

CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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# AUG 12 1998

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco Speaker Mina'Bente Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature Guam Legislature Temporary Building 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 622 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM 89.3 PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-228.** 

This is an appropriation from the General Fund to KPRG-FM 89.3 Public Radio for \$120,000 for Fiscal Year 1998. This amount was represented to be essential and vitally needed because of the severe shortfall for this public facility for fiscal year.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez

I Maga'lahen Guåhan Governor of Guam

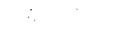
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cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown Legislative Secretary

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#### MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

## CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 622 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM 89.3 PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998," was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 1998, duly and regularly passed.

ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO Speaker

Attested:

JOANNE M.S. BROWN Senator and Legislative Secretary

Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ I Maga'lahen Guahan

Date: <u>8-12-78</u> Public Law No. <u>2628</u>

## MINA'BENTE KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 622 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM 89.3 PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998.

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

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. Public Radio for Guam,
 KPRG-FM 89.3, has earned the support of the community through promoting

diversity in broadcast information and entertainment since January 27, 1994. 1 With few staff and nearly one hundred (100) active volunteers at any given time, 2 KPRG improves the quality of life on Guam through programming selected for 3 its artistic and cultural strength, rather than commercial viability. Because of 4 5 non-commercial broadcast license restrictions and because KPRG is also affected by Guam's current economic doldrums, KPRG continues to rely on the 6 7 government of Guam for a portion of its operating revenues. This is not unusual. 8 Similar stations receive State-level funding averaging ten percent (10%) of their annual revenues. The Federal government allocates Twenty-four Cents (\$0.24) 9 per American for public radio, and Seventy-two Cents (\$0.72) per American for 10 11 public television. The request in this Act represents twelve percent (12%) less 12 than last year's appropriation and less than twenty-five percent (25%) of this 13 year's local support for public television.

14 While annual requests were forecast to decrease as KPRG's reliance on 15 listener's donations and program underwriting by corporate donors increased, 16 and had hoped to forego local public funding entirely for this fiscal year, 17 progress in developing private funding source is offset by a twenty-five percent 18 (25%) decrease in Federal grant or about Thirty-five Thousand Dollars 19 (\$35,000.00) less this fiscal year. KPRG's expansion plans designed to attract 20 additional private donors cannot be pursued until its routine operation costs are 21 covered.

It is the intent and hope of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* that this will be the last fiscal year KPRG will have to rely on the government of Guam for funding.

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Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriate from the General Fund to
 KPRG-FM 89.3 Public Radio for Guam One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars
 (\$120,000.00) to cover their operational expenses for Fiscal Year 1998.



Chairman. Finance & Taxation

Chairman. Ethics & Standards

Vice-Chairman. Committee on Rules

Member. Judiciary, Public Safety & **Consumer Protection** 

> Member. Natural Resources

Member, Tourism, Economic Development, & Cultural Affairs

Member. Transportation, Telecommunications & **Micronesian Affairs** 

> Member. Guam Finance Commission

Member, Commission on Self Determination

July 13, 1998

The Honorable Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Mina Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan 155 Hesler Street Hagatna, Guahan 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to which was referred Bill No. 622, "An Act to Appropriate One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to KPRG-FM 89.3 Public Radio for Guam for Fiscal Year 1998", herein reports back with the recommendation TO DO PASS

Votes of the committee members are as follows:

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.

ANTHONY C. BLAZ attachments

NA'BENTE KUÅTTRO NA LIHESI TURAN GUÅHAN Office of the Vice Speaker ANTHONY C. BLAZ

To Pass

Not to Pass

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & TAXATION MINA'BENTE KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Chairman: Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz Vice Chairman: Senator Mark Forbes Ex-Officio Member: Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco

#### **VOTING SHEET ON:**

# Bill No.622 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM 89.3 PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	INITIAL	TO <u>PASS</u>	NOT TO 	ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Sen. Anthony C. Blaz Chairman	M				
Sen. Mark Forbes Vice-Chairman	TA /		<u></u>		
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Sen, Thomas C. Ada Member	~				<u></u>
Sen. Joanne M.S. Brown Member				<u> </u>	
Sen. Mark Charfauros Member	Auc	X	<u> </u>		
Sen. Edwardo J. Cruz Member	1 BC		<u> </u>		
Sen. Felix P. Camacho <i>Member</i>	A	<u> </u>			
Sen. William B.S.M. Flores Member	1 pr	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>_</u>	
Sen. Lawrence F. Kasperbauer Member	2h.		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	·
Sen. Alberto A.C. Lamorena, V Member	acle				
Sen. Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero <i>Member</i>	Ctel	-	····		<u></u>
Sen. John C. Salas Member	-18-		<u>- ,</u>	- <u></u>	
Sen. Francis E. Santos <i>Member</i>	- 		<u></u>		



