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SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, APPROPRIATIONS & HOUSING
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

12 FEB 2021

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No.01-36 (LS) As Introduced

Dear Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on **BILL No.01-36 (LS)** – As Introduced by Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Jose “Pedro” Terlaje, and V. Anthony Ada **“AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE PAYMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND TO ALLOW FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE FEE CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES WHO PAID THEIR LICENSE FEES PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE “BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2021.”**

Committee votes are as follows:

2 TO DO PASS
0 TO NOT PASS
4 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
0 TO ABSTAIN
0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

**COMMITTEE ON RULES
RECEIVED:**

February 12, 2021

4:27 P.M.

Respectfully,

Senator Joe S. San Agustin
Chairperson, Committee on Appropriations

Revisions Rec'd:
February 15, 2021 @ 3:44 P.M.



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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, APPROPRIATIONS, AND HOUSING

COMMITTEE REPORT

BILL NO. 01-36 (COR)

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and V. Anthony Ada

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12 FEB 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL MEMBERS

Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing

From: Senator Joe S. San Agustin

Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No.01-36 (LS) As Introduced

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 01-36 (LS)
- Notices of Public Hearing and Other Correspondence
- Copy of Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Written Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No.01-36 (LS) As Introduced
- Copy of Fiscal Note from Bureau of Budget and Management Research
- Copy of Funding Availability Note from Office of Finance and Budget
- Committee Vote Sheet

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet, Your Attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.

Senator Joe S. San Agustin

Chairman, Committee on Appropriations



Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON RULES

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January 13, 2021

MEMO

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Ana Won Pat-Borja
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Re: Referral of Bill No. 1-36 (LS)

Buenas yan Håfa adai.

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §6.01(d)(1), Rule VI of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of Bill No. 1-36 (LS).

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the **Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing**, chaired by Senator Joe S. San Agustin.

I also request that the same be forwarded to the prime sponsor of the subject bill.

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

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



CHANGE 1 - First Notice of Public Hearing on Wednesday, 10 February 2021

Rose Mesa <rose.senatorsa@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 2, 2021 at 2:42 PM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org, senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org

Cc: Management Information System <mis@guamlegislature.org>, Tom Unsiog <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org>, Joe San Agustin <protocol@guamlegislature.org>

2 February 2021**MEMORANDUM****To: ALL HONORABLE Senators, Stakeholders and Media****From: Senator Joe S. San Agustin, Chairman****Subject: CHANGE 1 - First Notice of Public Hearing on Wednesday, 10 February 2021*****Buenas yan Håfa Adai!***

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Bill No. 40-36 (COR) - Committee on Rules

AN ACT TO *ADD* §1512.5 TO TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX BONDS, SERIES 2011A, GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX BONDS, SERIES 2012B, AND GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015D, AND RELATED MATTERS.

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Very Respectfully,

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Second Notice of Public Hearing on Wednesday, 10 February 2021

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5 February 2021 at 08:22

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org, senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org

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PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room

AGENDA

9 am:

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February 10, 2021 • 9:00 a.m. • Guam Congress Building

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February 10, 2021

THE HONORABLE JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN
Chairperson, Committee on General Operations,
Appropriations and Housing
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RE: Bill No. 1-36 (LS) - The Business Assistance Act of 2021

Hafa Adai Chairman San Agustin and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Bill No. 1-36 which proposes to temporarily waive business license fees for one year, from October 1, 2020 to September 20, 2022, and to allow for a business license fee credit for businesses that have already paid the fee.

Government assistance for businesses in the form of this measure, should it pass, provides a small but desperately needed level of financial support for our struggling local businesses. This one year abatement is a show of goodwill that could not have come at a better time. Just as recent measures introduced by the 36th Guam Legislature, this proposal would help those businesses that need the short term support this delay would offer.

We thank the authors of Bill No. 1-36 for its introduction and encourage all our Senators to support this bill and to continue to work with our local businesses to ensure the survival of the private sector. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments on this measure.

Sincerely,

CATHERINE S. CASTRO
President



SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, APPROPRIATIONS & HOUSING
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 01-36 (LS) was introduced on **January 04, 2021** by Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Jose “Pedro” Terlaje, and V. Anthony Ada. The bill was subsequently referred by the **Committee on Rules** to the **Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing** on January 13, 2021.

The Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing convened a public hearing on **Bill No. 01-36 (LS)** on **Wednesday, February 10, 2021** in the **Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room**.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via **e-mail** to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on (First Notice), **January 28, 2021** (5-Day Notice), (Second Notice) **January 29, 2021 and February 05, 2021** (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present:

Senator Joe S. San Agustin, Chairman
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Member
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Member
Senator V. Anthony Ada, Member
Senator Joanne Brown
Senator Christopher Duenas
Senator James C. Moylan
Senator Telo T. Taitague

Appearing before the Committee:

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation

Written Testimony Submitted:

Catherine S. Castro, President, Guam Chamber of Commerce

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

The Public Hearing was Called-to-Order at 9:02 A.M.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Good morning and *Hafa adai* to the committee on Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing is now called to order. I ask my colleague to please take a seat. Notice for the public hearing was disseminated via email to all Senators and main media broadcasting outlets. First public notice was issued on Tuesday, January 19, and then issued on February 2nd and then issued on February 5th, and for the record Wednesday, today

is Wednesday, February 10 and the time now is 9:02. The committee will hear and accept testimonies on Bill 1-36 (LS) introduced by Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes, co-sponsored by Senator Jose Pedo Terlaje and Senator Tony Ada. **“AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE PAYMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, AND TO ALLOW FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE FEE CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES WHO PAID THEIR LICENSE FEES PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT, AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE “BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2021.”** I would like to announce my colleagues who are participating in this public hearing. We'll begin with the author of the bill, Madam Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes. We'll start with my far right. It will be Senator Chris Duenas, Senator Tony Ada, Senator Telo Taitague, Senator Joanne Brown, Senator Jim Moylan. General rules for this public hearing. Those testifying on behalf of Bill 1-36 (LS) will be recognized by myself and invited to the panel. We have already invited Ms. Daphne Shimizu, the Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation written testimonies shall be submitted to the committee. Please provide my legislative staff with your written testimony for photocopy. Testimonies may be read and lengthy testimonies should be summarized to about five minutes, but we can extend that time. Individuals will be allowed to present oral testimony only once. Once you are done you will be asked to remain in the room for questions or additional testimony as may be desired by members of the committee. Questions and testimonies shall be confined to the substance or nature of the agenda. Personal inference as to the character or the motive of any senator or any individuals testifying is not permitted. Any violation of these general rules conduct will result to remove from the public hearing by myself. Proper form and decorum shall be practiced by all present in the public hearing room for these proceedings. Individuals who fail to maintain proper form and decorum may be restricted from providing oral testimony and may, and will be escorted from the room. When you speak please make sure the microphone is on and that you speak into the microphone. Please state your name and your title for the record. We now begin to discuss Bill 1-36 and would ask the author of the bill, Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes to give her opening statement. Madam Vice.

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes: *Si Yu 'os Ma 'āse ' Mr. Chair yan Manana Si Yu 'os* to you and to all my colleagues here and to the listening audience and of course to Director Shimizu, thank you for being here. I want to say *Hāfa adai* Mr. Chair and for hosting this hearing today. I appreciate you working closely with our staff so we can try to get this ready for session next week, hopefully. I want to also thank my co-sponsors Senator Jose Pedo Terlaje and Senator Tony Ada for supporting me in this endeavor. Mr. Chair, I want to note that as the fiscal note clearly reports that there may be a \$2.5 Million dollar yearly, or \$5 million for the next two fiscal years will escape our government coffers. I want to note to you that I also know firsthand that there is a shortfall in collections this fiscal year. The brunt end of the shortfall is anyone who understands government can tell you that taxes are a small part of what the businesses collect. It is our local businesses - from small businesses, multi-general businesses, local families, entrepreneurs who are trying to make a better life for their families. COVID-19 has impacted their bottom line. A business license is a small minuscule cost compared to the profits these businesses would've made prior to COVID-19, but this is one way we can help our hardworking residents mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. Mr. Chair, I want to share that

we always talk about developing new industries, promoting a circular economy, becoming more self-sustainable, and waiving the fees for licensing is a very, very small step, but it's one obstacle that we can actually remove to help make it easier for our local residents to become entrepreneurs. I also want to share with you, Mr. Chair, and the listening audience that many of our People are out of a job. For many, their way of life will be greatly changed as a result of this pandemic COVID-19. You don't have to look far to see the impact of this. I want to share with you Mr. Chair that it's no secret that even in my own home front, my husband has owned a local T-shirt printing company for almost, if not, over 30 years, due to COVID-19, there has been no more team sports, no sports in general and he had no uniforms, no t-shirts, and no items to print. We've literally have shut down since the pandemic, and for me, personally, Mr. Chair it has been very heartbreaking for me, you know, just thinking and it brought memories to me is the, I can remember the countless liberation day parades that I have been able to spend with friends and family at my husband's shop right on that parade route and even if we didn't have one last year. Previously that's where a lot of folks would stop by and buy a lot of our goods and just sit and enjoy. That's not going to happen. He's totally shut down and it's hard, but when one door has closed that does not mean we should give up and rely on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. I want to share with you, Mr. Chair, that we need to get creative, we need to adapt, we need to improvise and we need to overcome, and together I want to say we can overcome as legislators, we need to help our people. We need to lift them up, help them get back on their feet. In no time, they will prosper again and that is how I think we can make government revenues stabilize once again and it is through that Mr. Chair that this bill was initiated. I thank the support of my colleagues who jumped on board with me. It is bipartisan support. I am hoping to get more to jump on this bandwagon and I want to say thank you for giving me the opportunity. I will note for the record to disclose the fiscal report did come in and it does show a negative impact to the government coffers and I know that fiscal report is appended to the journal for this hearing. But with that being said, Mr. Chair, it is important to realize that sometimes you have to think outside the box, be creative, give an opportunity for our families to jump back in. This is one way at least helping that and then once we get stabilized again we can continue to do what we've done previously so I hope that my colleagues would at least take the effort to look at this bill and give it its chance. So thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak and thank you for my colleagues and the listening audience for being here as part of this public hearing of bill number 1-35, 36. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase*.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you Madam Vice. We will now have our lone testimony from the Department of Revenue and Taxation. Mrs. Shimizu, please. I would like to also recognize we are also joined by Senator Pedro Terlaje.

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation : *Hafa adai* Senator San Agustin. For the record, my name is Dafne Shimizu and I'm the Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation. Again, *Hafa adai* Senator San Agustin, Chair of the committee of general government operations, appropriations, and housing and also *Hafa adai*, good morning to Vice Speaker Tina Muna Barnes, Senator Pedro Terlaje, Minority Leader Senator James Moylan, Senator Brown, Senator Taitgue, Senator Ada and Senator Duenas. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 1-36 this morning. Bill

1-36 proposes to temporarily waive the payment of broadly defined business license fees from the period of October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2022, and to retroactively allow for a credit for fees which have already been paid prior to enactment of this proposed law. For fiscal year 2020, approximately two and a half million dollars was collected for general business license fees of which 10% was budgeted for the Department of Revenue and Taxation. If enacted without provided for an alternative source of funding for rev and tax this bill has potential of reducing our departments allotted budgetary resources directly by 10% or about \$250,000 dollars and as you know when we came into fiscal year 2020 we have already had, come in with a budget that was a little bit lower than prior year by about \$465,000 dollars. And so, again I just want to thank you for the opportunity to speak on this bill. I want to thank you for the continued support of our agency as well. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase*.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you, Ms. Dafne. I have a, I'll go ahead and ask the author if you would like to ask later. We'll start with - Senator Pedro do you have any questions for Ms. Dafne, or any other questions or statement you want to make on this bill. Not this time? Ok, Senator Jim Moylan do you have any questions or statements you want to make on this bill?

Senator James C. Moylan: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Dafne, for your testimony. I read a recent article regarding the business renews that you gave an opinion on and we're noticing, you brought to the attention that there are many new business licenses is that, as in new businesses or are they transferring example from sole proprietorship to LLC or sole proprietorship? You know they're changing their licensing type? Or are these brand-new companies opening up?

Dafne Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Thank you Senator Moylan for that question. We do not have stats on that. But we are seeing, when you have a new business license application that actually means you are a new business, so. It is not clear though whether there are some businesses that are for - you know - I do know people who may have closed the business and then started a business. That is something that we have seen, but I don't have actual statistics on that, but yes you are right, there are businesses that have, or there are new businesses - people who have submitted applications back in September. Actually, for the first time the gane2 accept business license applications through mail and through drop box, we are trying our best to allow for people who want to engage in business activity, or who want to go out and try to have a business so that they can make money. We wanted to give them that opportunity given the fact that of course we have a challenge with our ability to serve due to the public health emergency, so we did make those accommodations. Yes, I know that we have provided some information with regards to new business licenses. We did see new business license application in this past fiscal year.

Senator James C. Moylan: The number you've provided was twenty-four thousand? Is that correct?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Right. I think the amount that we had indicated for fiscal year 2020 was over two thousand. I'm sorry I do not have that actual number with me.

Senator James C. Moylan: And so those folks, they pay their fee, right? They did make their payment for their new business licenses? This bill was specifically talking about renewals, right, helping out business during the pandemic to give some sort of relief. You also mentioned the article, over a thousand or seventeen hundred that have not renewed their business license or in other words closed down their business. Is that correct?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: So, there's, there are different terminology and because - there's a - the term cancellation and there's the term non-renewal right? So when a business actually comes in, or an individual comes in to cancel a license, that's a cancellation. And there are people who don't come in and they don't cancel but they don't renew - you know, that's basically a non-renewal. So not all businesses, or not all individuals who close their business, or close up shop actually come in to cancel a license. And so, I know that in the last year, when I have come to provide some testimony in the legislature there was a question as to how many businesses have closed because of the covid situation. It's really difficult to tell. I think that, unless we go through like a full cycle where we see the number of businesses that don't actually renew that's when we'll probably be able to see that impact. But we have seen some people that we have come in to cancel their licenses, and some of them may want have wanted to come cancel because they were starting a new business or it could be as well - for those people, I know were trying to get federal assistance and needed certain tax clearances. They may have come in and they may have to do some cancellations. Just so that way they can make sure, they're able to get certain tax clearances to obtain some federal funding.

Senator James C. Moylan: Ok, so the projection on the loss of general funds were they, to waive, what we're attempting to do with this bill on the renewal, it is based on a total number. The number of total businesses, how many is that? (Inaudible) On the fiscal note, approximately \$2.5 million - how many licenses is that?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: My understanding is - there are general businesses licenses that are issued by the department then there are specialized licenses that are issued by boards like for example, PELS issues for engineers, CPA board issues for CPA licenses. So for the general business licenses, we issue over twenty thousand businesses that are active.

Senator James C. Moylan: Ok, so you are saying twenty thousand will be able to avail through this if this becomes public law?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Correct.

Senator James C. Moylan: Alright. Thank you, Daphne, Director. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you. Senator Joanne.

Senator Joanne Brown: Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to ask the Director, you mentioned about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be impacting to the Department of Revenue and Taxation. Where would you address that shortfall in your operations? I mean we do understand your - some areas, particularly collections. You do not have enough resources and personnel to go out there and get existing taxes that are owed to the government. How would you absorb that shortfall from the additional two hundred and fifty thousand dollars?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Thank you Senator Brown for that question. You know, Of course, our largest expense is for salaries and wages. Probably our salaries and wages out of our \$12 million dollar budget are salaries are anywhere between eight and nine million dollars. So that's really kind of our largest area. To be very honest, our team for many years has worked on a very bare bones budget. We have a very basic budget, which consists of payments for our contractors, payments for our rent, payments for our utilities and then payments for salaries and wages. Likely, what will happen is that, you know, and usually on a regular basis in order for us to be able to process returns, process refunds - we've actually would have to go back and request for overtime so that our team can you know be able to accommodate that. So, really the area that's probably gonna be hit is gonna be in the areas of where the manpower are involved, right? So we may not be able to do some of the overtime and we may not be able to hire what we need, because we have some - we've actually had some - in 2020, we've had three individuals have passed away in our agency. And I believe one of those three, we've been able to actually hire for. So likely, again the largest area - the area that is most easily identified is gonna be the area where it comes to our labor force.

Senator Joanne Brown: So I guess the alternative maybe is, to look at either the legislature appropriates the \$250,000 difference to keep you functioning at your capacity doesn't add on but that's something that may need to be looked at if we're going to prioritize the services that your department provides. I mean I know a lot of people have focus, of course, with tax refunds and understandably during these challenging times I mean have an expectation to want to receive that. So I just think it's important as we look towards you know, addressing these issues, what's the plus and minuses? What do we give? What do we gain, you know? What did we lose? And if this is something that is looked at as a priority, do we address making up that shortfall through other government funded sources. But thank you very much for responding to my question. Thank you very much Mr. Chairman.

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: *Si Yu'os Ma'ase*, Senator Brown.

Chairman Joe San Agustin: Thank you Senator Brown. Senator Telo, do you have any questions now or statements?

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Thank you Mr. Chair. Yes I do. Just a couple, you know, maybe some comments too. Um, Dafne I know we've talked on the phone and had our Zoom meeting in particular to some of these questions that are asked and I greatly appreciate your response to them. And you know, reading the... I do have one question with regards to businesses renewals of their license. Does any of the outstanding... Are businesses allowed to renew their license if they have outstanding taxes or obligations to the Government of Guam?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Okay. So with regards to renewals of business licenses, if you don't have clearance, meaning that if you have tax liability that's outstanding and we've already recorded it in our system then you cannot renew your business license without getting some kind of clearance. But that does not necessarily mean that people who have outstanding tax balances cannot get or cannot renew their license because we have in the past and of course right now especially during this current public health emergency are doing our best to work with our licensees. And you know I get calls from people who wanna renew their business license but are need of some consideration in terms of their ability to pay their taxes so again we do renew and it is possible for people to new their business license but still have an outstanding tax liability as long as they have made some type of arrangement with our agency.

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Okay thank you. Also it was mentioned from the fiscal note, you know the impact that it's gonna have and I thank Senator Brown for asking a very good question on what are you gonna do if this bill should pass. The impact is saying \$5 million, \$2.5 million in the FY 2021 and 2.5 in FY 2022. And just this morning in Saipan, they had to furlough 180 employees from Saipan because of the revenue that was lost to them on the tourism end. That's 180 individuals that are gonna be without a job and that amount of money was actually I think it was \$5,680,000 was impacted if in other words, in order to keep that 180 individuals working in the Government of Guam. it's gonna cost Saipan \$1.56 million and this is close to that amount. So it's going to have a great impact like you mentioned that your area and we're watching the CRER Report. You know, I don't know where we are gonna get some of this funding if you don't start furloughing. So thank you.

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: *Si Yu'os Ma'ase*, Senator Taitague.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you Senator Telo. Senator Tony, co-sponsor of the bill, Sir?

Senator V. Anthony Ada: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Good Morning, Ms. Shimizu. So I just wanted to find if perhaps maybe if we had a like threshold or applying for a waiver versus a blanket exemption from paying the fee for business licenses. Do you think that perhaps it could accomplish both, helping those that need the help the businesses, the small business and lessen the impact to the government by the revenue collections?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Well, I think that if there's going to be some type of a waiver application process. So anytime there's an application process there's of course gonna have to be some labor put in terms from our agency to make sure that we properly apply whatever waiver that would be. I do think that at this point I am not, perhaps, I think it's maybe if the legislative body has some ideas about what types of criteria would qualify for such type of thing. Maybe that may be helpful. I'm sorry I mean at this point, I know to be honest we are seeing a lot of people come, you know, to our agency to request for consideration because of the public health emergency. But even from the start, I mean, even in 2019, when we did start. When I started in this position, our position has been, you know, we're not just you know what Title 11 says, you know, we're going to be collecting and enforcing. Our job is also to help people come into compliance so you know our job is to help as Senator Taitague had brought up the issue of people who have business licenses that need to be renewed but cannot pay the full taxes that's our job. Again on a waiver, perhaps that may be able to work but it may take a little bit more labor. And also maybe for example when we did *Ayuda Mangafa* and we had an application process and it also involved some level of IT programming so there were some administrative costs that were associated with that.

Senator V. Anthony Ada: I see. And you know, it's because it's just I mean, we have the bars and like, you know like the bars, the businesses that have been closed for practically the entire year. So maybe some type of threshold or some type... I like to see what we can do to help those who were tremendously impacted by the closures, right? By the business shut down and things like that, but I think also impacting the general fund revenue collections of the fees we got to look at both and see how we can equalize it or at least not impact each other so much, right? I thank you for coming down this morning and hopefully we'll be able to work out some type of process. If not, the entire, you know, just all those who applied for business licenses or renewals throughout the year and the next year. Maybe some type of waiver. We'll work something but I hope to get this bill forward so that we can help those that are truly impacted to continue building their businesses because I think the impact for a business license to the government will probably be, what \$100 right for a general...

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: It depends. I've seen some. It ranges maybe it could be from \$10 up to like \$1,000 or so, so it ranges.

Senator V. Anthony Ada: Yeah so but the revenues that could potentially be generated from that one business license, right?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Correct.

Senator V. Anthony Ada: That we waive for \$10 and they paid in GRT \$1,500. Those are the pros and cons to each one and that's what we got to weigh and look at and see how we can come up with something that is both advantageous to the business owners and advantageous also to the government coffers so that we don't continue to see a dwindle in our general fund revenues. And try to sustain what we currently have but continue to help build businesses as well. Thank you, ma'am.

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: *Si Yu'os Ma'ãse*, Senator Ada.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you Senator Ada. Senator Chris, do you have any questions sir?

Senator Christopher Duenas: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, most of the questions I had were asked and answered. But I wanted to thank Director Shimizu for being here this morning and providing valuable input and testimony. I'm sure your schedule is very hectic and busy so we appreciate that you're here today to provide testimony and answer our questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you. Senator Pedro, do you have any questions or any statements you want to make?

Senator Jose "Pedro" Terlaje: All the questions I wanted to put out has been asked already so thank you very much Mr. Chair.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you. All right, I have a few. I just wanted to remind my colleagues that as we consider this bill, I have nothing against waiving business licenses okay. And maybe we need to take a look at maybe the penalty for failure to renew your license as you're required to do it. And just and the reason why I can speak like this, my colleagues, is that I'm a former Rev and Tax employee. So I am very aware of exactly, oh we have the Speaker here. Speaker, do you have any questions you wanna bring up before I continue on? After me, it's gonna be the closing.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: I was enjoying your remarks. But yes, if I could ask a couple of questions, thank you.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: All right.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: First of all, and I apologize if I missed this being asked earlier, but does this uh would this bill affect renewals for example, would they not have to pay their renewals... I'm sorry, their late fees, if they were late on renewals.

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: So, excuse me Senator. So the language states, "all business license fees including but not limited to fees for business license renewals collected." It doesn't specifically state any late fees but it says all business license fees so I would assume we could interpret it that it could impact also the late fees, ma'am.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: Yeah. I guess that's my first issue is that uh is the language too broad? Is it going to include every fee that you have versus just, you know, the license renewal

fee? And I don't want to include late fees for example, that might disincentivize businesses from getting those licenses renewed. I'm concerned because the amounts are relatively small compared to, you know, other costs for these businesses, These license fees range, you know, they're almost all less than a hundred except for the businesses where you have them scaled as to income. And I wanted to confirm, is this based on income? So we've got wholesale licenses annual, and retail and then you've got scales from 1 to 250,000, 250 to 500. Is that based on like gross receipts? How is that? How do you determine which category they fit in?

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Madam Speaker, based on my reading on the bill, it's all business license. So there's no selection of which one is which. Unless, the author would like to clarify it, it's all business license.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: Right.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: It doesn't matter.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: Right so I'm saying that includes then according to the list that I printed out, business license branch fees, this list has, for example, retail licenses. It begins and they have a scale here from 1 to 250,000, you pay \$100. From 250 to 500,000, you pay \$200 and it goes up like that. And I'm asking, are those numbers based on income?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Actually, Speaker Terlaje, I'm sorry. Good morning.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: Good morning.

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: With regards to the fees, I'm sorry I'm not so familiar with that particular, how that is actually done. I do have a schedule of fees that also I'm looking at. I'm sorry. So with regards to that, I would assume it is gonna be from gross receipts or from their income from their gross income yes if that's the way the fee schedule is written.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: All right. And if it's based on income then yeah I would think that it's kind of proving that their income is coming in and that they're fitting into those categories. And even the highest one is when it exceeds 2 million then the annual fee is \$1,000. If you're between 1 and 2 million your annual fee is \$800. And if you're between 500,000 and \$1 million your annual license fee is \$400. I guess what I'm trying to say is these seem relatively small amounts to me when you compare the rest of the costs for these businesses and these types of income categories.

And but on the flip side, the amount that is being put into Rev and Tax is very critical. It's, you know, it's being put there for a very specific purpose and that is regulation, right? You are regulating their licenses whether they are complying with what they're supposed to be doing under these licenses. And especially now-a-days, I just feel like the regulation part of it maybe, you know, exacerbated because of COVID and the other precautions you have to take, but that

we have kind of put on you, Rev and Tax, to also enforce, right? We want enforcement. And we are demanding; collect taxes, collect taxes, collect taxes before we allow anymore, you know, waivers of it. Collect what's due because that might be able to take care of our shortfalls, right?

But I guess I'm just very worried that these fees were very specifically detailed for your use and I'm not sure the impacts except, you know, the gross amount. And I don't want to disincentivize late registrations, of course. And thirdly, it's just overall, right? If you look at the budget overall that we're looking at, 29 million reduction in revenues. These revenues are being um from, you know, quick look at it. They're going to be reducing public health, GMH, DOE, DOC, University of Guam, GCC, and Rev and Tax is actually slated to get a \$500,000 increase according to this budget compared to last year. I know that you've told us still not enough, right? And if we want to really enhance our collections, not enough we find it, you know, over and over that the regulation part of our system is just we don't, we can't maximize that. So I don't know.

Do you think this is the best way to enhance revenues for the Government of Guam? I mean that this business license fee is actually having that big of an impact on these businesses that, you know, we need to waive that as opposed to yeah I know we're considering waiving taxes and all other kinds of things based on what they do receive but I don't know. What do you think?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for your question. And to answer your question maybe I have a few comments. One, with what we did in this past year as we were dealing with or addressing the issue of COVID and as we were trying to work to serve our people, we did try to give consideration for our different services where people couldn't come in. We tried to do some waiver of late fees and penalties and when we did that we tried to look at it in terms of our ability to provide service. So the area where we probably gave the most relief was drivers license because that was the one area where we really couldn't serve. We still have people, actually have people who have appointments going into 2022 already. And so we gave a kind of a blanket, if you call it, waiver for those people who had not been able to renew their licenses from I think the end of 2019 coming into the end of this year.

For business licenses, we, and I can provide, we have ... it's documented in our volumes. We have what's called out DRT COVID services series. We issued our first volume in March 18, 2020 and we're up to volume ten. So each time that we've adjusted the way we do business, each time that we've adjusted something where we wanted to make sure people knew that we were going to, for example, the waive fees or move a deadline for an annual report and not charge the late fees. We've advised in our volumes and that's all in our website.

So in this past year, we have done our best to take in consideration the fact that it was difficult for our business owner to come in and to renew. And so during the times we were closed, we did do our best to make sure we identified periods where we did not charge the late fee. That's

one. And in addition to that again, I, you know, I think that I do wanna say I know for the authors of this bill and for the Legislature, for the entire government we're doing our best to try to figure out how we can recover our economy the best that we can and in the most quick way possible.

You know, I know and Senator Moylan did bring up the fact that there's about 20,000 active business licenses so this may, this has the potential of reaching about 20,000 business licenses. But you do bring up the point, Madam Speaker, that some of the license fees they can be, they can range from \$10. They can go up to \$1,000 again just depending on the type of activity that you have. So you know, I know that you all have a very hard job to try to figure out whether this is the right path. I'm gonna do my best to provide the best information that I can to you, you know, about our agency and what our thoughts are. Of course, our largest concern, you know especially for myself, is trying to run the agency and trying to make sure that we're able to provide the services, the really needed services that our people need.

I'll tell you, it's been a really challenging year, I know for everybody. Our agency, we um, when we closed down on March 16, 2020 last year, our team was activated March 18, 2020. We actually had people who were working through the public health emergency, and it was very challenging and difficult. But I do wanna say though that we have a lot of really wonderful people who really want to serve and wanna do our best to carry out our mandates and to help our people.

I was at the gas station today and it's been a hard time, but I was at the gas station today and it really moved me when somebody turned around and asked me if I was the director of Rev and Tax because they wanted to thank me for their stimulus payment. And it's for those people that we do our best. And I know that all of you here are just, and to the authors, I know Vice Speaker, Senator Pedo, Senator Ada, to the authors, I know that and all of you are trying to do your best to make the best decisions. You know, but I'm here today to provide the impact on my agency, how it's gonna impact the way that we're gonna be able to serve.

And really definitely, and I'm not sure if, Madam Speaker, if you were here earlier. The impact directly to our agency we expect it to be about \$250,000 annually because we do receive 10% of total fees. And so, that's the direct impact that we expect on our agency's budget. And so, you know, again, it's my job as the director of Rev and Tax to make sure that I do my best to provide you with information so you can make good decisions about our agency and how this will impact us. But you know, again, I do have to say thank you to, of course, the legislature for coming up with this because I know our businesses are hurting but again, you know, this is the information I have based on what we have at our agency.

Speaker Therese M. Terlaje: Thank you for that and yeah, Thank you for pointing that out, I wasn't, I didn't remember, but you're right that you have already extended the renewal of many licenses and it has had an impact already on your agency because of the extension of the payment deadlines or waiving of the payments. Yes, well alright, thank you very much director. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you, madam Speaker. Moving along, I wanted to first number one, remind my colleagues that just last year we passed the amendment to the Dave Santos Act, so as everyone looks at trying to help the businesses, the numbers we don't have right now, Ms. Dafne from you or from your department, is how many people are small businesses and as we say, when we waive the business license for everyone, you're waving to a group of folks that are not paying anything in taxes to start with.

Theres no GRT, ok so, don't be looking, oh we're going to get a windfall. We're not going to get a windfall, there's nothing to collect. 250 and below pays zero. 500,000 and below, or 250-500 pays 3% GRT. Thank you, Madam Speaker for bringing up the issue. Different income brackets pays a different business license. I would like to see some report, maybe from your office, what is the biggest group that are out there?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Thank you so much for bringing that up, Senator San Agustin. You know, prior, we actually have where we able to do kind of like a table where we were able to determine kind of a percentage of the DRT filers that come in at a certain range. As we were discussing our, of course looking at LECSB, which is the limit exemption for certain small businesses which is the enhanced Dave Santos which was further enhanced back in June 2020. Right and so you're correct. There was the first Dave Santos Act which was enacted many years ago which allows for 0 to \$40,000 of income to be exempted from gross receipts tax if you make \$50,000 or less. And then in 2019, sorry, one of the first bills to get passed was the limited exemptions for certain small business, which allowed for, it changed it from \$100,000 to \$250,000, meaning that if you had up to \$250,000 of income then you pay 3% for the first \$100,000 you pay 3%. And then there was the issue of COVID in June 2020, there was the enhanced LECSB, which was the enhanced limited exemptions for certain small business which means that for the first \$250,000 of gross receipts for those businesses that make \$500,000 or less that they pay 3% and not the five.

With regards to an actual, like figures, when we looked at historical data like fiscal year 2017, 2018 date and which is not the most current but it's the best information that we had we estimate that probably there's about 15 to 16 thousand GRT filers. Ok, those are actual GRT tax return filers, and of those about 85% of those filers fall below the \$250,000 range. And I believe another 5% represented the next level which was the \$500,000. So, likely, based on historical data, again this is not the best data, but it is the best data we have right now. We estimate that about 90% of our businesses fall below the \$500,000 threshold. Is that helpful, sir?

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Yes, that will help and the reason why I'm asking that is because, like I said earlier, I'm not against the waiver of the business license, but there's got to be the category of the folks that should get the waiver. Like you mentioned earlier, and for my colleagues to just be reminded if you're not aware of this, that if you have a business license, you pay \$10 for a rental of a home, \$10 a year. You rent a house for let's say \$1200 or even \$3500, at the end of the year, you pay \$0 in GRT. That's the simple math. And as you move up the category, there's going to be businesses out there that don't pay anything and make good money. And I'm not going to fault them for making good money, and that's great for them, it's

good for the economy because they hire more people, and they don't need a business license waiver.

There's certain categories my colleagues, and the reason why I bring this up because when I hear that \$2.5M reduction and then I look at the other bills that are faced by my committee that is asking for a possible increase of the Dave Santos Act from \$250,000 to \$500,000 zero GRT and then the other bills that's been introduced, my colleagues, please be reminded that at the end of the day, and in the months to come, we're going to be looking at the Budget Act. And when we look at the Budget Act, be mindful, it's not going to be figure out administration where you're going to reduced, we need to, when we introduce policies, and I'm not doing an education for anybody, but we need to be mindful of that. We say reduce, look at revenue and tax and say we want you to collect, we want you to pay tax refunds, we want you to do this. Being a former employee of Revenue and Tax, overtime is critical, critical to the agency to do what they need to. Madam Vice, do you have any closing or questions you want to ask and then you can close. Thank you.

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes: *Si Yu'os ma'ase'* Mr. Chair. I want to thank you for your comments stated in the, even for the answers from the good director of revenue and tax. I do want to note for the record that in 2018 DRT had collected in revenues in businesses at over \$37 million and then in 2019, I think there was a reported \$37,520,000 and then of course COVID hits in 2020 and where do we go from there because that's really the kicker where everything is, won't be consistent. So, when we looked at the impact, based on what the fiscal note says and just trying to see how we can get our businesses back, is how do we help them get back in?

And I truly appreciate saying that yes, the effect to us is going to be about \$250,000, how do we cover that shortfall, and my simple question will come up in a second. But I wanted to also know, if you don't have a business and there's no money out there, you pay zero taxes, right?

How do we get these businesses, the 20,000 businesses, small businesses that are out there, that would have filed for business licenses, would have made money in their businesses, and then pay the 5% or the 3% or the 5% today? It's how do you get them back in? So sometimes as policymakers, we need to think, we need to give a little in order for the government to receive. Because it's our responsibility to pay for the basic education, safety, and welfare of our people. And I truly appreciate the fact that yes there is going to be an affect. Yes, but what is the alternative that we can look at and what can the policymakers help the agency look at, based on the shortfall we're going to have. And I realize that, I didn't come here saying, I just want to give it to them, I wanted to share the impact, I wanted to know what BBMR is telling us. I want to know what Rev & Tax is up against. Because it is important to bring the business community back. And if we can give them a little for the next year or two, the effects in the future will be better by 2022 and 2023 and so on. But we got to have at least give them an opportunity to come back and redo their licenses.

So, my question to you, madam director, if I may, is as of today, has DRT Department of Revenue and Taxes received any support for recovery resources from the Federal Government

for 2020 for from the CARES Act or any of the money that will be coming in from the stimulus package, anything that can help the government of Guam sustain the operations, based on the losses just from the pandemic alone? Has DRT received anything to help out?

Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Madam Vice Speaker, with regards to like our programs we've been running, the economic impact payments, we have not received direct aid in terms of the administrative costs. And that's something that, for EIP 3 actually for EIP 2, we have been communicating with IRS and the treasury about. Unfortunately for EIP 2 was not something that was able to happen because the timing was, I guess it wasn't very fast. But we've been fighting for it for EIP 3 because we know that there's cost for postage, there's cost for checks, there's costs for envelopes, there's costs for the labor to stuff and print, there's costs for our printer cartridge right. And so, we have not received moneys, in terms of administrative costs for those programs directly. However, you know, the Governor and the Lt. Governor, in the budget for the coronavirus relief fund, they did actually allocate some monies to the department for modernization. And we actually utilize that money.

In addition to the Fiscal Year 2020 budget where we were able to get, I think, \$168,000 so we can get 80 computers, we actually used some of the monies that we got from the Coronavirus Relief Funds, we were get another 80 computers. So, our team was actually able get 160 computers. We were able to get 7 laptops, 21 tablets, I believe 10 or 20 scanners. We were also able, because you know it is very difficult for us to be able to, to require people to social distance and then require them to come to a meeting, so we made sure that for the work stations we have, they have webcams. So we can actually, there's some groups that needed to have Zoom meetings. We got a time clock that used facial recognition instead of us having to put our hand on it. And also can use a magnetic strip badge so that they can clock in so that they don't have to touch the timeclock. We also utilize that money some of it to help pay for the, I believe, *Ayuda I Mangafa* program. So we actually used that Coronavirus Relief money that the governor was able to allocate monies to us for so that we can pay those.

But, in terms of actual direct funding in terms of administration costs. Unlike the Department of Labor, we did not, through the CARES Act or through the CRTRA receive any administrative costs to run these programs.

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes: Maybe my next question again is, even if you didn't receive anything, is there any possibility of looking at what's coming down in the recovery efforts for DRT to get anything? Is there anything, working closely with the clearing house, just anywhere that we can ascertain, looking at EDA grant program out there, through the federal government as they continue their efforts to trying to bring businesses or governments back to where they were or at least keep them afloat. Are you going to continue to look for programs like that?

Dafne Mansapit- Shimizu, Director, Department of Revenue and Taxation: Well I mean, with regards to what we we're working to do within our agency, is to try to figure how we can help support businesses and of course taxpayers for the other services we provide and so that

is going to be through, kind of a major modernization effort. We've already, we actually will be launching an enhanced BPT system so that that way all of the Business Privilege tax forms, including any amendments can be filed online. That's actually something that we'll be launching beginning March 1. We also, you know, we'll be launching very soon, other enhancements so that people will not have to come in and to face to face services.

So, with regards to those efforts, that's where our focus is. We're working, of course, I mean there are TAP grants through the Department of Interior that can be obtained I supposed. Those are things that I've had some discussions with certain people in the front office regarding, and so that we can maybe look to identify some funding for that. But, in terms, I think from a rev and tax standpoint, because we provide so many different types of services, probably the best ways that we can work, is just to make sure that people can avail of our services without having to physically come in all the time to avail them and so our focus has been our modernization efforts for those ma'am, yes if it's possible to get federal funding, those are things we're looking at.

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes: *Si Yu'os ma'ase'* madam director for that, I truly appreciate the efforts. But more importantly, the work that you do. If there's anything out there that we can recover and assist in helping your efforts then please don't hesitate to let us know and it's good to hear that you guys at least, not just looking through the modernization efforts, if there's anything that can come our way, please don't hesitate to apply.

So Mr. Chair, if I may, I know that this bill has some fiscal impacts, but more importantly, how can we look at bringing our businesses back. 20,000 businesses that it could help relieve. An opportunity for them to restart, reboot, re-synergize themselves back into the business community so that they can be able to give those jobs and literally get the flow of what they do best. For them to start to prosper again. I think that this bill is just a little attempt to help in those efforts to revitalize them back to normal as we continue to try to recover. And hopefully by 2022, I'm praying that we will recover or get resources to help our business community out. So I'm grateful that you're here madam director and Mr. Chair, thank you for hearing this bill. And with that being said, I hope that my colleagues can at least give it it's fair effort, in our commitment in showing the business community of Guam that our policymakers are trying, *Saina Ma'ase'*.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you Madam Vice, Senator Pedo, you wanted something because she closed...

Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje: First off, I just want to thank the Director of Revenue and Taxation for your input, but when I look at the bill itself, understandably, our main purpose right now with all the other senators is to make sure that we help out the businesses. Bill No. 1-36, we have to be mindful that this is actually a critical bill. It's very sensitive, and I know that the comments that were made by the Bureau of Budget and Management Research is actually coming out with a \$7.6M shortfall on the BPT. And though we are here trying to move forward with helping the business, we need to be mindful that we also need the funding for

some of the services that is being provided by the rest of the government of Guam agencies. So, we have to be mindful that we have to really look at this bill.

I support this bill, I'm a cosponsor of this bill, but we need to be mindful that there are two things that we have to consider. We're going to move forward with helping the businesses go back and capitalize, but we also need to be mindful that we need to also consider the finances of the government. You know when the Chairman, Mr. Chair mentioned the \$250,000 to the \$500,000 he did mention the 3%. He mentioned 3%, when I look at the bill, we're waiving the licensing fee for these businesses and if they don't pay the GRT, if they don't pay the GRT then there's nothing for our government and they don't pay for their license we're reducing the GRT from the \$250,000 to the \$500,000, we have to, and the Chairman, the chairman mentioned 3%. 3% is almost nothing that we're going to give the government. So we need to really, this bill to me is very, we need to make the right the decisions, in as far as going forward with this bill and get some kind of analysis from actually the Bureau of Budget. Because no matter how you look at it, we are giving them the opportunity for the business to move forward, but then we're giving the services of our government aside. So that's all that I have to say Mr. Chair. Thank you very much, Director, thank you for your input.

Chairman Joe S. San Agustin: Thank you Senator, the Committee will continue to receive testimony for the next few days. Please address your testimony to the Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing. Submit your testimony to senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com or to my office located at Ran Care Building, 2nd floor, Suite 3, 761 Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning Guam. And this will conclude the public hearing on Bill No. 1-36. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for your attendance and participating at this public hearing and for those at home, thank you for watching. The public hearing is now adjourned on Bill No. 1-35 (LS), it is now 10:02 am. Thank you ladies and gentlemen, we will take a short recess and then we'll continue on for 5 minutes and start up on Bill No. 40.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:02 A.M.



III. Findings and Recommendations

The Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing hereby reports out Bill No.01-36 (LS) – As Introduced by Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Jose “Pedro” Terlaje, and V. Anthony Ada – **“AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE PAYMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND TO ALLOW FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE FEE CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES WHO PAID THEIR LICENSE FEES PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE “BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2021”** with the recommendation TO REPORT OUT ONLY.

I MINA' TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 1 -36 (LS)

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes 
Jose "Pedro" Terlaje 
V. Anthony Ada 

**AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE PAYMENT OF
BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND TO ALLOW FOR A
BUSINESS LICENSE FEE CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES
WHO PAID THEIR LICENSE FEES PRIOR TO THE
ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT; AND TO CITE THIS ACT
AS THE "BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2021".**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Short Title. This act shall be cited as the "Business Assistance
Act of 2021."

Section 2. Waiver of Business License Fees. Notwithstanding any provision
of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, all business license fees, including but not
limited to fees for business license renewal collected from October 1, 2020 to
September 30, 2022 shall be waived without penalty to the license holder. Any
license fees collected between October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022 shall be
credited to any fees owed by the license holder after the period waived by this
provision.

Section 3. Effective Date. This act shall be effective immediately upon
enactment.



Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON RULES

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January 20, 2021

MEMO

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

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

Re: Fiscal Notes

Buenas yan Håfa adai.

Attached, please find the fiscal note for the following bills:

Bill No. 1-36 (LS)
Bill No. 3-36 (COR)
Bill No. 7-36 (COR)
Bill No. 16-36 (COR)
Bill No. 18-36 (COR)
Bill No. 19-36 (COR)
Bill No. 20-36 (COR)
Bill No. 21-36 (COR)
Bill No. 27-36 (COR)
Bill No. 28-36 (COR)

Please forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

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

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 1-36 (LS)

AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE PAYMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND TO ALLOW FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE FEE CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES WHO PAID THEIR LICENSE FEES PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE "BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2021"

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT)	Dept./Agency Head: Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$8,945,336
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Banking and Insurance Enforcement Fund (\$479,765); Better Public Service Fund (\$1,410,919); Tax Collection Enhancement Fund (\$919,948)	\$2,810,632
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$11,755,968

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	Special Fund:	Total:
FY 2020 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2021 Adopted Revenues	\$0	0	0
FY 2021 Appro. (P.L. 35-99)	\$0	0	0
Sub-total:	\$0	0	0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	0	0
Total:	\$0	0	0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill

	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2021 (if applicable)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
General Fund 1/	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes /X/ No
 If Yes, see attachment
2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
 If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ /X/ N/A
3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
 If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
 Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes /X/ No
5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: /X/ Yes / / No
 /X/ Requested agency comments not received by due date: DRT / Other:

Analyst:  Raymond Rieta, BMA II	Date:  1/14/2021	Director:  Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director	Date:  JAN 20 2021
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Notes:
 1/ See attached Comments.

Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Comments on Bill No. 1-36 (LS)

Bill No. 1-36 proposes to temporarily waive payment of business license fees from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022 and to allow for a business license fee credit for businesses who paid their license fees prior to the enactment of this act and to cite this act as the “Business Assistance Act of 2021.”.

Based on the General Fund Revenue Collections in FY20, approximately \$2.5M was generated for various business license fees from the total of \$4.3M of all licenses, fees, and permits. Utilizing the \$2.5M as an estimated annual collections of business license fees, should this legislation become enacted, GovGuam may lose approximately \$5.0M in revenue (\$2.5M in FY 21 and \$2.5M in FY 22). Per the November 2020 Consolidated Revenue / Expenditure Report (CRER), Business Privilege Tax (BPT) collections have experienced an approximate \$7.6M collection shortfall below adopted levels per P.L. 35-99. The waiving of business license fees as proposed by the Bill will further exacerbate the Government’s revenue shortfall. Furthermore, the Bureau notes that any proposed reductions from BPT remittances may affect potential collections to be received by the General Fund.



January 25, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Joe S. San Agustin
Chairman, Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations and Housing

From: Stephen J. Guerrero
Director, Office of Finance and Budget

Re: Funding Availability Note: Bill No. 1-36(LS)

Hafa Adai Senator San Agustin!

Pursuant to the Standing Rules of the 35th Guam Legislature, the Committee on Appropriations and/or the Office of Finance and Budget (OFB) shall determine in writing if the funding source cited in Appropriation or Authorization for Appropriations bills are sufficient.

The Office has received Bill No. 1-36 (LS), AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE PAYMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND TO ALLOW FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE FEE CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES WHO PAID THEIR LICENSE FEES PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE "BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2021."

The proposed Bill No. 1-36 (LS) authorizes to waive penalty fees to business license holders for business license renewals from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022. License fees collected between October 1, 2020 to September 20, 2022 will be credited to any fees owed by the license holder after the period waived.

Based on the Bureau of Budget and Management Research's (BBMR) Consolidated Revenue Expenditure Report (CRER) as of September 30, 2020, approximately \$4.3M was generated for Licenses, Fees and Penalties. Of the \$4.3M collected, an estimated \$2.5M was generated for various business license fees. Utilizing the \$2.5M as an estimated annual collections of business license fees and applying it to FY 2021 and FY 2022, a potential \$5M in General Fund revenues lost will be realized. