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GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
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Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Substitute Bill No. 640 (COR), "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO LEASE A PORTION OF THE LOT IDENTIFIED AS, "LOT NO. 10142 NEW PTN TRACT 100" IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEDEDO TO "STRIKE ZONE" FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TRAINING FACILITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-259**.

This legislation authorizes the Governor to enter a lease agreement for a portion of Lot No. 10142 New PTN Tract 100, which is the Guam Sports Complex in Dededo, to "Strike Zone," a baseball and softball training facility, for 25 years, with an option to renew for another 25 years. The revenues generated from the lease are to be placed into the Department of Parks and Recreation Activity Revolving Fund.

The "Strike Zone" concept involves a hitting range, mechanical pitching machines, skills training tunnels and coaches training area with hitting tees, professional schools, training and seminars, and other public facilities. The facilities are both for athletes, students, parents, and coaches and are designed to form an auxiliary support for teaching baseball and softball.

Very truly yours,

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Carl T. C. Gutierrez
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Governor of Guam

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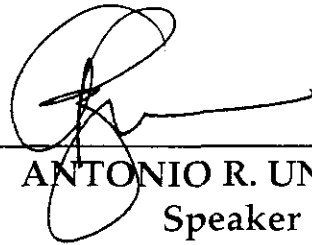
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cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown
Legislative Secretary

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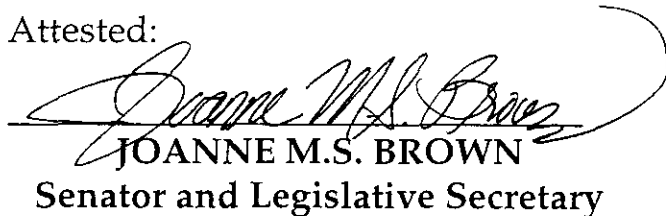
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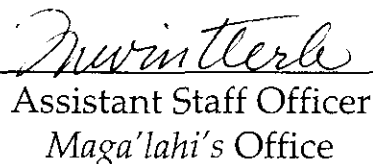
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Attested:



JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* this 3rd day of August, 1998,
at 9:05 o'clock 9.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:



CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
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Date: 8-14-98

Public Law No. 24-259

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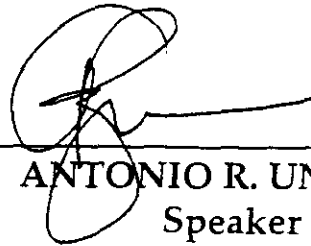
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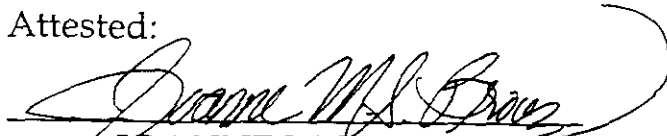
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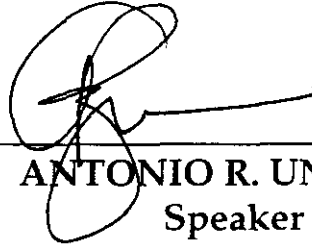
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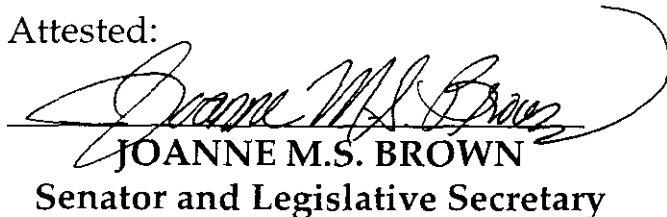
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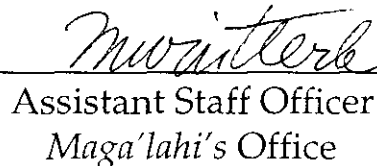
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GUAM LEGISLATURE

Senator Felix P. Camacho

Power, Foreign Affairs and General Government Services

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July 20, 1998

The Honorable
Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker, Mina'Bente Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan
Hågatña, Guam

via: Committee on Rules

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Power, Foreign Affairs & General Government Services, to which was referred Bill No. 640, "An act to authorize the government of Guam to lease a portion of the lot identified as 'Lot No. 10142 New PTN Tract 100' in the Municipality of Dededo (Guam Sports Complex at Dededo) to 'Strike Zone' for the construction and operation of a baseball/softball training facility," does hereby report back with the recommendation TO DO PASS As Substituted.

Votes of committee members are as follows:

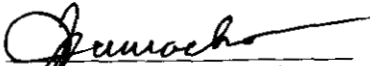
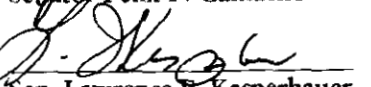
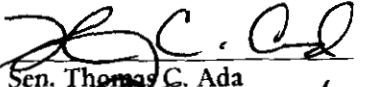
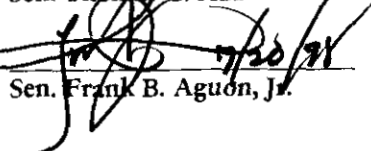
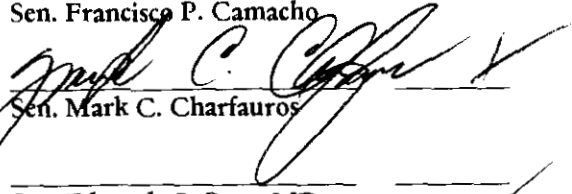
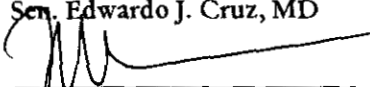
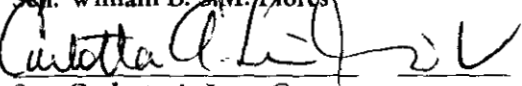
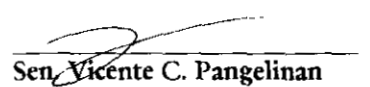
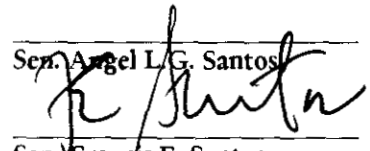
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FELIX P. CAMACHO
Chairman

Attachments

SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 640, VOTING SHEET

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<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE</u>
 Senator Felix P. Camacho	✓			
 Sen. Lawrence F. Kasperbauer			X	
 Sen. Thomas C. Ada	✓			
 Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr.	✓			
Sen. Francisco P. Camacho				
 Sen. Mark C. Charfauros	✓			
Sen. Eduardo J. Cruz, MD				
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Sen. Angel L.G. Santos				
 Sen. Francis E. Santos	✓			
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**COMMITTEE ON POWER, FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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**Committee Report on
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PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee on Power, Foreign Affairs and General Government Services conducted a public hearing on Bill No. 640 at 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 8, 1998 in the Public Hearing Room of *Liheslaturan Guahan*.

