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Lieutenant Governor

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo Acting Speaker Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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Transmitted herewith is Bill. No. 60 (EC) "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE ANTONIO B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, GUAM FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM" which I have vetoed.

For the past four and a half years, I as Governor have never attempted to transfer money from any autonomous agency for the purpose of supporting government operations. In fact, I have protected the autonomy of those agencies to allow them to bring their agencies back into solvency. The results are clear, as the Guam Airport Authority and the Port Authority of Guam are both now realizing positive financial positions.

Particularly with GIAA, I am aware of and have been abiding with the bond covenants and FAA restrictions that govern how airport revenues are to be spent. Not only is this measure unnecessary, it is inconsistent with existing law, which is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Currently, 5 GCA 22421 requires all revenue generating autonomous agencies pay into the government of Guam's General Fund a sum of \$3.5 million annually. The intention of this law is to ensure that these agencies contribute to the maintenance and improvement of the island's infrastructure, which also supports the agencies' successful operations.

I believe the Legislature must carefully review the intentions of 5 GCA 22421 and amend that law in accordance with what is in the best interest of this island, whether the law is clarified and strengthened so that it is enforceable or repealed in its entirety.

I firmly believe that if the Legislature accepts the input of our island community, you will find a balance between protection of the financial integrity of the agencies and the growing needs of our island community.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO

I Maga'låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

cc: The Honorable Ray Tenorio Senator and Legislative Secretary



### MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

TWENTY-NINTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hessler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

August 27, 2007

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

Dear Maga'lahi Camacho:



Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 3(LS), 6(LS), 27(EC), 53(EC), 57(EC), 60(EC), 61(EC), 62(EC), 100(LS) and Substitute Bill Nos. 2(LS), 17(EC), 22(EC), 40(EC), 52(EC), 97(LS) & 112(EC) which were passed by I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan on August 23, 2007.

Sincerely,

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RAY TENØRIC

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

Enclosures (16)

### I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_
Public Law No. \_\_\_\_\_\_

FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'lahen Guåhan

### I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 60 (EC)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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J. A. Lujan
Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Edward J.B. Calvo
James V. Espaldon
Mark Forbes
Judith Paulette Guthertz
Frank T. Ishizaki
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
A. B. Palacios, Sr.
v. c. pangelinan
R. J. Respicio
David L.G. Shimizu
Ray Tenorio
A. R. Unpingco
J. T. Won Pat

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE ANTONIO B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, GUAM FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. In January 1976, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognized the importance of creating an autonomous government agency with all the powers necessary to operate and expand our civilian airport to meet the needs of travelers, comply with a Joint Use Agreement with the United States, and attract corporate investors to our tourism industry. Public Law 13-57, which enacted Government Code §62000 et seq., later codified as Chapter 1 of Title 12 Guam Code Annotated, defined the Antonio B. Won Pat

- 1 International Airport Authority, Guam's purpose, powers and funding structure.
- 2 The Authority was created to operate more efficiently and effectively than any
- 3 other executive agency of the government of Guam. *I Liheslatura* does not review,
- 4 approve or consider the Airport Authority's budget, nor does it consider Authority
- 5 revenues public resources available for allocation to various governmental
- 6 obligations. It would therefore, be contrary to several laws, numerous statements
- 7 of elected leaders, principles of fiduciary responsibility, and contracts entered into
- 8 by the Authority for *I Maga'lahi* to compel the transfer, diversion or disposal of
- 9 Airport revenue to unrelated general governmental purposes.
- Section 2. I Maga'lahi is hereby prohibited from transferring, diverting or
- otherwise disposing of funds held in any account under the control of the Antonio
- 12 B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam Board of Directors, for
- purposes authorized by either Public Law 28-149 or Public Law 28-150.