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

Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman

# APR 2 4 1998

MEMORA	NDUM
ТО:	Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation
FROM:	Chairman Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs

SUBJECT: Referral- Bill No. 622

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

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# Committee on Finance and Taxation Report on Bill No. 622 (COR)

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM 89.3 PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 24-139, notice of the public hearing on Bill No. 622 (COR) was published in the Pacific Daily News on 26, April 1998, and on 30, April 1998.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Committee on Finance and Taxation conducted a public hearing on 1, May 1998 at 10:00 A.M. in the Vice Speaker's Conference Room to hear testimonies on Bill No. 622 (COR).

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Senator Mark Charfauros Senator William B.S.N. Flores Senator Tom Ada

Other Senators present were: Senator Frank B. Aguon

## Written & Oral Testimony:

Mr. Darryl A. Borja Taggerty, General Manager, KPRG-FM, supports Bill No. 622 (COR). He emphasized the significance of the \$120,000.00 appropriation citing their revenue shortfall for FY '98. Bill No. 622 (COR) will address this operational shortage.

Mr. Michael C. Wilkins, Chairman, GUAM EDUCATIONAL RADIO FOUNDATION, KPRG-FM supports Bill No. 622 (COR). Mr. Wilkins testified that the \$120,000.00 is an investment to support the arts, humanities and culture of Guam.

## Support in Attendance:

Mrs. Edith Sablan, Guam Police Department, and Mr. Art Borja, Guam Police Department also supported Bill No. 622 (COR).

## **FINDINGS:**

## BILL No. 622 (COR)

- Public Radio on Guam has enjoyed public support since P.L. 21-128 was signed into law on July 28, 1992. This support has included KPRG's construction costs and subsequent annual operations;
- Public Radio is a worthwhile investment in our arts, humanities, and culture;
- Although KPRG's budget also enjoys federal assistance, corporate support, listener contributions and service contracts as additional sources for their funding base, Bill No. 622 (COR) is needed to address FY '98 shortfalls.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee, having conducted a sufficient hearing, does hereby recommend to the Liheslåturan Guåhan to do pass Bill No. 622(COR) AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM 89.3 PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998.

### KPRG-FM 89.3 Public Radio For Guam

UOG Station \* Mangilao, Guam 96923 Phone (671) 734-8930 Fax (671) 734-2958 email: <u>kprg@kprg.org</u> url: http://www.kprg.org Guam Educational Radio Foundation "Something New, Something Different, Something For Everyone"

May 1, 1998

The Honorable Anthony C. Blaz Chairman, Committee on Finance & Taxation Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Street Agana, Guam 96910

#### Re: Bill 622

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your sponsorship of Bill 622 (COR) "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998" and for scheduling today's hearing. Please accept these comments as testimony in favor of the subject bill.

Public Radio for Guam has enjoyed public support since Public Law 21-128 was signed into law on July 28, 1992. From construction funds to annual operational assistance, the government of Guam has made possible Guam's only 24-hour FM broadcast source for diverse programming high-quality non-commercial news, commentary and entertainment to Guam residents. KPRG features news programming renown for journalistic excellence, as well as various musical forms selected for artistic achievement and cultural relevance. Local appropriations join federal grants, corporate underwriting, listener contributions and service contracts as a funding base. Bill 622 represents about one-third of our total fiscal year 1998 revenue requirements of \$423,440. KPRG will not survive without favorable consideration of Bill 622 by this Committee, the Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature, and this Administration.

From among KPRG operational costs, we can defer about \$12,445 to next year, leaving roughly \$411,000 as a working figure. Bill 622's \$120,000 plus the fiscal year 1997 allotment carryover of \$20,969 is 34% of our cash needs. Other FY1998 revenue totals include \$102,288 in federal Corporation for Public Broadcasting funds (25%), corporate underwriting (non-commercial radio's equivalent of advertising) for \$55,696 (14%), service contracts worth \$59,700 (15%), and \$47,300 in listener contributions (12%). In addition, KPRG is supported with various in-kind donations, such as rent-free facilities at the University of Guam, engineering consultancies, generator maintenance,

cellular service, printing services, and banquet facilities for our membership meetings. These are valuable in reducing our costs.

