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The Honorable Vicente C. Pangelinan
Speaker
Mina' Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hessler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 380 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE NECESSARY REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE BUILDING LOCATED ON LOT 8, BLOCK 19, TRACT 2025 FOR THE VETERANS OF GUAM," which I signed into law on December 3, 2004 as **Public Law No. 27-126**.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,



FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached of signed bill

cc: The Honorable Tina Rose Muna-Barnes
Senator and Legislative Secretary

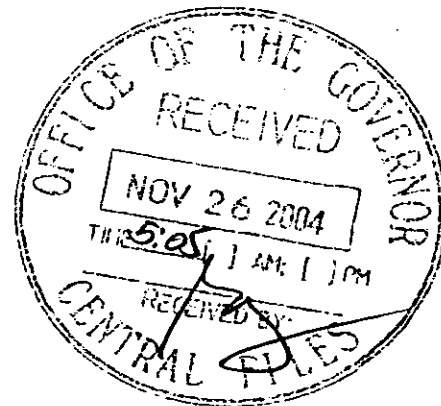
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MINA' BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
TWENTY-SEVENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hessler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

November 26, 2004

The Honorable Felix P. Camacho
I Maga'lahren Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'lahi
Hagåtña, Guam 96910



Dear *Maga'lahi* Camacho:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 126(COR), 251(COR), 257(LS), 259(LS), 283(COR), 293(COR), 307(COR), 335(COR), 344(LS), 345(LS), 347(LS), 351(COR), 380(COR), 385(COR) & 387(COR), and Substitute Bill Nos. 282(COR), 290(COR), 324(COR) & 353(COR) which were passed by *I Mina' Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on November 24, 2004.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Senator and Legislative Secretary

Enclosures (19)

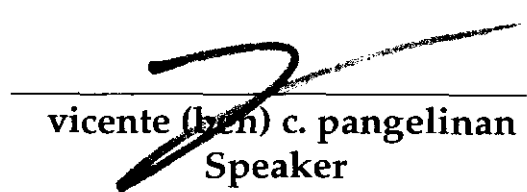
I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2004 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 380 (COR), "ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE NECESSARY REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE BUILDING LOCATED ON LOT 8, BLOCK 19, TRACT 2025 FOR THE VETERANS OF GUAM," was on the 24th day of November, 2004, duly and regularly passed.

Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and Legislative Secretary


vicente (ben) c. pangelinan
Speaker

This Act was received by I Maga'lahaen Guåhan this 26th day of November, 2004,
at 5:05 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:


FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: 12/3/04

Public Law No. 27-126

I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2004 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 380 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Carmen Fernandez

F. B. Aguon, Jr.

R. J. Respicio

J. M. Quinata

J. M.S. Brown

F. R. Cunliffe

Mark Forbes

L. F. Kasperbauer

R. Klitzkie

L. A. Leon Guerrero

J. A. Lujan

T. R. Muña Barnes

v. c. pangelinan

Toni Sanford

Ray Tenorio

ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE NECESSARY REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE BUILDING LOCATED ON LOT 8, BLOCK 19, TRACT 2025 FOR THE VETERANS OF GUAM.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, in its
3 support of our Veterans, would like to ensure that they have a place that is
4 conveniently located and equipped with ample parking facilities accessible to
5 the physically disabled, where they can conduct Veterans-related business.
6 To this end, the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority has leased

1 “LOT 8, BLOCK 19, TRACT 2025”, which includes a two-story building, to
2 the Veterans Affairs Office for its use. The two-story building, which has been
3 vacant and left in disrepair, is in need of extensive renovation before it can be
4 effectively utilized as a Veterans Affairs Office. It is therefore the intent of *I*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate the funds needed to the Veterans Affairs
6 Office for the renovation of this facility.

7 **Section 2. Appropriation to the Office of Veterans Affairs.** There is
8 hereby appropriated the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
9 (\$150,000.00) from the General Fund to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the
10 repair and renovation of Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority **LOT**
11 **8, BLOCK 19, TRACT 2025** so as to meet acceptable building occupancy
12 standards. The expenditure of said funds shall be in compliance with all
13 government of Guam procurement regulations and the laws of Guam.

14 **Section 3. Reporting.** A quarterly report shall be submitted by the
15 Administrator of Veterans Affairs to *I Maga’lahen Guåhan* and the Speaker of *I*
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, reporting on the progress made until completion of the
17 project with respect to this specific appropriation.