SENATORS PRESENT

Felix P. Camacho	Chairman
L. F. Kasperbauer	ViceChair
F. B. Aguon, Jr.	Member
E. J. Cruz	Member
A.C. Lamorena V	Member
Francisco P. Camacho	Member

PRESENT TO TESTIFY

Bill Bennett	Strike Zone
Robert Steffy	Guam Amateur Softball Association
Ed Fortier	1999 South Pacific Games Commission
Dennis Zermeno	Guam Major League
Al Wootten	Department of Youth Affairs
A.J. Sonny Shelton	Department of Parks and Recreation

BACKGROUND

Introduced on May 6, 1998 by Senator Felix P. Camacho

Referred to the Committee on Power, Foreign Affairs & General Government Services on May 21, 1998.

Heard by the Committee on June 8, 1998

Request for Fiscal Note submitted to the Bureau of Budget & Management Research on May 26, 1998. Received on June 22, 1998.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Mr. Bill Bennett, Strike Zone: Supports Bill 640, describing the benefits of baseball and softball to the community; explaining the concept and financing of Strike Zone, and noting the social value the center has to offer the community. Mr. Bennet's written testimony packet includes letters of support from the Guam Major League, the Guam Baseball League, the Guam Baseball Federation, the Guam Little League, and Babe Ruth League, Inc. (*Written testimony is attached*).

Mr. Timothy M. Glath, Mobil Oil of Guam, Inc.: Mobil Oil of Guam, Inc. supports the concept of a baseball training center proposed at the new (Guam Sports Complex at Dededo). Cited Mobil's role in the development and participation of local sports for numerous years. Through commitment to sports, the community can contribute to the development of its youth. Encourages passage of Bill 640. (*Written testimony is attached*).

Mr. Ed Fortier, Executive Director, 1999 South Pacific Games Commission: SPGC supports the concept of a baseball/softball training facility with the understanding that it will not have a negative impact on Guam's ability to host the 1999 South Pacific games. Facility is needed. Should have a positive impact on baseball and softball and encourage more youth to become involved in athletics, thus reducing juvenile delinquency. Noted Mr. Bennett's work with and support of the island's youth. (*Written testimony is attached*).

Mr. A.J. Sonny Shelton, Director Department of Parks & Recreation: The Department of Parks and Recreation supports the concept proposed in Bill 640 to allow Guam's young athletes to receive the training necessary to excel at higher level of competition in softball and baseball. Sports provide youth with positive experiences while developing them into productive members of society. Suggested legislation be changed to read "Guam Sports Complex at Dededo" as per P.L.23-100.

Mr. David G. Dell'Isola, Director, Department of Youth Affairs: Supports Bill No. 640. Bill would benefit the youth of Guam by encouraging and promoting sports and physical fitness. Strike Zone facility will benefit DYA as Mr. Bennett has promised the department liberal free use of the facility for their programs. Further cites Mr. Bennett's support for and assistance to DYA. (*Written testimony is attached*).

ORAL TESTIMONY / DISCUSSION

Mr. Bill Bennett, Strike Zone: Life Science Major. Often referred to as "Coach" or "Instructor." Considered a "baseball scientist" in the Asian countries.

Businessman on Guam in the Food & Beverage Industry. Background is in baseball and softball as an instructor. Strike Zone is involved in developing training programs; affiliated with a design

construction company that designs and constructs athletic fields.

Strike Zone concept developed about 5-6 years ago providing a full-service training center for baseball and softball. Aside from training, "full service" includes one's ability to: (1) participate in a game as a spectator and/or player; (2) dine; (3) watch baseball related videos, and (4) purchase collectibles. Gathering place for people to come and have fun. Targets all age groups, both professionals and non-professionals alike.

Partner operators have reported that 60% of their guest traffic now are "non-competitive" players. Centers have become places providing good leisure time for families and kids.

Sen. Felix P. Camacho: Interested in facility's tourist attraction potential; other Strike Zone locations. Concerned about inadequate population base on Guam.

Bennett: Similar facilities exist in Japan on a smaller scale. Designed as leisure time, recreational locations. Popularity in Japan indicates that the same type of facility here would be a destination for Japanese tourists while on Guam.

Other Strike Zone Locations include: Jakarta, Indonesia (1), California (5), Kansas City (3), and Texas (2).

In percentage terms: Of the 150,000 - 160,000 people on Guam, the percentage of them who actually participate in baseball/softball is much higher than that percentage in other communities of the United States.

Ed Fortier, Executive Director, SPG Commission: Strike Zone's interest is to promote baseball and softball. Such a facility would be an asset to the community. The promotion of sports has a positive impact on youth and decreases juvenile delinquency.

Minor concern: Any possible negative impact the development of Strike Zone at the Guam Sports Complex at Dededo would have on the promotion or implementation of the 1999 South Pacific Games in May-June, 1999.

Pleased that the bill does not specify where the facility will be located. Adds flexibility. Suggested that Dededo would be a more central location.

(The Committee notes that in Bill 640 as Introduced, the term 'Guam Baseball Softball Complex' was chosen as a generic term, representing either the Paseo de Susana or the Guam Sports Complex at Dededo. This was done to give the Legislature flexibility in deciding what location should actually be chosen for the facility).

