



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

SEP 20 2000

The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown
Legislative Secretary
I Mina'Bente Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Twenty-Fifth Guam Legislature
Suite 200
130 Aspal Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY	
ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT	
Received By	<u>[Signature]</u>
Time	<u>11:50 am</u>
Date	<u>Sept. 20, 2000</u>

Dear Legislative Secretary Brown:

Enclosed please find Substitute Bill No. 389 (COR), "AN ACT APPROPRIATE FUNDS NEEDED TO REOPEN THE BRANCHES OF THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which is signed into law as **Public Law No. 25-162**.

This public law is window-dressing instead of real support for our Guam Public Library System. It provides funding for specified personnel for **two pay periods!** This is hardly any solution to any problem facing our library. Since it shows at least lip service that our libraries are important and that learning is important, I am signing it into law. I look forward to any real solution which may be offered in the future.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez
I Maga'Lahen Guåhan, Akto
Acting Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached for signed bill or overridden bill
original attached for vetoed bill

cc: The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker

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MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2000 (SECOND) Regular Session


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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 389 (COR) "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS NEEDED TO REOPEN THE BRANCHES OF THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," was on the 14th day of September 2000, duly and regularly passed.




ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:



JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by I Maga'lahaen Guahan this 15th day of September, 2000,
at 4:50 o'clock p.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'laha's Office

APPROVED:



CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahaen Guahan

Date: 9-20-00

Public Law No. 25-162

MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 389 (COR)

As substituted by the
Committee on Education and
further substituted by the Author
on the Floor.

Introduced by:

L. F. Kasperbauer

F. B. Aguon, Jr.

E. C. Bermudes

A. C. Blaz

J. M.S. Brown

E. B. Calvo

M. G. Camacho

Mark Forbes

A. C. Lamorena, V

C. A. Leon Guerrero

K. S. Moylan

V. C. Pangelinan

J. C. Salas

S. A. Sanchez, II

A. R. Unpingco

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS NEEDED TO
REOPEN THE BRANCHES OF THE GUAM PUBLIC
LIBRARY SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 finds that over the past two (2) years, various budget cuts and hiring freezes
4 have affected the Guam Public Library ("Library") system's ability to operate
5 its branches effectively. Over the last two (2) years, the Library's staffing

1 patterns have shown a loss of approximately twenty (20) positions, of which
2 nineteen (19) are *directly* involved in Library operations. Such staffing
3 reductions have prevented the re-opening of the Agat and Barrigada branches
4 following Super Typhoon Paka. Most recently, the loss of six (6) positions,
5 five (5) library staff and one (1) administrative staff, have led Library officials
6 to close its Dededo, Yona and Merizo branches, and consolidate all operations
7 at the Library's main branch in Hagåtña.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the effective operation of Library
9 branches requires a minimum of two (2) employees assigned to each branch
10 to allow for lunch/restroom breaks, and safeguard persons and property,
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12 services of a qualified librarian at each branch, *however*, such employees are
13 *not* necessary just to keep the Library's doors open.

14 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds that since public school libraries close at
15 the end of classes at each school, students rely on the Library system
16 resources after school hours. Furthermore, private school students and adults
17 also benefit.

18 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide the Library system
19 with the financial resources it needs to reopen all five (5) of its branches.

20 **Section 2. Appropriation for Additional Staffing.** The Sum of
21 Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-four Dollars (\$15,564.00) is hereby
22 appropriated from the General Fund to the Guam Public Library ("Library")
23 system for the positions necessary to open the branch libraries and to operate

1 the Library's computer system. The positions funded herein are noted in
2 **"Attachment A"**.

3 **Section 3. Appropriation for the Repair/Replacement of Air-**
4 **Conditioning Equipment.** The sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is
5 hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Guam Public Library
6 system for the repair/replacement of air-conditioning equipment for its
7 Dededo and Agat branches.

8 **Section 4. Appropriation for Restoration of Local Matching Funds.**
9 The sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$1,799.00) is
10 hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Guam Public Library
11 system for the restoration of local matching funds inadvertently cut by Public
12 Law Number 25-98.