MINA' BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
TWENTY-SEVENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
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November 26, 2004

The Honorable Felix P. Camacho
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'lahi
Hagåtña, Guam 96910



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Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Senator and Legislative Secretary

Enclosures (19)

IX TRANSMISSION CHECKLIST TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN
(Included in File w/ All Bills Transmitted)
BILL NO. 380 (COR)

- EXHIBITS ATTACHED *None*
- CONFIRM NUMBER OF PAGES *2*
- CAPTION ON CERTIFICATION MATCHES BILL CAPTION
- ENGROSSED SIGN"" REMOVED FROM BILL
- 15 SENATORS IN SPONSORSHIP OR CONFIRM OTHERWISE
- CERTIFICATION SIGNED BY SPEAKER & LEGIS. SECRETARY
- EMERGENCY DECLARATION, if any *No*

Confirmed By: *DP/CS*

Dated: 11-26-04

FINAL REVIEW:

Dated: _____

- HAND CARRY BILL IN BLUEBACK (ORIGINAL & COPY) TO THE GOVERNOR. (DANNY, [REDACTED] OR OTHERS)
- ACKNOWLEDGED COPY W/ ORIGINAL BLUEBACK PLACED ON CLERK'S DESK. (Same copy given to [REDACTED] ,

- FILED by: [REDACTED]



FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

Vice Speaker

November 19, 2004

MEMORANDUM

The Honorable ben c. pangelinan
Speaker, *I Mina' Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Via: Honorable Senator Lou Leon Guerrero, Committee on Rules & Health

Dear Speaker pangelinan:

The Committee on Appropriations and Budgeting, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, to which was referred, Bill No. 380 (COR) - An Act to appropriate One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the General Fund to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the necessary repair and renovation of the building located on Lot 8, Block 19, Tract 2025 for the veterans of Guam, has had the same under consideration, and now wishes to report back the same with the recommendation **TO DO PASS**.

The voting record is as follows:

TO PASS	<u>5</u>
NOT TO PASS	<u>Ø</u>
TO ABSTAIN DUE TO POTENTIAL CONFLICT	<u>Ø</u>
TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE	<u>Ø</u>

Copies of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are attached. Thank you for your attention to this matter. **Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase.**

Respectfully


FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR.

Vice Speaker/Senator

I Mina' Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Respetu Para Todu (Respect for All)

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FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

Vice Speaker

November 19, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Committee on Appropriations and Budgeting, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform

FROM: Vice Speaker Frank B. Aguon, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations and Budgeting, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform

SUBJECT: Committee Report – Bill No. 380 (COR): An Act to appropriate One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the General Fund to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the necessary repair and renovation of the building located on Lot 8, Block 19, Tract 2025 for the veterans of Guam.

Transmitted herewith for your information and action is the report on Bill No. 380 (COR) from the Committee on Appropriations and Budgeting, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform.

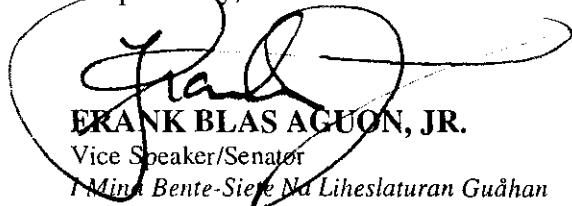
This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

1. Committee Voting Sheet
2. Committee Report
3. Bill 380 (COR)
4. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
5. Notice of Public Hearing

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions regarding the report or accompanying documents, please do not hesitate to contact me. **Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase.**

Respectfully,



FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR.
Vice Speaker/Senator
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FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

Vice Speaker

**Committee on Appropriations and Budgeting, General Governmental
Operations, Reorganization and Reform
VOTING SHEET**

Bill 380: An Act to appropriate One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the General Fund to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the necessary repair and renovation of the building located on Lot 8, Block 19, Tract 2025 for the veterans of Guam.

Committee Members	To Pass	Not to Pass	To Abstain due to potential Conflict	To place in Inactive File
 FRANK B. AGUON, JR. Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANTOINETTE D. SANFORD Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 MOU LEON GUERRERO Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TINA R. MUÑA-BARNES Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 JOHN M. QUINATA Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RORY J. RESPICIO Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 CARMEN FERNANDEZ Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MARK FORBES Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAWRENCE F. KASPERBAUER Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Respetu Para Todu (Respect for All)





FRANK B. AGUON, JR.

Vice Speaker

I MINA' BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

Committee on Appropriations and Budgeting,
General Governmental Operations,
Reorganization and Reform

**VICE SPEAKER FRANK B. AGUON, JR.
CHAIRMAN**

Committee Report
On
Bill No. 380 (COR)

“AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE NECESSARY REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE BUILDING LOCATED ON LOT 8, BLOCK 19, TRACT 2025 FOR THE VETERANS OF GUAM.”



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I. Overview

The Committee on Appropriations and Budgeting, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform held a public hearing on Bill No. 380 (COR) at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2004 in the Public Hearing Room, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Public notice for this hearing was made on: Friday, November 12, 2004 and Thursday, November 18, 2004 in the Pacific Daily News in the form of a paid advertisement.

Senators present at the public hearing were:

Vice Speaker Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Chairman

Senator Toni Sanford, Vice-Chair

Senator Carmen Fernandez, Member

Speaker ben pangelinan

Senator Robert Klitzkie

II. Summary of testimony

Senator Carmen Fernandez, main sponsor of Bill 380, was invited by the Chairman to elaborate on the history and intent of the bill. The senator requested qualified contractors to provide estimates for the scope of work needed on the structure identified. They have assured her that \$150,000 is adequate to complete this renovation.

Mr. Juan Finoña, President of Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 668, appeared in support of Bill 380 and Major Benjamin Guerrero, administrator of the Veterans Affairs Office. Veterans need a stable location to call their own, to locate counseling, coordinate benefit and medical assistance, and provide a meeting location. Veteran community is getting larger: 4000-5000 retirees, plus about 8000 total known resident veterans. They are still trying to locate more. They aspire to have their own Veteran's Affairs office relationship with the federal agency, instead of the current/historical "piggybacking" off Hawaii.

Major Benjamin Guerrero, Administrator of the Veterans Affairs Office, thanked the bill's sponsor and Ronald DeGuzman for moving on this matter. The central Guam Asan location is the site of Guam's liberation landing, and is close to USNH and the Veterans Cemetery. With a T-1 line, direct on-line access to case files in Honolulu will be immediate. The office has worked 1060 health, counseling and benefits cases, injecting an additional \$12 million into Guam's economy. In addition to 8806 veteran visitors, they have 26,000 records on site, and are preparing to handle Iraq veterans. In response to questioning by the Chairman, MAJ Guerrero stated that they want the renovations to be done right, and can stay at Tiyan for another year. MAJ Guerrero

announced his impending retirement, on November 26. he will continue to volunteer until the office is staffed.

In response to questioning by Senator Klitzkie, MAJ Guerrero responded that the local office administers federal Veterans Administration programs and procedures. It has no social workers; those are provided by a federal office. The proposed new office is a two-story building located next to the former Joe & Flo's in Asan. Because the VAO is under the Department of Military Affairs, that department's staff will help with contractor procurement.

Ronald DeGuzman, administrator of the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority, appeared to clarify concerns about the lot title and renovation funding status. GHURA extended a rent-free lease after the Governor forwarded a VAO request. The VAO was approved among six applicants. The rent-free lease can be expanded if this bill passes and funds are available for renovation. GHURA will continue to hold title. The VAO is considered a "general governmental use" and therefore not eligible for grant assistance for renovations.

Chairman Aguon mentioned that the 27th Guam Legislature appropriated funds for two Veterans Affairs Office positions in FY2004, and two more in FY2005. The Vice-Speaker expressed his hopes that these positions will be filled as intended, and thanked the volunteers for assisting in the meantime. He thanked GHURA for accommodating VAO's needs.

III. Findings and recommendation

The Committee on Appropriations and Budgeting, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform finds that Bill No. 380 (COR) will appropriate the needed funds to renovate a facility to permanently house the Veterans Affairs Office.

Accordingly, the Committee on Appropriations and Budgeting, General Governmental Operations, Reorganization and Reform, to which Bill No. 380 (COR) was referred does hereby submit to *I Mina' Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* **TO DO PASS** Bill No. 380 (COR): "An Act to appropriate One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the General Fund to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the necessary repair and renovation of the building located on Lot 8, Block 19, Tract 2025 for the veterans of Guam".