Dennis Zermeno, Guam Major League: Supports Bill 640 and the type of facility proposed by

Strike Zone. Subject has come up in years past. Facility is needed as one more delivery system to improve the island's baseball/softball program. Mr. Bennett's operation is staffed by professionals, intended to go beyond batting cages.

Guam Sports Complex at Dededo is a good location. Should problems occur, Paseo would also be a good location.

Benefits GovGuam, the private sector operation, as well as the baseball/softball community.

Al Wooten, Public Information Officer, DYA: In favor of Bill 640. Mr. Bill Bennett is committed to the youth of Guam. Very supportive of various DYA programs. Has participated as a baseball instructor at DYA's Parent-Child Baseball Camp. Has assisted with the Governor's Wilderness Youth Corp Camp. Supportive of DYA's Summer Youth Employment & Training Program.

Fortier: Echoed Mr. Wooten's comments on Mr. Bennett as a very civic-minded individual.

Sen. Edwardo J. Cruz: Interested in the total area and cost of the facility.

Bennett: Current design: area is 30,000 square feet. Alternate, scaled down design: 15,000 square feet. Facility includes building that goes with the training facility intended to house all the services relative to the baseball/softball theme.

Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr.: Request testimony from the Department of Parks and Recreation.

A.J. Sonny Shelton, Director, DPR: Has been in discussions with Mr. Bennett on this concept. DPR very supportive of the bill. Noted that Mr. Bennett's original request was to lease property within the Paseo de Susana. DPR's position, evidenced by a Parks & Recreation resolution, is that the land area at the Paseo is inadequate for leasing. Limited land area. 1st increment of the Guam Sports Complex at Dededo is approximately 70 acres. Easily enough space to accommodate a 20 - 30 thousand square foot facility.

Problem with Bill No. 640, as written, is that there is no such thing as the "Guam Baseball/Softball Complex. Actual title is the "Guam Sports Complex at Dededo." Legal description of the area needs to be included in the bill.

Sen. Felix Camacho: Terms & Conditions will be drawn up in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office?

Shelton: Correct. Legislation authorizes GovGuam to develop the lease.

Sen. Felix Camacho: Interested in the status of the development of the sports complex. Concerned that the current status would hinder the development of "Strike Zone." Has proposed facility been worked into the plans of the complex?

Shelton: Can't be formally worked into the plan until GovGuam is given the authorization to lease it. Bennett has, however, submitted drawings to both DPR and the Department of Public Works ('DPW') illustrating where he'd like the facility to be situated. Obviously in the proximity of the baseball/softball fields as this would be most beneficial.

Fortier: Regarding the completion of the project: DPR owns the project. DPW is the contracting officer. Shelton and Mr. Tony Quinata (Director, DPW) would have an estimated completion date.

Shelton: DPR has been assured on numerous occasions by DPW of their schedule and progress to date. Understanding is that infrastructure proposals have been received by DPW. Not aware if proposals have been rewarded. DPW should know.

Senator Alberto C. Lamorena: Is there a master plan for the complex, and are there available properties within the master plan to house "Strike Zone?"

Shelton: There is a new plan that has replaced the previous one. New plan has been developed by DPW with a basic design to ensure that the sports complex will be developed in stages.

Sen. Lamorena: Concerned with the cost of redrawing the plan to accommodate Strike Zone.

Bennett: Has recently met with DPW. Bids on Contract (C), which is the baseball/softball complex, won't be out until June 19, 1998.

Latest plan does show locations of the infrastructure. Plan has provided open areas where Strike Zone is considering to put their facility. Those areas are considered open: free of structures/asphalt. Described on plan as "open."

Sen. Lamorena: Concerned with Strike Zone hindering further development of the complex in the future. GovGuam could be limiting growth by leasing area to a private company. Concerned about future requests for leases.

Shelton: Requests for leases of Govt. land should be considered individually. Development of Strike Zone facility will not hinder development of the public area of the complex because this area of the 1st increment is already maxed out.

Sen. Lamorena: Concerned with leasing area within a government complex for private interest. Other companies will want to come in. Suggestion: Identify other properties outside the complex for private training/development centers as a substitute for properties within the actual complex. Govt. should avoid denying other companies from leasing while approving one.

Fortier: Small piece of land (within the complex) exists. Govt. shouldn't leave it undeveloped while a company is willing to utilize it with obvious economic and social benefits to the island with little or no cost to the government of Guam. Should another company come in, there is simply no more

room.

Bennett: (Strike Zone) is best served next to the baseball/softball facility (of the complex) because, as the training programs are developed, it will be important to use the fields in conjunction with the facility. Strike Zone will best serve the public adjacent to a baseball/softball facility.

Robert Steffy, President, Guam Amateur Softball Association: In favor of Bill 640. Noted the previous existence of a familiar facility, "Rocky's Baseball Land," in Tamuning (*Now Hafa Adai Exchange*).

Agrees that a training facility has to be built in conjunction with playing fields. Supports this facility in the Guam Sports Complex at Dededo. Facility like this is not going to be built by the government, yet Guam needs such a facility. Private Sector must build it. In terms of population, the best location for this facility is in the Guam Sports Complex at Dededo. Recommends the proposal be accepted, subject to normal lease process.

If there were others who wanted to lease a portion of the complex, then they should have come and testified today.

Sen. Lamorena: Compared opportunity to lease to the "Qualifying Certificate" program.

Steffy: Argued that the Q.C. program was developed for the specific purpose to attract the development of hotels. Strike Zone is an enterprise specifically to develop a training facility to increase the abilities of Guam's softball and baseball players. Noted John Hattig's recent pick for AAA Baseball. This kind of facility will help develop local players and contribute to their chances for professional opportunities.

Shelton: Acknowledges Sen. Lamorena's point as a valid one; perhaps, the baseball/softball facility as envisioned will pay for itself and for the land use area that it has in providing developmental opportunities for our children. Despite all the efforts of the Legislature to address needs of children, the problems seem to multiply without solutions in sight. This facility may be part of that solution. It is necessary to weigh the benefits to be derived by the community with the long term results of overcrowding in the area and precedence to be established.