Attachment A

Guam Public Library System

Staffing Patters of Positions necessary to open All Branches
For PP Ending September 22, 2000 to September 30, 2000 (half of PPE 10/7/2000) (1.5 PPs)

Location/Position	Pay Grade/ Step	Annual Salary A	Increment Date	Amount B	Ret. C	Medicare D	Ret. Dis. E	Hosp F	Dent G	Life H	Total Benefits I C+D+E+F+G+H	Annual Total J A+B+I	Total FY 2000 K 2 Pay Periods
Dededo Library													
Library Technician I	F-1	17,635	01-Jun-01	0	3,280	256	113	2,233	297	0	6,179	23,814	1,374
Library Technician II	G-1	18,723	01-Jun-01	0	3,482	271	113	2,233	297	0	6,396	25,119	1,449
Total Dededo Library		36,358		0	6,762	527	227	4,466	594	0	12,576	48,934	2,823
Yona Library													
Library Technician I	F-1	17,635	01-Jun-01	0	3,280	256	113	2,233	297	0	6,179	23,814	1,374
Library Technician II	G-1	18,723	01-Jun-01	0	3,482	271	113	2,233	297	0	6,396	25,119	1,449
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Total Agana		18,723		0	3,482	271	113	2,233	297	0	6,396	25,119	1,449
Grand Total All Branches		200,513		0	37,292	2,906	1,247	24,563	3,267	0	69,275	269,788	15,564

ATTACHMENT A

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I MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: 9/14/00

VOTING SHEET

S Bill No. 389 (COR)

Resolution No. _____

Question: _____

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED	OUT DURING ROLL CALL	ABSENT
AGUON, Frank B., Jr.	✓				
BERMUDES, Eulogio C.	✓				
BLAZ, Anthony C.	✓				
BROWN, Joanne M.S.	✓				
CALVO, Eduardo B.	✓				
CAMACHO, Marcel G.	✓				
FORBES, Mark	✓				
KASPERBAUER, Lawrence F.	✓				
LAMORENA, Alberto C., V	✓				
LEON GUERRERO, Carlotta A.	✓				
MOYLAN, Kaleo Scott	✓				
PANGELINAN, Vicente C.	✓				
SALAS, John C.					✓
SANCHEZ, Simon A., II	✓				
UNPINGCO, Antonio R.	✓				

TOTAL

14 0 0 0 1

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Clerk of the Legislature

* 3 Passes = No vote
EA = Excused Absence



FILE

MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
TWENTY-FIFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

April 27, 2000
(DATE)

Memorandum

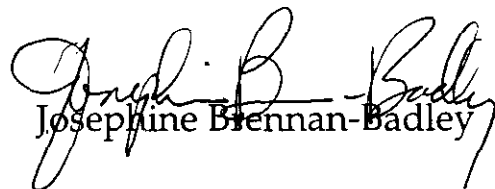
To: Senator Lawrence F Kasperbauer

From: Clerk of the Legislature

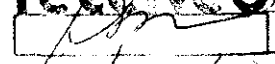
Subject: Report on Bill No. 389(COR)

Pursuant to §7.04 of Rule VII of the 25th Standing Rules, transmitted herewith is a copy of the Committee Report on Bill No. 389(COR) for which you are the prime sponsor.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please call the undersigned at 472-3464/5.


Josephine Brennan-Badley

Attachment

received

4/28/00



April 24, 2000

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
I Mina Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan
Hagatna, Guam

Via: Committee on Rules

The Committee on Education, to which was referred **Bill No. 389 (COR): AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO RE-OPEN THE BRANCHES OF THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM** herein reports back with the recommendation TO DO PASS as substituted by the Committee on Education.

Votes are as follows:

To Pass

Not to Pass

To the Inactive File

Abstained

Sincerely,


LAWRENCE F. KASPERBAUER, Ph.D.