KPRG operates on a strict austerity basis. Our largest expense category is personnel. To remain eligible for federal funds, we must employ at least five persons with demonstrated professional experience in general management and grant administration, technical operations, and production of local programming (one each), and two for private source fundraising. Personnel costs account for \$225,423 of our FY98 expenses, or 52%. Operational and administrative expenses are 43% of the total. \$21,938 in FY97 accounts payable represent the remaining 5%. Our most significant operational expense is for network program delivery via leased satellite circuit (\$81,035, with another \$10,080 deferred until FY99). We have no travel budget, expense account or other such discretionary funds. We segregate revenues by source using fund accounting, and are audited each year in accordance with local appropriation and Corporation for Public Broadcasting requirements.

Most important for our purposes here today, is our projection of revenues and expenses over the next five months. The following is a summary of KPRG's revenues and expenses over the period May to September 1998:

KPRG's accounts payable, as of April 30, total \$80,110. These include \$23,727 in personnel costs (payroll and pension accounts), \$24,370 in NPR and PRI network programming broadcast rights fees, \$27,012 in satellite circuit costs, and \$5000 in attorney and auditor fees.

KPRG's expense projection for the period of May through September is \$142,135. Major categories are \$87,920 in personnel costs, \$33,765 in satellite circuit costs, \$7,300 for network fees, \$6,650 in broadcast tower lease payments, and \$6,500 in other administrative, operational and promotional expenses.

To address the \$222,244 in payables and cost of continued operation over the remainder of FY98, pre-Bill 622 revenues are projected to be \$88,195. We expect to receive \$51,145 from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, \$17,650 in contracted services income, \$10,000 in program underwriting, and \$9,400 in individual listener contributions. KPRG's revenue shortfall for this fiscal year is about \$134,050. Clearly, we need the appropriation of \$120,000 contained in Bill 622.

KPRG has the support of the community, and is making every effort to generate income from private sources. Since October 1997, we have received over \$106,600 from non-government sources. These include \$37,315 in cash contributions from our listeners, \$42,296 from corporate sponsors of our programs, and \$27,000 from firms for whom we provide services under contract. From the previous fiscal year we carried over positive balances of \$25,969 in several accounts. Our FY97 audit has been recently completed by Deloitte & Touche LLP. Copies will be forwarded to the University of Guam, Legislature, and BBMR as soon as the final report is received. Following Supertyphoon Paka, it became clear that Public Radio for Guam would be hampered in its plans to reduce its dependence on appropriated funds. Our broadcast antenna was damaged, requiring us to reduce our broadcast power to just 450 watts, or one-seventh of our normal service level. We endured this impediment until just ten days ago, when a factory representative completed the installation and tuning of the repaired antenna sections. Because the equipment is leased, repairs were made at no cost to KPRG. In addition, the economic malaise that has deepened since last summer discouraged forward movement on developing potential private sources of income.

It was never intended that Public Radio for Guam would be a perennial factor in the government of Guam budget. Indeed, we are encouraged by our success in establishing and maintaining a solid membership base, attracting corporate underwriting, and performing competitive non-broadcast services. While KPRG on 89.3 FM cannot compete aggressively as a singular broadcast medium without incurring sharp increases in costs, we possess distinct advantages in the Guam and regional markets for telecommunications and quality of life opportunities. We look forward to contracting out our unused earth station capacity, addressing the broadcast needs of Guam residents underserved by commercial stations, and promoting improvement in the quality of cultural life on Guam. Business plans designed to mitigate future reliance on appropriated funds are currently under review by members of our governing Board and other interested business leaders. With passage of Bill 622 and release of allotments over the next five months, we will have a secure base from which to launch our new ventures.

Thank you again for your interest in our continued operation. With your support, and the support of many others in their respective capacities, public radio programming will remain available in our community.

Sincerely,

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DARRYL A. BORJA TAGGERTY General Manager

Enclosure

#### Guam Educational Radio Foundation

## Revenue/Expenditure Comparison: Fiscal Years 1996 through 1998

	FY1996	FY1997	FY1998
REVENUES	483,882	363,773	385,027
Federal Funds	140,866	136,836	102,289
Government of Guam Appropriation	100,000	136,100	120,000
Private Fundraising	243,016	132,003	162,740
Underwriting	74,291	49,840	55,670
Membership	43,165	25,164	47,300
Saipan Public Radio			22,450
In-Kind Donations	76,312	63,500	65,000
EXPENSES	464,560	390,288	411,000
Personnel	205,245	218,508	225,425
Network Program Fees	51,454	59,232	51,500
Operating Expenses	128,725	95,721	121,775
Promotions	14,665	5,290	3,260
Administration	20,971	11,537	11,215
Cash on Hand 9/30/9X, less payables	-9,315	2,842	-12,145

"Operating expenses": tower lease, satellite circuit lease, remote facility lease, engineering services power, telephone, toll charges, equipment and equipment insurance

"Promotions": membership drive premiums, expenses for special events, and printing of program guides

"Administration": loan repayment, cleaning, supplies, postage, petty cash, liability insurance, management transition contract, legal fees, bookeeping and audit.

CASH PROJECTIONS - FISCAL 1998 GUAM EDUCATIONAL RADIO FOUNDATION ESTIMATED REVENUES, EXPENSES FY 1998 Actual to 4/28/97

	FY97 Balance	OCT. 1997 N	IOV. 1997 E	DEC. 1997 .	JAN. 1998 F	FEB. 1998 N	AR. 1998 A	APR. 1998	May-96	JUN. 1998	JUL. 1998 A	UG. 1998 S	SEP. 1998 F	AYABLE!	TOTALS
ACCOUNT BALANCES, TRANSFERS										_	_		_		
TO PAYROLL FROM UNRESTRICTED FUND		0	9,500	17,000	8,500	18,450	9,950	19,900	9,950	0	0	0	0		93,250
TO PAYROLL FROM APPROPRIATED FUNDS									24,000	20,500	17,275	17,300	17,250		
END OF MONTH U.O.G. PAYROLL ACCOUNT	20,669	-3,994	-10,984	-10,473	-18,462	-16,501	-20,953	-15,484	-3,212	12	11	34	8		
END OF MONTH UNRESTRICTED FUND CASH	3,788	17,370	7,885	3,337	2,572	20,287	25,511	15,068	4,515	1,199	759	96	301		
REVENUE												_			
GOVGUAM APPROPRIATIONS / RELEASES	20669	0				0	0	0	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000		120,000
CPB COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT	1512	0		51,144					51,144						102,288
UNDERWRITING		4,160	606	0	9,000	21,230	11,300	0	2,000	3,000	2,400	1,000	1,000	0	55,696
MEMBERSHIP	3788	8,223	11,248	3, 187	2,442	2,086	2,348	7,781	4,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	0	0	47,315
64KB CIRCUIT CONTRACT		4,000	0	4,000	4,750	4,750	4,750	4,750	4,750	4,750	0	0	0		36,500
SPECIAL EVENTS		0	0												
SAIPAN PUBLIC RADIO		0	0	0	0	11,268	1,881	1,881	1,881	1,881	1,213	1,213	1,213		22,451
ISLAND AUCTION		0		0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0	0		0
SALE OF PREMIUM ITEMS/MISC.		Q					26		750						776
TOTAL REVENUE	25,969	18,383	11,854	58,331	18,192	39,354	20,306	14,412	88,525	36,631	29,613	27,213	26,213		385,027
SALARY / BENEFITS EXPENSES															
SALARIES		21,998	14,665	14,665	14,665	14,665	12,800	12,800	19,200	15,493	15,493	15,493	15,493		187,430
MATCH FOR SOCIAL SECURITY 7.65%		1,656	1,104	1,104	1,104	1,104	994	1,024	1,469	1,063	1,063	1,083	1,063		13,811
HEALTH (4.7%) and LIFE BENEFITS		866	577	577	577	577	464	484	866	577	577	577	577		7,276
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION 7.5%	-3763	0	0	0	4,872	0	0	0	0	8,984	0	1,500	1,550		16,906
TOTAL SALARY/BENEFITS EXPENSE		24,520	16,346	16,346	21,218	16,346	14,258	14,288	21,535	26,117	17,133	18,633	18,683		225,423
NON-BALARY OPERATING EXPENSES															
GUAM BROADCAST PARTNERS		1,330	1,330	1,330	1,330	887	887	887	1,330	1,330	1,330	1,330	1,330		14,631
U.S. ELECTRODYNAMICS, INC.	-10080		0	20,160			0	0	25,200	5,040	0	5,040	5,040	10,080	60,480
COMSAT	-3425		0	5,138	0	0	0	0	8,565	1,713	1,713	1,713	0	1,713	18,842
SMARTS BROADCAST MAINT. CONTRACT	0	252			752			252			252	0	0		1,508
NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO PROGRAMMING			0	14,620					12,382						27,002
PUBLIC RADIO INT'L PROGRAMMING	-2358		4,716			0		0	11,988	0	7,174	0	0	0	23,878
INDEPENDENT PRODUCER PROGRAMMING	-250		-			0	375	125	•	0	125		0		625
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE ACCOUNTS	-142	0			379	0	107	140	140	140	140	140	140		1,326
POSTAGE/FREIGHT		100	56	0	0	107	106		-			0	0		369
PRINTING	0			-	362	443			83		500	60	164		1.632
GUAM POWER AUTHORITY	-3071	0	3,071					3,246	0	1,300	650	650	0	650	8,917
GTA FOR XMTR SITE TELEPHONE	-47	95			152	0	0	162	47	47	0	0	141		644
(UOG PAID) TELEPHONE EXPENSE		143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143		1,719
AUDIT								0	2,500		Ő		Ō		2,500
LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT	-1587		1.621	0	25	٥	548	ŏ	2,500		-	0	ō		4,694
EQUIPMENT/LIABILITY INSURANCE	-1001		1,041	•	10	1,297	1,297	•	2,000			•	•		2,594
STAFF DEVELOPMENT						.,	.,		Ó						0
TRAVEL			100	0	0				ŏ	0			0		100
PETTY CASH/SUPPLIES/MISCELLANEOUS		570	802	231	422		897	0	250	250	250	0	250		3.922
	0	311	0.02	- 0		312	Ő	Ŭ	200	500	500	ŏ	200		1.623
SPECIAL EVENTS & PROMOTION	-978	011		4,257	0	512	771		0			ŏ	0		5,028
EQUIPMENT/REPAIR/SOFTWARE	-370			4,207								-			•
NON-SALARY OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	-21938	2,601	11,839	45,879	3,585	3,189	5,131	4,955	65,129	10,463	12,777	9,076	7,208		182,033
Net		13,582	9,515	-4,548	4,107	17,715	5,225	-10,443	13,447	26,168	16,836	18,137	19,005		