Sen. Lamorena: Interested in a way to have DPW develop the complex so that public facilities are in one area, and private facilities are in another. Current proposal would hinder expansion of public facilities.

Shelton: To do so would encompass a total redesign of Phase 1.

Sen. Lawrence F. Kasperbauer: Questioned process taken by Bennett regarding lease. Noted that statutes require lease such as this to go before the Legislature for approval. Inquired on specifications that need to be in the lease. Recommended that the lease be put out to bid to everyone leasing space in the complex for this type of facility.

Bennett: Was recommended to have Legislature authorize the government to engage in such a lease as the method to approve his proposal.

Sen. Kasperbauer: Paseo would be more suitable for the Strike Zone Facility.

Discussion on drainage system of the Paseo. Discussion on drainage system at the proposed Guam Sports Complex at Dededo.

Sen. Kasperbauer: Interested in where the revenues from Strike Zone would go. Questioned revenue projections.

Bennett: Revenues are proposed to go to DPR's activity fund. Regarding projections: Various scenarios. One such scenario is 5% per square meter/year rental with an escalation percentage rent starting at \$300,000.00 per year at 1%, increasing 1% at every \$500,000.00.

Sen. Kasperbauer: Recommendation: Legislature should earmark revenues for such things as interscholastic sports travel.

Sen F.B. Aguon, Jr.: Concerned with the 25-year lease clause. In most cases, any lease extended beyond the 5-year lease period comes before the Legislature for approval. Interested in actual benefits for children. Recommended special rates for local children be incorporated into the lease.

Sen. Francisco P. Camacho: Guam needs this facility. This type of private/public partnership will improve the quality of life here on the island. Interested in the number of people Strike Zone will employ.

Bennett: Operation staff at 7 days/week and 15-16 hours/day will amount to about 6 full time employees. The training academy will employ an additional 6-7 part time employees.

Sen. Lamorena: Revenues should go into the maintenance fund of the facility.

Shelton: Similar revenue generated by DPR (permit fees) revert back to the Recreational Activity Revolving Fund. Concerned with Sen. Kasperbauer's remarks on revenues going to the interscholastic travel fund. DPR is not responsible for the Department of Education.

There are many facilities within DPR that are in major need of renovation and/or upkeep that have been precluded from improvements due to a lack of funding.

Sen. Lamorena: Recommendation: Language be included in the bill to specify that revenues be reverted to DPR for maintenance.

Shelton: Generally, the scope of what revenues are used for goes beyond maintenance; used to fund programs such as youth center programs at the village level that are unable to generate revenues

themselves.

Sen. Kasperbauer and Mr. Bennett: Discussion on various aspects of the proposed facility.

Bennett: Concerning previous comment on mandated rates: Rates for kids and families have to be affordable in order to keep the traffic of customers. Strike Zone will cater for special events for special bookings that allow organizations to come in at special rates.

Discussion on safety of the facility. Meets U.S. Standards.

Sen. Felix Camacho: Concluded hearing.

Bureau of Budget and Management Research: If enacted, additional revenues will be realized relevant to the lease agreement to be entered with Strike Zone. However, due to the unavailability of information regarding the terms and conditions of the lease, the extent of the potential revenues to be realized cannot be ascertained until the agreement is finalized. *(Fiscal Note is attached)*

FINDINGS

The Committee finds that the baseball/softball training facility Strike Zone proposes to operate is a much needed one for the community, offering obvious economic and social benefits including: employment opportunities, an additional attraction for tourists, opportunities for adults and juveniles to work together cooperatively towards positive goals, opportunities in sports as a diversion from alternative, less productive, and perhaps destructive activities, and a catalyst towards improving the community's performance level in baseball and softball.

Furthermore, the Committee finds that, although such a facility is needed, the government of Guam does not have the resources to develop and operate one. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the community to take advantage of the proposal outlined in Bill No. 640, and to authorize the government of Guam to lease a portion of the Guam Sports Complex at Dededo to Strike Zone for a baseball/softball training facility.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Power, Foreign Affairs and General Government Services wishes to report out Bill No. 640 As Substituted by the Committee with the recommendation **TO DO PASS**.

to a valid land use permit, not be displaced by this process. Therefore that portion of land occupied by those with valid permits shall be transferred to the Chamorro Land Trust Commission.

Section 2. Appropriation. The sum of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) are appropriated from the surplus of the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF) to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for the design, site preparation, and construction of Phase One facilities for the Guam Sports Complex in the municipality of Dededo as specified in this Act.

Section 3. Reversion of mistakenly transferred property. That government property officially described as "Lot No. 10142 New PTN Tract 100" in the municipality of Dededo, which was reserved in Section 3 of Public Law 15-130 for recreational purposes, and was later mistakenly transferred to the Chamorro Land Trust Commission, hereby reverts to DPR for its intended use.

Section 4. Phase One project listing. The funds appropriated in this Act are intended for use in constructing the following facilities and supporting on-site infrastructure at the site identified as "Lot No. 10142 New PTN Tract 100" in the municipality of Dededo for recreational purposes:

- a. One soccer/football stadium which meets FIFA standards;
- b. One multi-purpose practice area for soccer and other sports;
- c. One Olympic size swimming pool;
- d. One gymnasium for basketball and volleyball;
- e. Two softball fields;
- f. Two baseball fields;
- g. All necessary dugouts, bullpens, locker rooms, shower facilities, public restrooms, spectator seating, field lighting, press boxes, public address systems, training rooms, equipment storage, supply storage, maintenance facilities, ticket booths, and fencing for the above sports facilities;
- h. Concession booths;
- i. Parking lots; and
- j. Other supporting facilities.

**TO: TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1998 SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**FROM: BILL BENNETT
STRIKE ZONE GUAM**

REGARDING: BILL # 640 - Proposed act to authorize the government of Guam to lease a portion of the Guam Baseball Softball Complex to "Strike Zone" for the construction and operation of a baseball softball training facility open to the public.

SUPPORTING TESTIMONY

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bill Bennett a father of three, a life science major by formal education. Others refer to me as coach, instructor, and in some Asian countries a baseball softball scientist. The Prime Minister of Singapore likes to refer to me as a "people developer" During the past 30 years I have become a student of the game of baseball and softball, not only in teaching the skills but game development, equipment applications, expertise in playing fields and design, development and administering of long term training programs. And today a businessman associated with my own concept of a physical training facility to provide opportunity for young adults and families called STRIKE ZONE After living in Southeast Asia for the past 15 years, I now have made Guam my home and have taken the steps to move my entire family here with two of my children attending school on Guam.

Baseball and softball without question is the greatest games of all. Athletes of all ages heights, and builds can play. The games of baseball and softball provide many lessons of life for young boys and girls; Sportsmanship, teamwork, self-reliance and self-discipline are among the attributes needed by citizens of the future which can be learned through participation in organized league play and training programs. I believe that if you teach young people to play by the rules, they will learn to live by the rules. Success comes to those who work hard to make the most of what they have.

I have been providing this success to young an old for many years. As a young boy I fell in love with the game of baseball and softball and have been playing and teaching the game ever since. I bring over 30 years of coaching and teaching experience to my students and have taught baseball or softball in every country in Southeast Asia and the United States. Every December and January I spend in the US attending schools, clinics, conventions to continue by education in all things baseball and softball.

I am very enthusiastic about the opportunity for game development on Guam. This is with the idea of a Strike Zone concept to make baseball and softball more fun, meaningful for families and raise the level of skill for all those who choose to play. It is my commitment to provide instruction in the belief that people learn the most about baseball and softball when they are having fun. Thus, I am dedicated to making each person who visits Strike Zone an enjoyable visit as well as an informative experience. I understand how important baseball and softball is to the community, so I plan to work to insure that all visitors will identify Strike Zone as a open resource for the Guam public. With Guam's enduring worship of baseball prowess showing no signs of relenting, a training center positioned at several baseball softball facilities can meet the continued growth.

The Strike Zone concept can provide both leisure activity and a forum for enhancing athletic skills in the fundamentals of baseball and softball. With the rising popularity of women's and girl's softball this means we as sports educators need to provide a service to this participating public. At Strike Zone we believe in getting involved with our guests and the community.

It has been our first choice on Guam to be involved with the Parks & Recreation Department. It is our belief that the value of the center is best served within a sports facility. I propose through our local Guam company (Denny's of Guam, Inc.) to finance the construction of the entire center. I would personally manage the business and become involved in programs that will benefit the overall scheme of the complex..

Please find attached additional information about the Strike Zone concept and the social value it will bring to Guam.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Bennett".

Bill Bennett
Baseball Softball Scientist

PROPOSED BASEBALL SOFTBALL TRAINING CENTER GUAM. SPORTS COMPLEX

THE CONCEPT

Strike Zone is a 30,000 square foot baseball/softball training facility and equipment sales business located on proposed land within the Guam multifield complex. The concept has a hitting range facility with 8 fully automated mechanical pitching machines; fully inclosed skills training tunnels and coaches training area with hitting tees, and other training aids; a baseball/softball training academy which provides skills training in all aspects of baseball and softball. This includes professional baseball schools, field training and seminars for coaches and parents; a 2000 square foot building with a pro shop, office; common public area; snack shop; toilet; and storerooms. The business sells time in the hitting range and training tunnels, sells training programs and courses. Interacts with local organizations, leagues, teams, schools and general interest groups.

Training Centers have long been considered a auxiliary support to the fundamentals of teaching baseball and softball. With the enduring worship of this sport on Guam showing no signs of relenting, a training center should be positioned for continued growth, with the capacity to provide both leisure activity and a forum for enhancing athletic skill. Training centers will draw both arm-chair Hank Aarons and Little Leaguers alike.

THE BUSINESS

The Training Center is operated through a wholly-owned Guam company, Denny's of Guam, Inc. Operations of the business are in the hands of the Guam company. The operator is also a qualified baseball/softball instructor and this is critical to the operation of the business. Strike Zone is the only major manufacturer of arm type pitching machines that simulate the actual arm motion of a human pitcher. In fact, our heavy duty pitching machines set the standards for both commercial hitting ranges and professional hitting practice pitching. Strike Zone hitting ranges are easy to erect and come with factory built fittings, including netting, net rigging supplies, hardware, lighting, and construction drawings. The superior performance of our pitching machines is the direct result of years of careful research, design and manufacturing. Strike Zone technical staff that includes mechanical and electrical engineers designs for specific locations to meet restrictions of the land space indoors or outdoors.

SOCIAL VALUE

The Center by means of its physical location can be of value to the community as a meeting place for youths and family time leisure activities. Strike Zone will keep the youth of Guam active in an environment that they will enjoy and will provide opportunity for people to practice and improve skills and have fun. Programs and activities are designed for community involvement by participating with goals of existing groups and organizations. Strike Zone participates in programs to assist in college placement and scholarships for those athletes that would like to continue their education and at the same time continue to play the game during the college and university time. Strike Zone is affiliated with many professional international organizations that can provide additional training programs on Guam. These type of incoming coach envoy programs have been found to be very popular with the baseball and softball communities. Japanese tourist will find the Training Center to be a major destination to visit while on Guam. Strike Zone will provide alternatives for coaches and teams that have difficulty finding field time and space for team practices.

WE BELIEVE

Strike Zone Baseball Softball Training Center has been greatly interested in being of service to all youth and adult baseball and softball organizations, teams, schools and university teams. Sportsmanship, teamwork, self-reliance and self-discipline are among the attributes needed by citizens of the future which can be learned through participation in organized league play. In essence, Strike Zone believes that if you teach young people to play by the rules, they will learn to live by the rules.

