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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
13-36 (COR)	Mary Camacho Torres Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 3A TO PART 1 OF CHAPTER 12, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ADOPTING THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT; AND TO ADD A NEW § 12307(d) OF ARTICLE 3, PART 1, CHAPTER 12, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE GUAM BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS TO FACILITATE THE LICENSURE OF NURSES UNDER THE COMPACT; AND TO FURTHER APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE REVOLVING FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO FUND THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE TO THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT IN FISCAL YEAR 2022.	1/6/21 4:08 p.m.	1/13/21	Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing	2/3/21 9:00 a.m.	2/11/21 10:21 a.m.	Request: 1/13/21 1/15/21	2/11/21 4:54 p.m. Supplement Document" to the Committee Report on Bill No. 13-36 (COR). 2/17/21 9:51 a.m. Supplement Document to the Committee Report on Bill No. 13-36 (COR).



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February 17, 2021

MEMO

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: Supplemental Document to the Committee Report on Bill No. 13-36 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa adai,

Please include this memo and attached document as a "Supplement to the Committee Report" for the Committee Report on **Bill No. 13-36 (COR)**.

Please make the appropriate indication in your records and forward to MIS for posting on our website. I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director, at 472-2461.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse',

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules





SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, APPROPRIATIONS & HOUSING
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February 16, 2021

The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules
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SUBJECT: Supplemental Information for Committee Report on Bill 13-36 (COR)

Bueñas yan Háfa Adai!

Please find appended to this letter additional testimonies which the Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing received after the Committee Report was submitted. I respectfully request that the documents be included as a supplemental to the Report on Bill 13-36 (COR) As Introduced.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and I look forward to your responses and information.

Respectfully yours,

Joe S. San Agustin
Chairperson, Committee on General
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and Housing

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February 16, 2021

36th Guam Legislature
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Dear Guam Legislature:

I am writing this letter in opposition to Bill 13-36, not because of its bad intent, but this is just the wrong time for the bill. Guam needs to fix the nursing shortage problem by changing the board's timelines and made it faster and easier to accept nurses from off island. It would be an easy creative writing fix to stop this burden and allow military nurses to help our nursing shortage.

The other problems, such as working conditions and deteriorating infrastructure, are not so easy to fix, thus making it dangerous to work on Guam. But as Senators, I know you are aware of this as the mantra of health, education, and public safety are consistently in campaign promises.

Thirdly, pay is an issue. It is my opinion, that if you allow this bill to pass, the door will open for nurses to leave the island. Thirty percent pay increases and cheaper living areas will help every nurse working on Guam, both public and private. Contrary to one Senator's opinion that money is not everything, it is when you live in an area with such a high cost of living.

Nurses are and have been negotiating a contract for years. While they wait, their rights and morals are eroded over time. The stalling of these negotiations only adds to the frustration that many nurses feel.

Passing this bill will also put a strain on the retirement fund as transient nurses will take out of the retirement fund and move on to the next adventure. Creating a transient community with a temporary workforce is not the model of a healthy society. Guam needs people who are invested in our community for the long term. People who visit don't have the same sense of civic responsibility as those who make Guam their permanent home. Residents vote and lobby to make schools and hospitals better. Citizens want laws that protect the environment of Guam. Short term residents use and move if conditions get bad. They do not have a vested interest in our community or our island.

If these problems are fixed, then I would not be worried sick about those who will be in danger when seeking medical attention at GMH. I urge you to fix things in house first before sending nurses through the escape portal you will be creating with the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Timothy Fedenko
GFT, President