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Felix P. Camacho Governor

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> The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Hafa Adai! Transmitted herewith please find Bill No. 69 (LS) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 18 OF GCA RELATIVE TO LEGISLATIVE APROVAL **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS"** which was enacted into law without the signature of I Maga'lahen Guåhan. This legislation is now designated as Public Law No. 30-20.

Though the legislation is now law, I strongly urge I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan to address this measure's statutory deficiencies. The Act, as passed, requires Legislative approval for all settlement agreements against the government of Guam, inclusive of all branches, mandating the issuance of cash. I would have you note, that this specific provision was not contained within the bill's original form and I believe the intent of the bill was to prevent the obligation of the government in settlement in excess of its authorized appropriation and not when the issuance of "cash" is contemplated.

It is clear that the original intent of this Act was to require legislative approval for any settlement which goes beyond a government entity's existing appropriation level; and not to restrict the use of funds already appropriated by the Legislative branch. Because the essence of the law only restates 5 G.C.A. §22401 and is currently part of our government's existing practice, it appears that the aforementioned cash-provision is an unintended and in advertent consequence of the Legislative process.

Secondly, the Act will also apply to the Judiciary, potentially hindering their operations and likely being deemed inorganic if challenged. Settlement agreements are often encouraged by the judicial system for expedient and efficient resolution of disputes between parties. For the government of Guam, this often results in a savings and the avoidance of protracted litigation and incurrence of more expenses.

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As such, I strongly urge I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan to reconsider any action that would delay or deter the ability of the government to settle with parties that have a claim against the government and enter into amicable resolutions that would be in the best interest of the government and ultimately the people of Guam.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.

I Maga'låhen Guåhan para pa'go Acting Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy of Bill

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 69(LS)**, "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 18, TITLE 1 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS," was on the 3rd day of April, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this day of day of

Public Law No. **30-20**Became law without the signature of 1 Maga'lahen Guahan (the Governor of Guam)

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 69 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Telo Taitague
B. J.F. Cruz
R. J. Respicio
F. F. Blas, Jr.
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
T. C. Ada
F. B. Aguon, Jr.
T. R. Muña Barnes
E. J.B. Calvo
J. V. Espaldon
Judith P. Guthertz, DPA
Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.
v. c. pangelinan
M. J. Rector
Ray Tenorio

AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 18, TITLE 1 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- Section 1. A new Article 2 is *added* to Chapter 18 of Title 1, Guam Code
- 3 Annotated, to read:

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- 4 "Article 2
- 5 Approval of Settlements
- §18201. Legislative Approval of Settlements. No office,
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I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: April 3, 2009

VOTING SHEET

Bill No. <u>69(LS)</u>

Resolution No					
Question:					
NAME	YEAS	<u>NAYS</u>	NOT VOTING <u>/</u> ABSTAINED	OUT DURING ROLL CALL	ABSENT
ADA, Thomas C.	V				
AGUON, Frank B., Jr.					
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.					
CALVO, Edward J.B.	V				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.					
SPALDON, James V.	/				
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	V				
IUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose	V				
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.	V				
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera	V				
RECTOR, Matthew	V				
RESPICIO, Rory J.					
AITAGUE, Telo					
TENORIO, Ray	V				
VON PAT, Judith T.					
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I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan THIRTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE

Senator Vicente "ben" c. pangelinan

Chair

Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking Insurance, Retirement and Land

March 26, 2009

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Speaker I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hesler Place Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report – Bill No. 69(COR)

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land to which was referred Bill No. 69 (COR) – "An Act to add a new Article 2 to Chapter 18 of GCA Relative to Legislative Approval Settlement Agreements" hereby reports out with the recommendation TO DO PASS.

Committee votes are as follows:

5	TO PASS
	TO NOT PASS
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	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
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vicente c. pangelinan Chairperson

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Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking Insurance, Retirement and Land

March 26, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To:

Committee Members

From:

Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Taxation,

Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land

Subject:

Committee report on Bill No.69 (COR)

This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

- 1. Committee voting sheet
- 2. Public Hearing sign-in sheet
- 3. Notices of Public Hearing
- 4. Testimonies submitted

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact my office at 473-4236.

vicente e. pangelinan

Chairman

I MINA TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

Committee Voting Sheet Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land

Bill No. 69 (COR): "An Act to add a new Article 2 to Chapter 18 of GCA Relative to Legislative Approval Settlement Agreements".

Committee Members	To Pass	Not to Pass	Report Out	Abstain	Inactive File
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Vice Speaker Benjamin J. Member	F Cruz				
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Senator Tina Rose Muna-l	Barnes	/	****		
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Senator Telo T. Taitague		- 1910 Mar.		****	
Member					
Senator Frank Blas, Jr. Member			_		-



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Chair

Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking Insurance, Retirement and Land

Committee Report on

Bill No. 69 (COR): "An Act to add a new Article 2 to Chapter 18 of GCA Relative to Legislative Approval Settlement Agreements."

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land held a public hearing Thursday, March 19, 2009, at I Liheslaturan Guahans Public Hearing Room on Bill No. 69 (COR), "An Act to add a new Article 2 to Chapter 18 of GCA Relative to Legislative Approval Settlement Agreements." Notices for the public hearing were disseminated throughout all local media via facsimile and electronic mail and are attached herein meeting the requirements of the Open Government Law.

