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

Dear Legislative Secretary Brown:

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Very truly yours,

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

Attachment: copy attached for signed bill or overridden bill

original attached for vetoed bill

cc: The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco

Speaker

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

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MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Attested: JOANNE M.S. BROWN Senator and Legislative Secretary	ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO Speaker
This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan the 2001, at o'clock _AM.	nis 6 day of,
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Public Law No. 26-48

MINA'BENTE SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 144 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on Ways and Means and amended on the Floor.

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- 19 **Section 2.** Title. This Act shall be cited as "The University of Guam
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- Section 3. Section 26505 is hereby added to Article 5, Chapter 26,
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The Director of the Department of Administration shall deposit on the last day of each month into the University of Guam Capital Improvements Fund a portion of the Mass Transit Automotive Surcharge funds collected pursuant to § 26503 of Title 11 of the Guam Code Annotated. The portion deposited into the University of Guam Capital Improvements Fund shall be *no less than* Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) annually. These funds shall be collected monthly until debt service incurred for the design, construction and collateral equipment of the College of Business and Public Administration of the University of

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- (b) The Board of Regents of the University of Guam is hereby authorized to enter into a loan agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture *not to exceed* Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) for the design, construction and collateral equipment of the College of Business and Public Administration, and for the replacement of the roof of the Fine Arts Building, for a term *not to exceed* forty (40) years under terms and conditions deemed in the best interest of UOG, pledged by the proceeds of the University of Guam Capital Improvements Fund.
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(d) Any money reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the University of Guam for the design and construction of the College of Business and Public Administration building shall be used *specifically* for capital improvement projects at the University of Guam.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the building to be constructed as set forth in this Section shall be named, 'The Jesus and Eugenia Leon Guerrero College of Business and Public Administration.' The University of Guam shall place on the front of the building, in a prominent location, the building's name as identified herein."

Section 4. Severability. *If* any provision of this Law or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Law are severable.

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2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

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This legislation cannot be utilized at this time. The University of Guam received a contingent gift of \$2 Million from a private donor. The donor has withdrawn the gift because the conditions have not been met.

This legislation attempts to divert at least \$500,000 from the Automotive Surcharge of the Territorial Highway Funds to the University in order to enable the University to obtain a loan of more than \$13 Million to fund a new building. The highway funds are already appropriated out to existing government obligations, and these obligations are underfunded for this coming fiscal year, based on the revenue projected to come into this fund. In other words, there will not be \$500,000 to divert to the University.

Since the private donor has withdrawn the gift, and there are no funds, which can be diverted to the University in the funds identified, this legislation cannot be implemented at this time.

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Attested: JOANNE M.S. BROWN Senator and Legislative Secretary	ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO Speaker
This Act was received by I Maga lahen Guåhan ato'clock /M. APPROVED: CARI T. C. GUTIERREZ Maga lahen Guåhan Date: Public Law No	Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office

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2001 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 9/14/0/

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Senator Kaleo S. Moylan

Chairperson, Committee on Ways and Means Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Twenty-Sixth Guam Legislature

September 4, 2001

Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco Speaker Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: Chairperson, Committee on Rules, General Government Operations, Reorganization

and Reform and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Bill No. 144 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD SECTION 26408 TO ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 26 OF TITLE 11 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND AND TO CITE THE ACT AS "THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001," has had the same under consideration, and now wishes to report back the same with the recommendation to do pass as substituted.

The Committee votes are as follows:

To Do Pass

Not to Pass

To Report Out

Abstain

Inactive File

A copy of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are attached for your immediate reference and information.

Thank you,

KALEO'S. MOYLAN

Chairperson

Enclosure:

Committee on Ways and Means

Vote Sheet on

Bill No. 144 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee

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Committee on Ways and Means Report on

Bill No. 144 (COR)

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PUBLIC HEARING

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TESTIMONY

Submitting testimonies were Mr. Roy T. Tsuda, acting President on behalf of Ms. Marie R. Nelson, Chairperson, University of Guam, Board of Regents. According to Dr. Tsuda, the UOG Capital Improvement Fund will serve as the repository for 5% of the total amount of liquid fuel tax assessed and collected monthly by the Department of Administration. Dr. Tsuda went on to say that the University of Guam Endowment Foundation, a non-profit benefit corporation, has received generous one-time cash contributions of \$1,650,691 and pledges of \$655,000 from the business community for the construction of the CBPA building.

At this juncture, Dr. Tsuda recommended to the Committee that Bill No. 144 (COR) should not and cannot mandate that all interest from the private UOG Endowment Foundation be used to repay the federal loan over a 40-year period. According to Dr. Tsuda, it is the responsibility of the University of Guam to obtain the additional funds each month for deposition into the UOG Capital Improvement Fund. UOG will obtain the funds from the interest generated from the gifts earmarked for the CBPA and Fine Arts Buildings.

At this time, the Senator Moylan called on Ms. Anita Borja Williams, D.B.A., Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration. According to Dr. Williams, the faculty,

student classrooms, labs, and outreach units are housed in eight different locations throughout campus. Logistical inefficiencies and the inability to feed internet access and provide proper classroom furnishings in what limited spaces we currently occupy makes it extremely difficult to achieve the levels of quality service and partake in growth initiatives that will lead to farther economic development of our island. Dr. Williams informed the Committee that the new CBPA building is deemed as a multipurpose facility. She went on to say that it will house an array of activities, including entrepreneurship and leadership training, executive development, business and economic research and reporting, legal and financial services training, business technology development, and strengthened undergraduate and graduate programs.

Next was Ms. Flora Baza Quan, Executive Director, University of Guam Endowment Foundation. Ms. Baza Quan testified that although the UOG Endowment Foundation has no contest on the use of the liquid fuel tax, we must emphasize that the University of Guam Endowment Foundation is a non-profit entity funded from the donations and grants received from corporations and individual donors and that certain funds are restricted by the donors.

Ms. Baza Quan went on to say that the UOG Endowment Foundation has received numerous donations since its inception in 1989 for other colleges and other programs and it is inherently incorrect and a legal liability to encumber or mandate the utilization of these funds, interest or principal, for other than what donors specify. Furthermore, the responsibility to determine the utilization of the UOG Endowment Foundation fund falls within the purview of the UOG Endowment Foundation Board of Directors and NOT the UOG Board of Regents therefore the Language in Section 2-b authorizing the Board of Regents to enter into a loan agreement and pledging the interest of the UOG Endowment Foundation undermines the authority and fiduciary responsibility of the UOG Endowment Foundation Board of Directors. [Refer to Exhibits 1, 2 and 3.]

According to the Committee Chairman, testimony was also received from Mr. Ed Untalan, Administrator of the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), Mr. Charles Troutman, Compiler of Laws and Mr. Christopher A. Stallings, Vice President and Trust Officer Bank of Guam. [Refer to Exhibits 4, 5 and 6]

There being no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the hearing on Bill No 144 (COR) at 10:20 a.m.

COMMITTEE PROFILE AND FINDINGS

Profile on Substitute Bill No. 144 (COR)

Brief Title:

"The University of Guam Capital Improvement Act."

Date Introduced:

Thursday, August 9, 2001.

Main Sponsor:

Senators F. P. Camacho and J. F. Ada.

Committee Referral:

Tuesday, August 21, 2001 from the Committee on Rules, Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, and Federal, Foreign and General Affairs to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Public Hearing: Tuesday, August 28, 2001, 9:00 a.m. at the Legislative Public

Hearing Room.

Official Title: "AN ACT TO ADD SECTION 26408 TO ARTICLE 4 OF

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001."

Fiscal Note: Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 9, of Title 2 of the Guam Code

Annotated, a request for a fiscal note on Bill No. 144 (COR) was

made to BBMR on Tuesday, August 21, 2001.

Recommendation: To do pass as substituted by the Committee on Ways and Means.

A Closer Look

A closer look at Bill No. 144 (COR) reveals that the lack of safe and modern facilities for the College of Business and Public Administration at the University of Guam hinders the development of the professional workforce needed to serve the island's needs. Although generous contributions have been received from members of our business community, it is not sufficient to cover the cost of the construction of the replacement buildings for the College.

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Section Analysis

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

Section 2. Title. "The University of Guam Capital Improvement Act of 2001."

Section 3. Adds Section 26408 to Article 4, Chapter 26 of Title 11 of the Guam Code Annotated. Section 26408 is added to the already existing sections of Article 4 relative to the Liquid Fuel Tax. Section 26408 creates the University of Guam Capital Improvements Fund. To protect the integrity of the Fund, the Fund is not be commingled with either the General Fund, the Current Fund of the University of Guam, or any other fund of the government of

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Section 4. Severability.

FINDINGS

The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred Bill No. 144 (COR) finds that

- The University of Guam Endowment Foundation, a non-profit benefit corporation, has received generous one-time cash contributions of \$1,650,691 and pledges of \$655,000 from the business community for the construction of the CBPA building.
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- ✓ The new CBPA building is deemed as a multipurpose facility. It will house an array of activities, including entrepreneurship and leadership training, executive development, business and economic research and reporting, legal and financial services training, business technology development, and strengthened undergraduate and graduate programs.
- Furthermore the legislative mandate to utilize the funds from the UOG Endowment Foundation, is fundamentally contradictory to the establishment of the organization and would be a great deterrent for future donations. The fact remains that the UOG Endowment Foundation does not utilize any of the local or federal subsidies for its operations and thus should not be subjected to such mandates.
- The United States Department of Agriculture has committed to loaning the UOG Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollar s(\$13,500,000) for the design, construction and collateral equipment of the College of Business and Public Administration and for the replacement of the roof of the Fine Arts Building, for a term not to exceed forty years (40) under terms and conditions deemed in the best interest of the University, pledged by the proceeds of the University of Guam Capital Improvements Fund and other funds within its control.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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