

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan  
BILL STATUS

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102-36 (COR)	Joanne Brown Therese M. Terlaje Telo T. Taitague	AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> NEW §§ 8103(d), 8103.1, AND 8107(d), <i>ALL</i> OF CHAPTER 8, AND TO <i>AMEND</i> § 43122(a) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 43, <i>ALL</i> OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON GOVERNMENT MEETINGS, DELIBERATIONS, AND DECISION MAKING BY REQUIRING BROADCASTING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND NOTICE OF AGENDA ITEMS.	4/5/21 12:03 p.m.						

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**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 102-36 (COR)**

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

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds

that it is essential to the maintenance of our democracy that public business be performed in an open and transparent manner and that every stakeholder be fully aware of and able to observe the performance of public officials and attend and listen to the deliberations and decision-making that go into the making of public policy. Stakeholders must be adequately informed with sufficient detail on matters to be discussed at public meetings. *I Liheslatura* further finds that as a result of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, stakeholders must also be informed of and granted access to regular and special meetings of a public agency via video live streaming applications on the official website of each respective agency or on a designated government channel.

1 Therefore, *I Liheslatura* intends to increase public access to information on  
2 government meetings, deliberations, and decision making by requiring broadcasting  
3 of public meetings and notice of agenda items.

4 **Section 2.** A new subsection (d) is hereby *added* to § 8103 of Chapter 8,  
5 Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

6 “(d) *Except* for executive sessions and other meetings expressly  
7 authorized by law to be closed, regular and special meetings of a public  
8 agency *shall be* broadcasted via video live streaming applications on the  
9 official website of each respective agency or on a designated government  
10 channel.”

11 **Section 3.** A new § 8103.1 is hereby *added* to Chapter 8 of Title 5, Guam  
12 Code Annotated, to read:

13 “§ 8103.1. Any action of a public agency taken at a meeting is void and  
14 of no effect if the public agency failed to comply with the public notice of  
15 agenda matter to be discussed pursuant to § 8107(d) of this Chapter or failed  
16 to comply with the broadcasting requirement pursuant to § 8103(d) of this  
17 Chapter.”

18 **Section 4.** A new subsection (d) is hereby *added* to § 8107 of Chapter 8,  
19 Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

20 “(d) Notices must contain the agenda of matters to be discussed at the  
21 respective meeting. Agenda items must be in sufficient detail as to put the  
22 public on notice as to what is to be discussed.”

23 **Section 5.** § 43122(a) of Article 1, Chapter 43, Title 5, Guam Code  
24 Annotated, is *amended* to read:

25 “(a) Boards and commissions ~~may elect to~~*shall* broadcast regular and  
26 special meetings via video live streaming applications.”