It is Strike Zone's commitment to provide each student designed instruction in the belief that players learn the most about baseball/softball when they are having fun. Thus, we need to be dedicated to making each player's experience an enjoyable as well as an informative one. Instructional drills reinforce efficient individual player actions and proper skill development. Instruction is adjusted for age groups and player safety in stressed at all times. We have found that players share a desire to improve their skills and to learn more about the game. Instructors at all times, need to attend to individual needs and adapt instruction to meet those needs. As a result, players grow at a rate which is most constructive, comfortable, and enjoyable for them.

STRIKE ZONE BASEBALL SOFTBALL TRAINING CENTER

The Concept

The training Centers will be approximately a 30,000 square foot facility.

Strike Zone is a baseball/softball training facility, consisting of a hitting range, auxiliary training facilities, pro & snack shop, and training schools.

The hitting range is fully automated and includes both baseball and softball pitching machines.

Auxiliary training areas include a hitting tee cages, slugmaster area, a large training tunnel, and training wall workout tunnel. All of these facilities are fully enclosed with lights and netting.

Professional skills training programs, schools, seminars, and clinics.

The pro shop and snack shop will be enclosed within a 2000 square foot structure.

Provides recreational management expertise with managing multi purpose athletic complexes.

Daily Operations

Visitors will be able to hit in the hitting range by putting coins or tokens into a coin box and pushing a button to activate the pitching machine. Should more than one person wish to hit (such as a team), the machine can be activated for a specific period of time, such as 15, 30, or 45 minutes.

Helmets and bats will be supplied by Strike Zone at no charge, and no person will be permitted to hit without a helmet.

Many of the other training facilities, such as the hitting tee cage and slugmaster area will be free. We plan to charge for use of the training tunnel, which is normally booked for teams and training sessions.

The pro shop will stock baseball and softball related equipment, apparel, toys, collectibles, and souvenirs.

We will develop a small snack shop within the building to provide baseball stadium-like snacks and sports drinks. A seating area with umbrella tables and benches will be provided.

Training Academy & Programs

The center will actively promote training. Skill sessions will be provided for individuals, groups, and teams.

The academy program will be able to provide professional coaches where they can conduct specialized training, seminars, schools, and clinics.

The center will participate with schools and existing baseball softball organizations.

Continued education programs to parents, youth and adult league coaches, school PE teachers and coaches..

Community Benefits

1. Venue for family activity
2. Recreational activity for young people
3. Destination for tourists
4. Professional learning environment
5. Support the needs of existing baseball softball organizations, teams, schools, groups
6. Meets theme and greater utilization of the Sports Complex
7. College placement and scholarship programs
8. Additional practice ground for parents, coaches, teams, and schools
9. Enhance knowledge of construction and maintenance of baseball/softball facilities

CONCESSIONARY RENT

Included in the lease agreement with the government of Guam is the following section. These types of activities are designed to encourage the government to support the lease and the Strike Zone concept.

Clause 1.02.

In addition, Lessee shall also provide at no charge 24 months of community activity. Services to include:

1. Every DOE and private school to send there varsity and junior varsity baseball/softball teams to practice at Strike Zone once per week during the established season for 2 hours free of charge
2. Every DOE school and private room teacher at all grade levels can schedule a field trip to visit Strike Zone for a one time one hour hitting session in the hitting range at no charge.
3. Strike Zone to participate in sponsorship of DOE Athlete of the Year Scholarship Programs
4. At no charge Strike Zone instructors to participate with DYA camp programs and child parent programs. To visits DYA facilities and participate in counseling, presentations and correctional programs.
5. DYA to schedule field trips for kids to visit Strike Zone as often as necessary and receive free hitting instructions and one hour free use of hitting range.
6. Any youth baseball or softball team that will be participating in off island competition will be able to train at no charge at Strike Zone, 2 hours each, 3 days per week 4 weeks prior to the teams departure.
7. The Guam National Baseball or Softball team can train at no charge 2 hours per week for 4 weeks prior to the teams competition.
8. Strike Zone to provide at no charge to DOE and private school PE teachers and coaches a choice of the following courses: 1. Sports Medicine for Baseball Softball Players. 2. Stretching and Conditioning for Athletes.
9. Strike Zone to provide at no charge to the youths of the Police Athletic League Baseball Softball programs use of the facility once per month for their youth baseball softball activities.
10. Visiting professional teams from Japan or Korea to use facility at no charge to facilitate their training.
11. Strike Zone to provide at no charge to DPR a course on professional groundskeeping maintenance for baseball and softball fields.

16.16.01 Payment of rent.to the Department of Park and Recreation RECREATION
ACTIVITY FUND.....

Guam Major League

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Feb 25, 1998

Mr. Bill Bennett
Asia Baseball Softball Sales
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Dear Mr. Bennett,

I am pleased to hear of your efforts to develop a baseball / softball training center on Guam. The Guam Major League supports the development of such a facility on island. It is important that this facility be accessible in cost for both youth and adult users.

A training center, properly staffed, is long overdue for Guam. It is also hoped that such a facility will also include professional staffing as to raise the baseball instructional / coaching level on island. Secondly, we must develop our baseball playing field construction and maintenance skills. Without proper maintenance, professional field construction such as the new Paseo Stadium infield, will be at risk.

The GML supports your efforts for such a facility, not only for the Dededo Sports Complex but also for the Paseo, the current baseball / softball facility center. Good luck in your plans to assist in the development of our baseball program in the territory of Guam.

Regards,



Dr. Robert Connolly
President

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March 6, 1997

Mr. Randall Cunliffe
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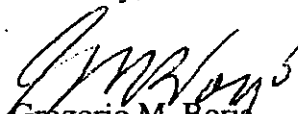
Dear Mr. Cunliffe:

On behalf of the Guam Baseball League, I wish to express our support of the concept of a baseball/softball training center at the proposed Dededo Sports Complex, as espoused and proposed by Strike Zone and Mr. Bill Bennett.

Our only request is that tournament teams be given opportunity to train for free whenever convenient. This would allow our teams greater opportunity to better prepare for upcoming tournaments and represent Guam with eminent skills.