Attachments

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
 I Mina' Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
 155 Hesler Street · Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Chairman: Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer Vice-Chairperson: Senator Joanne M.S. Brown
 Ex-Officio Member: Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco

VOTING SHEET ON:



Substitute Bill No. 389 (COR) – AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO RE-OPEN THE BRANCHES OF THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM.

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>INITIAL</u>	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE</u>
Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer <i>Chairman</i>	<u>LFK</u>	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Joanne M.S. Brown <i>Vice-Chairperson</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco <i>Ex-Officio</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Frank Blas Aguon, Jr. <i>Member</i>	<u>Frank</u>	<u>25/04/2000</u>	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Sen. Eulogio C. Bermudes <i>Member</i>	<u>ECB</u>	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Anthony C. Blaz <i>Member</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Edward B. Calvo <i>Member</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Mark Forbes <i>Member</i>	<u>MF</u>	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Kaleo Scott Moylan <i>Member</i>	<u>KSM</u>	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Sen. Simon A. Sanchez, II <i>Member</i>	<u>SAS II</u>	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____

MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 389 (COR)
As Substituted by the
Committee on Education

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer
F.B. Aguan, Jr. 
E.C. 

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12 Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six (\$77,826) is hereby appropriated from
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JAN 25 2000

**MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2000 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Bill No. 389(a)

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer *YK*

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MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
Committee on Education

Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Chairperson

Committee Report On

Bill No. 389 (COR): AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO RE-OPEN THE BRANCHES OF THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM.

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Education held a public hearing on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at 8:45 a.m. at I Liheslaturan Public Hearing Room.

Committee Members Present:

Vice Speaker Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Chairperson
Senator Joanne M.S. Brown
Senator Simon A. Sanchez, II
Senator Frank Blas Aguon, Jr.

Other Senators Present:

Senator Alberto C. Lamorena V
Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan

Providing Testimony on the Bill:

The Honorable Vicente Bernardo, Mayor of Yona (oral)
The Honorable Raymond Laguana, Mayor of Barrigada (oral)
The Honorable Jose Rivera, Mayor of Dededo, (oral)
The Honorable Vicente Leon Guerrero, Vice Mayor of Barrigada (oral)
Ms. Beth McClure , Member, Board of Directors Guam Public Library System (oral)
Mr. Rick Castro, Chairman, Board of Directors Guam Public Library System (oral)
Mr. Benigno Palomo, Member, Board of Directors Guam Public Library System (oral)
Ms. Patricia Sison, Member, Board of Directors Guam Public Library System (oral)
Ms. Christine Scott-Smith, Director, Guam Public Library System (written)

II. Testimony

The Mayors and Vice Mayor present expressed dismay over lack of advance notice that the library in their respective villages were to be closed. They indicated that volunteers could readily be mobilized temporarily to stave off the closure. Mayor Rivera outlined steps he had taken to effect necessary improvements in the Dededo Branch library. All Mayors indicated support for Bill No. 389 (COR) as a means for re-opening, what they consider to be, a vital part of their communities.

Ms. Christine Scott-Smith. Ms. Scott-Smith provided written testimony reiterating prior expressed concerns over the lack of support for the library system. She provided sample statistics which point to the extensive use of the libraries by a wide variety of patrons. She further indicated that positions other than library technicians are needed. She concluded that the Legislature could resolve the issue by lifting the hiring freeze.

The Board Members testified in favor of the Bill indicating that the library system has long suffered from a lack of adequate funding and that the recent library closures were a result of both a lack of funding and a lack of personnel. Senators were urged to end the impasse with the Administration over the hiring freeze.

Petitions, submitted by the Mayors, urging the reopening of the village libraries are available with the committee.

III. Findings and Recommendation

The Committee on Education finds that recent closure of the Guam Public Library System branch libraries is a great disservice to the people of Guam. The overwhelming support for Bill No. 389 (COR) and the public outcry over the closures is indicative of the need to authorize certain hiring by the library system and provide the funding needed to re-open the branch libraries. Since the appropriation level in the Bill is based on hiring that was to commensurate in March 2000, the Committee has substituted the bill to adjust the appropriation level to reflect hiring to commensurate in June 2000.

