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The Honorable Vicente C. Pangelinan Speaker I Mina'Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Twenty-Seventh Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Pangelinan:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 167 (LS), "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE "EDUCATIONAL TOURISM TASK FORCE" TO STUDY AND FORMULATE PLANS TO ORGANIZE AND PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL TOURISM (EDUTOURISM) PROGRAM FOSTERING GUAM AS AN REGIONAL POWERHOUSE DESTINATION FOR ADVANCED ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PROGRAMS AND BUSINESS AND MEDICAL LANGUAGE TRAINING, INCLUDING DISTANCE-LEARNING PROGRAMS ASSOCIATED WITH ON-SITE INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS," which I signed into law on February 6, 2004 as Public Law 27-64.

Sincerely yours,

KALEO S. MOYLAN

I Maga'låhen Guåhan Para Pa'go

Acting Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached of signed bill

The Honorable Tina Rose Muna-Barnes cc:

Senator and Legislative Secretary

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

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 167 (LS), "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE 'EDUCATIONAL TOURISM TASK FORCE' TO STUDY AND FORMULATE PLANS TO ORGANIZE AND PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL TOURISM (EDUTOURISM) PROGRAM FOSTERING GUAM AS A REGIONAL POWERHOUSE AND DESTINATION FOR ADVANCED ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PROGRAMS AND BUSINESS AND MEDICAL LANGUAGE TRAINING, INCLUDING DISTANCE-LEARNING PROGRAMS ASSOCIATED WITH ON-SITE INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS," was on the 4th day of February, 2004, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes Senator and Legislative Secretary	vicente (ben) c. pangelinan Speaker
This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan	a this day of February, 2004, at
APPROVED: KALEO S MOYLAN I Maga'lahen Guåhan, Para Pa'go	Maga'lahi's Office
Date: <u>Foo Co. 2004</u> Public Law No. 27-64	

I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2003 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 167 (LS)

As substituted by the Committee on Public Safety and Tourism and amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* deems it is mandatory that our island take advantage of every economic opportunity that may benefit our people during this challenging period of economic shift. Tourism is the mainstay of economic well-being on Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds it is important that the industry is expanded and diversified along the continuum apparent in global travel industry trends. Niche marketing continues to explode in the field of advertising and promotions. Targeting niche markets within the region would more efficiently facilitate the evolution of the visitor industry on Guam by appealing to specific underserved, under-developed demographic groups. Guam's unique geographic location, climate, culture, and political relationship to the United States of America ideally positions the island to become a leader in Educational Tourism in the Asia-Pacific region.

Edutourism is travel for the purpose of formal and informal education and training in life-long learning experiences in Guam's unique natural and multi-cultural environment. Through the integration of education, language, culture, and leisure activities educational adventures will capture the imagination, interests, and spirit of contemporary travel consumers, while at the same time raising the overall visibility of our entire tourism product.

Continued diversification should include proposals for grants and funding to support visitor industry "product development" investments in places and projects that will create a more diversified culturally-competent visitors experience.

Since 2000, the University of Hawaii has attracted visitors to Hawaii through innovative, custom-designed courses for the government of Taiwan, and others, as an example of "edutourism." Senior government officials from Taiwan took a six (6) week program that taught them government, management, and personal skills utilizing English training. Korean travel agents market early English-training tourism for mothers with young children. Japanese language training schools recommend that students spend several weeks in immersion programs.

Guam is geographically closer to the same markets that Hawaii has benefited from. Our island's comparative advantages are those industries and areas in which Guam can produce or generate a lower "opportunity cost" in comparison to other areas.

Section 2. Educational Tourism Task Force. There is hereby established within the Guam Visitors Bureau ("GVB"), an Education Tourism Task Force ("Task Force") which shall review strategies to develop and promote Guam's education tourism industry. The Task Force shall issue, no later than ninety (90) days from its initial meeting, a written report to *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* and the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* which shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) an analysis of the organization and development of education tourism in Hawaii, focusing on how future custom programs and events on Guam can benefit from the lessons learned from the Asia-Pacific Center for Executive Development at the University of Hawaii College of Business Administration;

(b) an overview of government, business, and educational needs of target markets and demographics, including a list of businesses and governments that have participated in such programs. This overview shall also include a list of potential regional feeder schools and language programs in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan;

- (c) a mission statement and a set of short and long-term goals relating to the organization, marketing, and promotion of student-oriented and continuing education tourism on Guam;
- (d) definitive plans and recommendations, as to how the Guam Visitors Bureau will facilitate the Task Force's reported goals and objectives, including marketing and promotional strategies;
- (e) recommendations on how the government, the private sector, the University of Guam, Guam Community College, and Chamoru Cultural organizations can work together to overcome obstacles and achieve the Task Force's reported goals; and
- (f) recommend an implementation action plan and proposed budget and funding source.

The Task Force shall invite government, private-sector, and community entities and individuals to submit reports, testimony, data, and other information that may help it perform its duties and responsibilities. Furthermore, the Task Force shall hold at least one (1) public forum to hear testimony from interested parties and individuals in the community. In the formulation of its final written report, the Task Force shall consider all submittals and testimony.

1	Secti	ion 3. Composition of Education Tourism Task Force. The Task
2	Force shal	l be composed of not less than the following nine (9) members and
3	any additi	onal members deemed necessary by the Task Force:
4	(a)	the General Manager of the Guam Visitors Bureau, or his
5		designee;
6	(b)	a representative of the Governor's office to be appointed by I
7		Maga'lahen Guåhan;
8	(c)	a representative from the Department of Education to be
9		appointed by the Superintendent of Education;
10	(d)	a representative from the University of Guam (UOG) to be
11		selected by the President of UOG;
12	(e)	a representative from Guam Community College (GCC) to be
13		appointed by the President of GCC;
14	(f)	a representative from I Liheslaturan Guåhan to be appointed by the
15		Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan;
16	(g)	two (2) members, one (1) of which shall be from the ages of
17		eighteen (18) through twenty-five (25), from the community at
18		large chosen by the Education Tourism Task Force; and
19	(h)	the President of the Department of Chamorro Affairs, or his
20		designee.
21	The	Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Task Force shall be elected
22	by the Task Force at its first meeting.	
23	Secti	ion 4. Term and Vacancy on the Education Tourism Task Force.

- 1 The Task Force shall be formed and meet no later than thirty (30) days after
- 2 the enactment of this Act. The members of the Task Force shall serve for the
- 3 duration of the existence of the Task Force. Any vacancy shall be filled in the
- 4 same manner as the original appointment or selection, but only for the
- 5 balance of the term. Task Force members shall serve without compensation.
- 6 The Task Force shall be terminated upon the acceptance of its report by *I*
- 7 Maga'lahen Guåhan and the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan.
- 8 Section 5. Support Services. Government agencies and offices shall
- 9 assist the Task Force in the performance of its duties and provide the Task
- 10 Force with appropriate studies, data, or other information as requested.
- 11 Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this Law or its application
- 12 to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such
- 13 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Law which
- 14 can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this
- 15 end the provisions of this Law are severable.