taxation

Vote Sheet

Bill No. 493

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER PATIENTS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 41 OF TITLE 17 GCA

Committee Member	To Pass	Not to Pass	Abstain	Inactive File
 A. C. Blaz, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M. Forbes, Vice Chairperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A. R. Unpingco, Ex-Officio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Barrett-Anderson, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. M. S. Brown, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. J. Cruz, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 L. F. Kasperbauer, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 A. A. C. Lamorena, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. A. Leon Guerrero, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. C. Salas, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 T. C. Ada, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M. C. Chárfauros, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 W. B. S. M. Flores, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. E. Santos, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION**

**Report on  
Bill No. 493 (LS)**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER PATIENTS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 41 OF TITLE 17 GCA.

Introduced by:

**Senators E. J. Cruz, J. C. Salas, L. F. Kasperbauer,** Felix P. Camacho, and Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Committee on Finance and Taxation conducted a public hearing on Friday, March 13, 1998, starting at 9:00 a. m., to hear testimonies on Bill No. 493 (LS), AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER PATIENTS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 41 OF TITLE 17 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED. The public hearing was held at the Vice Speaker's Conference Room.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz, Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Taxation. Committee and other members present were:

**TESTIMONY:**

Mr. John Santos Taitano, Deputy Director of Operations of DISID, submitted a written testimony, on behalf of DISID Director Joseph Artero-Cameron, strongly the enactment of Bill No. 493 (LS), with the following additional suggestions:

- a. That the types of disaster for which this Fund could be utilized should include both "natural" and "anthropogenic" disasters;
- b. That assistance from this Fund should not duplicate comparable services available with such organizations as FEMA, the American Red Cross, and others;
- c. That there is a need to incorporate "assistive technology and other appropriate services provided by Allied Health Professionals" into the legislation.

#### FINDINGS:

The Committee finds the following:

- (1) That the suggestions of the DISID Director in his submitted testimony supporting Bill No. 493 (LS) are worthy of consideration; and
- (2) That the enactment of this legislation is essential for the well-being and peace of mind of individuals with disabilities.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

After considering the testimony submitted in favor of Bill No. 493 (LS), the Committee does hereby recommend to the Guam Legislature that Bill No. 493 (LS), AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER PATIENTS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 41 OF TITLE 17 GCA, as amended, be passed by the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

## PROFILE OF BILL NO. 493 (LS)

- Brief Title:** "An Act to Establish Disaster Assistance Program for Individuals with Disabilities and other Patients"
- Date Introduced:** Submitted to the Legislature for introduction on Wednesday, February 4, 1998, which will be officially ratified during the Second Regular Session of the 24<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature.
- Main Sponsors:** Senators E. J. Cruz, J. C. Salas, and L. F. Kasperbauer.
- Committee Referral:** Referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.
- Public Hearing:** The Committee on Finance and Taxation conducted a public hearing of Bill No. 493 (LS) at the Vice Speaker's Conference Room on Friday, March 13, 1998, from 9:00 a. m.
- Official Title:** AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER PATIENTS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 41 OF TITLE 17 GCA.
- Mark up Meeting:**
- Co-Sponsors:** Senators Felix P. Camacho and Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson and other Committee and other members who so desire.
- Recommendation:** To pass.

### OVERVIEW AND INTENT:

Inspired by the onslaught of Super typhoon Paka, and other such natural disasters which brought hardship to all residents of Guam, this Bill was introduced to provide immediate assistance specifically to persons with disabilities and other patients with additional needed dependence on medical equipment, medical supplies, and medications for subsistence, are especially burdened with the devastation of a

disaster and are almost consistently incapable of *immediate and speedy* recovery because of the *unusual predicament they are in*. The Guam Legislature recognizes the need for immediate intervention for the preservation of health, safety, and welfare of these people.

**SECTION ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1. Legislative Finding and Intent.** This section summarizes the intent stated above (under Overview and Intent).