It is the recommendation of the Committee on Education that Substitute Bill No. 389 (COR) be reported out with the recommendation **TO DO PASS**.



Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Ph.D.

Vice Speaker • Chairman, Committee on Education

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March 31, 2000

Mr. Joseph E. Rivera
Acting Director
Bureau of Budget & Management Research
P.O. Box 2950
Hagatna, Guam 96932

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Dear Mr. Rivera:

Buenas yan hafa adai!

Pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, I respectfully request that your office issue Fiscal Notes for the attached bills:

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|----------|-----------|
| Bill No. | 376 (COR) |
| | 386 (COR) |
| | 389 (COR) |
| | 390 (COR) |
| | 397 (COR) |

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lawrence F. Kasperbauer
Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Ph.D.

Attachments

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Mina' Bente Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Bill No. 389 (COR) AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO RE-OPEN THE BRANCHES OF THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM. -Introduced by L.F. Kasperbauer

Wednesday, April 12, 2000
I Liheslatura Public Hearing Room

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Bill No. 389 (COR) AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO RE-OPEN THE BRANCHES OF THE GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM. -Introduced by L.F. Kasperbauer

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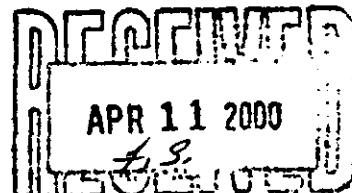
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GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
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Written Testimony for Bill 389
Submitted to

The Honorable Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Ph.D.
Vice Speaker/Chairman, Committee on Education
25th Guam Legislature

by
Christine K. Scott-Smith
Director, Guam Public Library System
April 12, 2000

Office of the Vice-Speaker
LAWRENCE F. KASPERBAUER, Ph.
Date/Time: 4/11/00 3:30 P.
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Good morning, Vice Speaker Kasperbauer, senators, ladies & gentlemen.

My name is Christine K. Scott-Smith, Director of the Guam Public Library System (GPLS). This is my written testimony for Bill 389.

On behalf of the Guam Public Library System, I sincerely appreciate Chairman Kasperbauer's Bill 389. Thank you for your introduction of the Bill to the Legislature for consideration.

If passed, it will go a long way to ease the current restrictions in public library services.

As the Director of the Guam Public Library System, I would like to reiterate the following for your contemplation. None is new, of course, since I have brought up these same concerns at every public and budget hearing that I have been invited to attend.

1. Serving Guam residents since 1949, our mission is to provide **free and open access** to information and ideas fundamental to a democracy. The library system protects intellectual freedom, promotes literacy, encourages lifelong learning, and maintains cultural materials. As the equivalent of a state library, we also provide information and library services to government agencies.

2. None of the public libraries on Guam have ever been staffed and equipped with even the minimum requirements to operate according to American Library Association (ALA) standards and GPLS policies. ALA's Standards for Adequate Public Library Services (as adopted by the Guam Public Library Board) requires the following: six professional librarians for every 50,000 people plus one professional librarian for every 7,500 when over 50,000; one professional librarian in each branch library; one professional librarian to service the institutional libraries and the visually impaired, etc., etc.
3. GPLS has been understaffed for adequate basic mandated services to the public ever since it was established. Throughout the years, Guam laws added several more mandates for additional services to the GPLS. However, never was any additional funding, additional personnel or additional building space ever legislated.
4. Supposedly, library resources are available in all public and some private schools on Guam, and students should be equipped with some sort of library skills prior to their visit to the public libraries for research projects and papers. However, nothing could be further from the truth. That students on Guam rely heavily on the public libraries for resources is a known fact. All school libraries on Guam close their doors immediately after school, while the main library in Hagåtña opens seven days a week.

Please understand that GPLS provides services to all island residents, and that public libraries are the cornerstone of the communities they serve. We are the local gateway to knowledge, and we provide a basic foundation for lifelong learning, independent decision-making, and cultural developments of individuals and social groups. Free access to the information ideas and resources available at the Guam's public libraries is imperative for education, employment, and self-government.

Let's randomly pick the operating statistics of any three public library days. For example, on February 26,27,28,2000 the statistics of the main library's Reference section shows that 116 patrons used its service and 13 patrons used its self-paced GED study station. At the very same time, I and two duty reference staff (both in-house trained by me) also answered 45 walk-in reference questions and 11 telephone reference questions (some easy, some needing extensive research), retrieved 38 "Guam Collection" materials and 39 older issues of periodicals for research papers. In addition, we also took care of 40

patrons, who used computers for connecting onto the Internet, accessing CD-ROM's or word-processing. While some of these patrons were comfortable using the computers on their own, many of them needed major assistance. I must add that the numbers above exclude patrons who came in to simply enjoy browsing through current magazines, check in/out materials for leisure or serious reading, or participate in the weekly Saturday Morning Story Hour. Clearly, usage statistics show that the GPLS provide unique and invaluable assistance to a broad spectrum of Guam's public.

Honestly, nobody can be sadder than we are here at the GPLS, about the closure of all the branch libraries. For years, we have worked harder, stretched thinner, tightened the belts further...all for the sake of keeping the public libraries in operation for the people of Guam.

Bill 389 only recommends library technicians to re-open the branch libraries; however, professional librarians and support staff such as: administrative officer, custodians, clerks, etc. are equally important and necessary so that these library technicians can devote their undivided attention to the patrons.

I strongly urge you and your colleagues to resolve these issues by lifting the hiring freeze, so that our public libraries may provide the people of Guam with the services to which they are entitled.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 389.

Patricia A. Dixon
Board member,
Guam Public Library

April 12, 2000

Letter in favor of Bill # 389 sponsored
by Senator Lawrence Kasperbauer.

Senator Lawrence Kasperbauer
Vice Speaker, Chairman, Committee on Education
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Senator Kasperbauer:

I regret that I cannot physically be present at your Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 12, 2000.

I strongly support your sponsorship of Bill # 389: sections 2, 3, and 4 in its entirety: "An Act to appropriate the funds necessary to re-open the Branches of the Guam Public Library System."

I support Bill # 389 because it provides funding to hire library technicians to re-open the branch libraries.

Inasmuch as this Bill is only a band-aid to provide needed personnel to get the branch libraries open, I hope that when more funds are available that you would sponsor another Bill that will provide funds to hire the professional librarians, support staff and other essential needs to properly and adequately operate the main library and all branches of the Guam Public Libraries.

I strongly support Bill # 389. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my support for Bill # 389.
Senators, please expedite the passage of this Bill sponsor by Senator Lawrence Kasperbauer. Thank you and God bless you!

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Dixon
 Board member, GPL

Introduced

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**MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2000 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Bill No. 389(a)

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer *YK*

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS NECESSARY
TO RE-OPEN THE BRANCHES OF THE GUAM
PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM.**

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

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3 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
4 that over the past two years, various budget cuts and hiring freezes have affected
5 the Guam Public Library System's ability to operate its branches effectively. Over
6 the last two years, the Library's staffing patterns have shown a loss of
7 approximately twenty (20) positions of which nineteen (19) are directly involved
8 in library operations. Such staffing reductions have prevented the re-opening of
9 the Agat and Barrigada branches following super-typhoon Paka. Most recently,
10 the loss of six positions (5 library staff and 1 administrative staff) has led library
11 officials to close its Dededo, Yona and Merizo branches and consolidate all
12 operations at the Library's main branch in Hagåtña.

13 I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that effective operation of library
14 branches requires a minimum of two employees assigned to each branch to allow
15 for lunch/ restroom breaks and safeguard persons and property including book
16 inventory. Ideally, branch libraries should also have the services of a qualified

1 librarian at each branch, however such employees are not necessary just to keep
2 the library's doors open.