#### HAND DELIVER

May 1, 1998

The Honorable Anthony C. Blaz Chairman, Committee on Finance & Taxation Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Street Agana, Guam 96910

#### RE: Bill 622

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Guam Educational Radio Foundation is grateful for the Legislatures' past and present support.

As a long standing advocate of Public Broadcasting on Guam, I am often asked why public funds should be used to support the operation of radio and television facilities the can be found in the private sector. My answer to this question is, "to support the arts, humanities and culture of our community."

I offer for your consideration, one of my fundamental beliefs. To the extent that a society reinvests it's surplus productivity, into it's arts and culture, to that extent does it enrich itself and its future generations.

Guam Public Radio provides, through the medium of information, a platform for our arts, humanities and our culture. It is a two-way system for us to present our culture not only to the island of Guam, but also to the entire United States.

Although fiscal restraints have pressured the legislature to reduce the level of support, I recommend to this committee that some participation, however small, should continue as an investment in our arts and humanities, in our culture.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today.

#### Guam Educational Radio Foundation Respectfully yours,

Michael C. Wilkins Chairman

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# Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature Committee on Finance and Taxation

Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz, Chairman PUBLIC HEARING



AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM 89.3 PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998.

A.C. Blaz

Sign-in Sheet: Friday, May 1, 1998 – 10:00 a.m. Conference Room, Office of the Vice Speaker

Name: (please print clearly)	Organization Telephone Number & Fax Number: (please print clearly)	Testimony		
DARRYL A BORTA TAGGERTY	KPRG PUBLIC PADIO FOR GUAM 734-8930	oral A written	Approv_	
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MICHAEL C. WILKINS	SAME	🖓 written	Oppose	
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