**Section 2.** This section proposes to add a new Article 6 to Chapter 41 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated, entitled "Individuals with Disabilities Disaster Recovery Fund," specifically to provide the following:

- a. Section 41601 provides the creation of the "Individuals with Disabilities Recovery Fund."
- b. Section 41602 provides the separation of this Fund from the General Fund.
- c. Section 41603 specifies the Purpose of Expenditures that shall be authorized from this Fund.
- d. Section 41604 authorizes the Director of DISID to dispense funds for the intended purpose.
- e. Section 41605 designates the Director of DISID as administrator of this fund required to render semi-annual reports to the Governor and the Speaker of the Guam Legislature.

**Section 3. Appropriation.** This section appropriates \$100,000.00 from the General Fund for the purpose of this Article.

**Section 4. Administrative Adjudication Law.** The Director of DISID shall promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of this Chapter through the Administrative Adjudication Law within thirty (30) days from enactment of this Bill.

**Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID)**

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March 13, 1998

**Senator Anthony C. Blaz**

Chairman

Committee on Finance and Taxation

21<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature

**RE: Testimony for Bill No. 493**

Håfa adai! My name is John Santos Taitano, Deputy Director of Operations of the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID). On behalf of the Director, Joseph Artero-Cameron, and the Finance Department, I am here to provide testimony on Bill No. 493, an Act that would establish a disaster assistance program for individuals with disabilities and other patients by adding a new Article 6 to Chapter 41 of Title 17 of the Guam Code Annotated.

Bill No. 493 attempts to fill the gaps in services and assistance available to the people of Guam with disabilities and other medical conditions during the very trying times of a disaster. Furthermore, Bill No. 493 would allow the Government of Guam, under the auspices of the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, to respond in a timely and efficient manner to the most pressing and immediate medical needs of persons with disabilities.

At this moment, I feel that I must point out some questions of Bill No. 493 with which I have questions and reservations. Firstly, it must be clearly expressed and understood that this Fund is to be safeguarded for use **only** during and in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. What we need to make even more clear is the *type* of disaster for which this Fund can be utilized. The Department, because of the vagueness and generic use of the term 'disaster' throughout the Bill, understands this to encompass the full gamut of disasters, be they 'natural' or anthropogenic. Thus such an interpretation of this proposed bill would also allow for a greater coverage of persons' with disabilities needs.

Secondly, it is likewise necessary to stress the importance of this Fund as a valuable source of assistance during emergency situations, but it must be recognized that the purpose of the Fund is not to duplicate or replicate comparable services and benefits afforded by other agencies and organizations such as the Federal Emergency Management Administration and the American Red Cross, among others. The Fund should only be utilized to help those truly in need and who are determined ineligible by other disaster and emergency organizations.

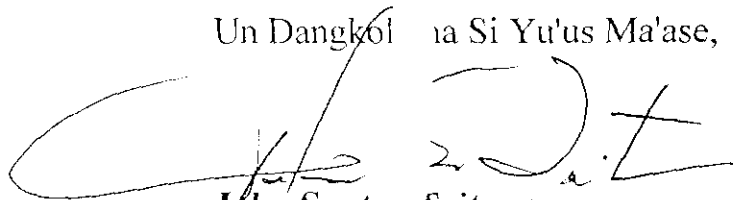
However, perhaps the Fund can instead be utilized for the sake of immediacy and efficiency regardless of the services/assistance provided elsewhere. This issue needs to be ironed out soon to avoid confusion or even misuse in the future.

In the correspondence dated February 5, 1998 between Mr. Joseph Artero-Cameron and Senator Eduardo Cruz regarding the creation of Bill No. 493, Mr. Artero-Cameron made it expressly clear the need to incorporate "assistive technology and other appropriate services provided by Allied Health Professionals" into the legislation. Assistive technology devices such as wheelchairs, crutches, telecommunications for the deaf and trained pets, among others, are not necessarily "medical equipment and medical supplies." So, this means that they would not be under the current language of the Bill, covered by the Fund. These types of non-medical equipment are so necessary and extremely important for the well-being of individuals with disabilities; many cannot live or function independently without them. As our experience from Super Typhoon Pakas taught us, these equipment were among some of the identified needs of individuals with disabilities in the aftermath of the storm, many such equipment were lost or damaged.