Support of these endeavours would be most appreciated. Thank you in advance for a quick and favourable response. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


Gregorio M. Borja
Vice President

cc: The Honorable Carl T. C. Gutierrez
Governor of Guam
Mr. Bob Steffy, DPR Commission Chairman
Mr. Sonny Shelton, DPR Director
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October 15, 1997

Mr. Randall Cunliffe
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Dear Mr. Cunliffe:

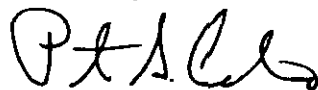
On behalf of the Guam baseball community, the Guam Baseball Federation supports the concept of a baseball/softball training center at the proposed Dededo Sports Complex, as espoused and proposed by Strike Zone and Mr. Bill Bennett.

Certainly, having a privately operated facility has much merit in light of financial constraints burdening our government. Furthermore, the cost of the training facility will be privately financed and would enhance the value of the fields being built at the complex. The concept of a full training center is long overdue and would greatly assist the Federation efforts as we prepare for the competition that lies ahead of us.

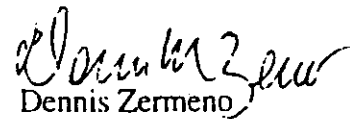
With the Micronesian Games in Palau in 1998, the South Pacific Games in Guam in 1999, and the Olympics in Australia in the year 2000, it becomes a more urgent necessity to provide the quality field and training facilities expected by our athletes and our visiting sports teams. Indeed, our National Teams should practice in a facility that will give them the most advantage in their preparation for representing Guam to the world.

Your support of these endeavours would be most appreciated. Thank you in advance for a quick and favourable response. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Peter S. Calvo
Commissioner



Dennis Zermeno
Treasurer

cc: The Honorable Carl T. C. Gutierrez
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March 4, 1997

Mr. Randall Cunliffe
SPG Commission Chairman
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Dear Mr. Cunliffe:

On behalf of the Guam Little League, I wish to express our support of the concept of a baseball/softball training center at the proposed Dededo Sports Complex, as espoused and proposed by Strike Zone and Mr. Bill Bennett.

Our only request is that tournament teams be given opportunity to train for free whenever convenient. This would allow our youth to better prepare for upcoming tournaments and represent Guam with greater skills.

Support of these endeavours would be most appreciated. Thank you in advance for a quick and favourable response. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


Gregorio A. Calvo
District Administrator

cc: The Honorable Carl T. C. Gutierrez
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March 9, 1998

TERRITORIAL
COMMISSIONER
Nick D. Francisco

TO: 24TH GUAM LEGISLATURE
FROM: TERRITORIAL COMMISSIONER

Dear Baseball and Softball Friends:

On behalf of the Guam Babe Ruth League, Inc., the league supports the proposed development of the Strike Zone Baseball Softball Training Facility at the Dededo Sports Complex, and or the Paseo Baseball Softball Sports Complex.

It is obvious that the positive impact this type of concept will have on game development on Guam, especially for our youths of all ages. Guam's youth and parents need a concept like Strike Zone which will also provide much leisure time activity for families. The Strike Zone Training Concept will also provide the much needed training location that will offer professional skills training to our players and coaches. With this type of training, Guam is sure to meet many baseball and softball successes in the future.

It will be important that all Government of Guam departments and agencies make their best effort to assist in providing this opportunity for Guam to get its very own training center. However, this training center should be open to the public at costs that are affordable by the youth and parents.

Your support for the growth of baseball and softball is very much appreciated. Good luck to Strike Zone and Mr. Bill Bennett on this very exciting facility and concept.

Respectfully,

NICK D. FRANCISCO

cc: The Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, Governor of Guam
Mr. Bob Steffy, DPR Commission Chairman
Mr. Sonny Shelton, Director, DPR
Mr. Ed Fortier SPG Director

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June 4, 1998

T.M. GLATH
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Senator Felix Camacho
24th Guam Legislature
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Dear Senator Camacho:

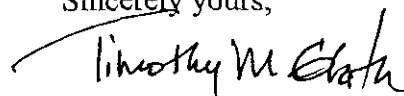
On behalf of Mobil Oil Guam Inc. I'd would like to express our support of the concept of a baseball training center proposed at the new Dededo Sports complex.

Mobil Oil Guam Inc. has been a major supporter of the development of sports for many years. Our support has been demonstrated through the many regional and local sporting events that Mobil sponsors. Our annual sponsorship of our regional baseball tournament, the Mobil Games, the Guam Baseball League and the Micronesian Games, just to name a few, demonstrates our belief that the development of sports fosters growth in our youth's leadership skills and teamwork, and the development of baseball as an international sport.

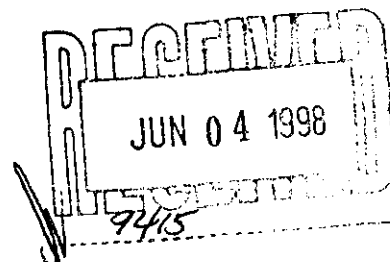
Mobil believes that through our commitment to sports we can contribute to the development of our future leaders, our youths.

Mobil Oil Guam Inc. encourages the 24th Guam Legislature to pass Bill #640 to approve the lease with Strike Zone to establish a baseball softball training facility.

Sincerely yours,


Timothy M. Glath

cc: Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, Governor of Guam
Mr. Bob Steffy, DPR Commission Chairman
Mr. Sonny Shelton, DPR Director
Mr. Tony Quinata, DPW Director
Mr. Rick Blas, GNOC President
Mr. Bill Bennett, Strike Zone





1999 South Pacific Games Commission

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MEMORANDUM

June 08, 1998

TO: Chairman, Legislative Committee on Power, Foreign Affairs
& General Government Services

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Testimony on Bill 640

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Bill 640. The South Pacific Games Commission supports the concept of a baseball/softball training facility, with the understanding that it will have no negative impact on our ability to host the 1999 South Pacific Games.

This facility is definitely needed and should have a very positive impact on the sports of baseball and softball. Hopefully, as we expand our sports facilities on Guam we will be encouraging more youth to become involved in athletics and hence a reduction in juvenile delinquency.