3 I Liheslaturan Guåhan also finds that since public school libraries close at
4 the end of classes at each school, students rely on the Guam Public Library System
5 resources after school hours. Furthermore, private school students and adults also
6 benefit too.

7 It is the intent of I Liheslaturan Guåhan to provide the Guam Public Library
8 System with the financial resources it needs to re-open all five of its branches.

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10 **Section 2. Appropriation for additional staffing.** The Sum of One
11 Hundred Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$160,835) is hereby
12 appropriated from the General Fund to the Guam Public Library System for the
13 positions necessary to open the branch libraries and to operate the agency's
14 computer system. The positions funded herein are noted in "**Attachment A**".

15 **Section 3. Appropriation for the repair/replacement of air-**
16 **conditioning equipment.** The Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) is hereby
17 appropriated from the General Fund to the Guam Public Library System for the
18 repair/replacement of air-conditioning equipment for its Dededo and Agat
19 branches.

20 **Section 4. Appropriation for restoration of local matching funds.**
21 The Sum of One Thousand Seven Ninety Nine Dollars (\$1,799) is hereby
22 appropriated from the General Fund to the Guam Public Library System for the for
23 restoration of local matching funds inadvertently cut by Public Law 25-98.

Attachment: A

Guam Public Library System

Staffing Patters of Positions necessary to open All Branches
For PP Ending 3/11/2000 to September 30, 2000 (15.5 PPs)

Location/Position	Pay Grade/ Step	Annual Salary A	Increment		Ret. C	Medicare D	Ret. Dis. E	Hosp F	Dent G	Life H	Total Benefits I C+D+E+F+G+H	Annual Total J A+B+I	Total FY 2000 K 15 Pay Periods
			Date	Amount B									
Dededo Library													
Library Technician I	F-1	17,635	01-Mar-00	0	3,280	256	113	2,233	297	0	6,179	23,814	14,197
Library Technician II	G-1	18,723	01-Mar-00	0	3,482	271	113	2,233	297	0	6,396	25,119	14,975
Total Dededo Library		36,358		0	6,762	527	227	4,466	594	0	12,576	48,934	29,172
Yona Library													
Library Technician I	F-1	17,635	01-Mar-00	0	3,280	256	113	2,233	297	0	6,179	23,814	14,197
Library Technician II	G-1	18,723	01-Mar-00	0	3,482	271	113	2,233	297	0	6,396	25,119	14,975
Total Yona Library		36,358		0	6,762	527	227	4,466	594	0	12,576	48,934	29,172
Merizo Library													
Library Technician I	F-1	17,635	01-Mar-00	0	3,280	256	113	2,233	297	0	6,179	23,814	14,197
Library Technician II	G-1	18,723	01-Mar-00	0	3,482	271	113	2,233	297	0	6,396	25,119	14,975
Total Merizo Library		36,358		0	6,762	527	227	4,466	594	0	12,576	48,934	29,172
Agat Library													
Library Technician I	F-1	17,635	01-Mar-00	0	3,280	256	113	2,233	297	0	6,179	23,814	14,197
Library Technician II	G-1	18,723	01-Mar-00	0	3,482	271	113	2,233	297	0	6,396	25,119	14,975
Total Agat Library		36,358		0	6,762	527	227	4,466	594	0	12,576	48,934	29,172
Barrigada Library													
Library Technician I	F-1	17,635	01-Mar-00	0	3,280	256	113	2,233	297	0	6,179	23,814	14,197
Library Technician II	G-1	18,723	01-Mar-00	0	3,482	271	113	2,233	297	0	6,396	25,119	14,975
Total Barrigada Library		36,358		0	6,762	527	227	4,466	594	0	12,576	48,934	29,172
Agana Library													
Computer Operator I	G-1	18,723	01-Mar-00	0	3,482	271	113	2,233	297	0	6,396	25,119	14,975
Total Agana		18,723		0	3,482	271	113	2,233	297	0	6,396	25,119	14,975
Grand Total All Branches		200,513		0	37,292	2,906	1,247	24,563	3,267	0	69,275	269,788	160,835