Such concerns can be addressed and articulated in the rules and regulations to be established by the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities within thirty days from passage of this chapter, as required. However, we feel that it is imperative that such concerns be incorporated into the language of the law so we can ensure that the rules and regulations DISID develops are not contrary to or limiting the law. Thus, it would behoove the authors of this Bill to reconsider its current provisions in the name of thoroughness and specificity and so as to prevent confusion and misinterpretations, as I have demonstrated, from hindering the efficient provision of services and assistance to individuals with disabilities and other persons during or after a disaster.

In summation, the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities is in support of the legislative intent of Bill No. 493 and endorses its passage into Guam public law, but only after the areas of concern that I have just raised have been addressed and/or incorporated.

Un Dangkol na Si Yu'us Ma'ase,



**John Santos Faitano**  
Deputy Director, DISID

**24th Guam Legislature**  
**Committee on Rules, Government**  
**Reform and Federal Affairs**

*Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman*

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FEB 23 1998

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairman  
Committee on Finance and Taxation

**FROM:** Chairman  
Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Referral- Bill No. 493

The above Bill is referred to your Committee as the principal committee. It is recommended you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

MARK FORBES

Attachment

### FISCAL NOTE BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

Bill No. 493 (LS)

Date Received: February 24, 1998

Amendatory Bill?: Yes  No

Date Reviewed: March 11, 1998

Department / Agency Affected: Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities

Department / Agency Head: Joseph Artero-Cameron, Director

Total FY Appropriation to Date: \$4,401,801.00

Bill Title (Preamble): AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER PATIENTS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 41 OF TITLE 17 GCA.

Change in Law: Adds a new Article 6 to Chapter 41, Title 17 GCA

Bill's Impact on Present Program Funding:

Increase  Decrease  Reallocation  No Change

Bill is For: Operations  Capital Improvement  Other

#### FINANCIAL / PROGRAM IMPACT

##### ESTIMATED SINGLE-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill):

Program Category:	General Fund:	Other:	Total:
<u>Health and Welfare</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>

##### ESTIMATED MULTI-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill):

FUND:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total:
General Fund	<u>1/</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Other (TAF)	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Total	<u>1/</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

Funds adequate to cover intent of Bill? Yes  No  / If No, add'l. funding required?                     

Agency / Person Contacted / Date Contacted: DISID / Rita Sotomayor, ASO / March 11, 1998

##### POTENTIAL MULTI-YEAR REVENUE (Estimated):

FUND:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total:
General Fund	<u>N/A</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Other	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Total	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

ANALYST: Arthur R. Mariano

DATE: 3/11/98

DIRECTOR: Joseph E. Rivera

DATE: MAR 11 1998

FOOTNOTES:

1/: (See Attached Comments)

BBMR - F



## Fiscal Note Comments

Bill No. 493 (LS) proposes to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the General Fund to a separate fund to be known as the Individuals with Disabilities Disaster Recovery Fund. The proposed legislation intends to establish a Disaster Assistance Program for Individuals with Disabilities and other patients for post-natural disaster assistance (i.e. medical supplies and equipment, medications, etc.) Based on the foregoing, the subject legislation proposes a definite fiscal impact. However, absent additional data, the actual fiscal impact can not be determined at this time. The proposed General Fund appropriation would have a direct effect on the already limited financial resources of the government of Guam (See Below).

Additionally, the Bureau is concerned with the Bill, in its current form, as it provides the opportunity for all qualified patients, not only those persons with disabilities, to apply for assistance. This may set precedence for a greater number of individuals to seek such assistance thus necessitating additional funding for the program. Secondly, whereas the proposed Bill uses Supertyphoon Paka as an example of a 'disaster', there exists a myriad of other natural occurrences which can be construed as a "disaster". As such, it is important that language be clearly defined and extent of coverage be included in relative rules and regulations to ensure that funding be used appropriately. Failure to do so would result in excessive claims to the program and, ultimately, to the government of Guam.

It should be noted that 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.