I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Bill Bennett these past few years in my capacity as the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs. He volunteered his time on numerous occasions to work with our youth and was a strong supporter of our Parent & Child Baseball Camp each summer. He is very civic minded and I know that he has put a lot of his time in the development of this facility for the people of Guam.

In the best interest of the people of Guam I recommend the passage of Bill 640.

Senseramente,

Ed Fortier
Executive Director

Cc: Members, Twenty Fourth Guam Legislature



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Lt. Governor

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June 5, 1998



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Honorable Felix P. Camacho
Senator, 24th Guam Legislature
Chairman, Committee on Power, Foreign
Affairs and General Government Services
155 Hesler Street
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Dear Senator Camacho:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding Bill No. ~~640~~ An act to authorize the Government of Guam to lease a portion of the Guam Baseball/Softball Complex to the 'Strike Zone' for the construction and operation of a baseball/softball training facility open to the public".

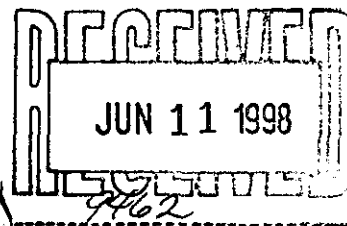
The Department of Parks and Recreation supports the concept as proposed in Bill No. 640 to allow our young athletes to receive the training necessary to excell at higher levels of competition in softball and baseball. Opportunities in sports help provide our youth with positive experiences while developing them into productive members of society.

tn: → The legislation, however, should be changed to read "Guam Sports Complex in Dededo" as per Public Law 23-100 as opposed to "Guam Baseball/Softball Complex", which exists neither in reality or proposal.

Should there be any questions or comments, please contact me at 477-8197/8279/8280.

Sincerely,

A. J. SONNY SHELTON
Director



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June 8, 1998

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Senator Felix P. Camacho
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Good morning Senator Camacho and members of the Committee on Power, Foreign Affairs and General Government Services. My name is David G. Dell'Isola and I am the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs. The following is a written testimony in support of Bill No. 640, "An act to authorize the Government of Guam to lease a portion of the Guam Baseball/Softball Complex to 'Strike Zone' for the construction and operation of a baseball/softball training facility open to the public."

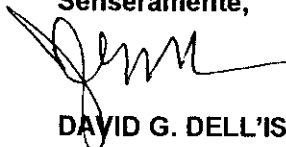
I believe that the proposed Strike Zone facility would be very beneficial to the youth of Guam, in that it would encourage and promote sports and physical fitness on our island, and would therefore help to reduce juvenile delinquency. DYA and the youth under our care would also benefit from the Strike Zone facility, as developer Bill Bennett has promised that we would be given very liberal free use of the facility for our various programs and activities.

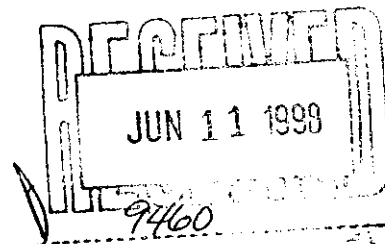
I have known Mr. Bennett for several years and he has proven on many occasions advocate for our youth, as well as a role model for the youth to look up to. Mr. Bennett has personally assisted DYA in numerous programs over the past couple years. He actively participated in the Parent-Child Baseball Camp and the Youth Baseball Camp which were held last year, and actively participated in intensive baseball training and instruction during both programs. Mr. Bennett was also involved in the Governor's Youth Corps Reality Check Wilderness Camp, which was held last summer.

As managing owner of Denny's of Guam, which also includes Winchell's, Pojo's and Domino's Pizza, Mr. Bennett has actively participated in DYA's Summer Youth Employment and Training Program for many years, and has also made numerous food and prize donations in support of many of DYA's programs and activities. These donations include a large box of 3D baseball cards which were recently donated to DYA and were used in conjunction with the Governor's Youth Corps Hard Corps Challenge Program.

In conclusion, Mr. Bennett has been extremely supportive of DYA and our programs, and of the youth of Guam, and I believe the Strike Zone facility, which he will operate, will also benefit Guam's youth in many ways. I therefore am in support of the passage of Bill No. 640.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present this testimony.

Senseramente,

DAVID G. DELL'ISOLA



FISCAL NOTE
BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

Bill No. 640 (COR) Date Received: 05/26/98
 Amendatory Bill: No Date Reviewed: 06/19/98

Department/Agency Affected: Department of Parks & Recreation
 Department/Agency Head: Austin "Sonny" J. Shelton
 Total FY Appropriation to Date: \$6,943,849

received
 M.P. 6-22-98

Bill Title (preamble): An Act to authorize the Government of Guam to lease a portion of the Guam Baseball/ Softball Complex to "Strike Zone" for the construction and operation of a Baseball/ Softball Training Facility open to the public.

Change in Law: No.

Bill's Impact on Present Program Funding:
 Increase _____ Decrease _____ Reallocation _____ No Change _____

Bill is for:
 Operations: _____ Capital Improvement: X Other: _____

FINANCIAL PROGRAM IMPACT

ESTIMATED SINGLE YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)			
Program Category	General Fund	OTHER	TOTAL
Natural Resources, Recreation & Arts	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED MULTI-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)						
FUND	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER -	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

FUNDS ADEQUATE TO COVER INTENT OF THE BILL? 1/

IF NO, ADDITIONAL AMOUNT REQUIRED: 1/

AGENCY/PERSON/DATE CONTACTED: _____

ESTIMATED POTENTIAL MULTI-YEAR REVENUES (Per Bill)						
FUND	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
GENERAL FUND	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER -	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

ANALYST: Orlida J. Guerrero

DATE: 6/17/98

DIRECTOR: Joseph E. Rivera, Acting

DATE: JUN 22 1998

FOOTNOTE: 1/ If enacted, additional revenues will be realized relevant to the lease agreement to be entered with Strike Zone. However, due to the unavailability of information regarding the terms & conditions of the lease, the extent of the potential revenues to be realized cannot be ascertained at this time until the agreement is finalized.