Committee Chairman vicente c. pangelinan began public hearing on Bill No. 69 (COR) by stating Senator Telo Taitague as the author of this legislation. Chairman Pangelinan commented on the bill as being Senator Taitagues' first introduced bill and stated the title of Bill No. 69(COR).

A. Committee Members and Senators present:

Senator vicente c. pangelinan, Chairman Senator Telo Taitague, Member Senator Adolpho Palacios Sr.

II. PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COMMITTEE

A. Since there were no present Oral or Written testimonies, Chairman Pangelinan congratulated Senator Taitague for introducing her first legislation and called on Senator Taitague to speak on the intent of Bill No. 69(COR).

B. Persons who submitted Written Testimonies are:

As of March 19, 2009 there were no written testimonies submitted.

III.SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE PRECEEDINGS

Senator Taitague: Si Yu'os Ma'ase Mr. Chairman and thank you Senator Palacios for being present on this public hearing on Bill No. 69(COR), I appreciate that. This piece of legislation will allow the legislature by who is responsible for appropriations to our Government agencies and departments. The placement of a notice of a consent decree, which will allow the legislature every opportunity to remedy the situation before we surrender ourselves and may cost this government a great amount of money. With your support I also like to ask the support from my other colleagues to pass this bill and give credit to those who cosponsored this bill for me.

Senators Bj Cruz, Respicio, Blas jr. and Speaker Won Pat cosponsored this legislation. Thank you very much Mr. Chairman for this opportunity and for hearing my bill so quickly.

Chairman Pangelinan: Thank you Senator Taitague.

IV. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land, to which Bill No. 33 (COR): "An Act to add a new Article 2 to Chapter 18 of GCA Relative to Legislative Approval Settlement Agreements." was referred, does hereby submit recommendations to I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan, TO DO PASS Bill No. 69 (COR).

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Bill No. 69(15)

Introduced by:

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Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan Senator vicente "ben" c. pangelinan THIRTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, TAXATION, BANKING, INSURANCE, RETIREMENT AND LAND **PUBLIC HEARING**

March 19, 2009 BILL NO. 69

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Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan THIRTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE

Senator vicente "ben" c. pangelinan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: March 19, 2009 Time: 9:00am

Place: Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room

Agenda:

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Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Senator vicente (ben) c. pangelinan (D)

March 12, 2009

Memorandum

To:

All Senators

From:

Senator ben pangelinan

Re:

Public Hearing Notice

Member Committee on Education

Chairman Committee on

Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, and Land

Member Committee on Municipal Affairs, Aviation, Housing, and Recreation

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Thank you.



Stephanie Mendiola <sem@guamlegislature.org>

Fwd: Public Hearing Notice

Lisa Cipollone <cipo@guamlegislature.org>

To: sem@guamlegislature.org

Mon, Mar 30, 2009 at 11:20 AM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Lisa Cipollone < cipo@guamlegislature.org >

Date: Wed, Mar 11, 2009 at 4:46 PM

Subject: Public Hearing Notice

To: news@guampdn.com, news@k57.com, news@spbguam.com, news@hitradio100.com,

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mindy@kuam.com, marvic@mvguam.com, gerry@mvguam.com, rgibson@k57.com

Please see attached.



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Stephanie Mendiola <sem@guamlegislature.org>

Fwd: Press Release and public hearing notice

Lisa Cipollone <cipo@guamlegislature.org>

To: sem@guamlegislature.org

Mon, Mar 30, 2009 at 11:42 AM

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From: Lisa Cipollone < cipo@guamlegislature.org >

Date: Tue, Mar 17, 2009 at 5:28 PM

Subject: Press Release and public hearing notice

To: news@guampdn.com, news@k57.com, news@hitradio100.com, msilva@spbguam.com,

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gerry@mvguam.com, marvic@mvguam.com, rgibson@k57.com

Please see attached a press release and public hearing notice from the Office of Senator ben pangelinan.

Thank you. Lisa Cipollone Office of Senator ben pangelinan

2 attachments







Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan THIRTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE

Senator vicente "ben" c. pangelinan

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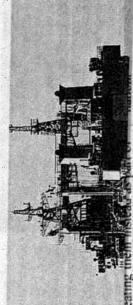
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RP taking China ship in Spratlys 'seriously'

MANILA, Philippines (PDI)

has admitted it was taking this "That's where we should - China's dispatch of a state-ofthe-art patrol ship in the South China Sea does not necessarily according to Malacañang; but the Philippines' official Palace smack of gunboat diplomacy,



territories in the Spratlys, particularly Huangyan Island and Nansha Islands.

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Press secretary Cerge Remonde described on Sunday Bei-

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Notice of Public Hearing

ben pangelinan Office of the People

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Felix P. Camacho

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Michael W. Cruz, M.D. Lt. Governor

INVITATION FOR BID

This notice is paid for by the following GUAM POWER AUTHORITY Revenue Funds.

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Wire, #2/0 AWG Description: Bid Package may be picked up at the GPA Procurement Office, 15t Floor, GPA Central Office, 1911, Route 16, Harmon, Guam 96911.

/s/ JOAOUIN C. FLORES. P.E.

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. <u>69(4</u>5)

Introduced by:

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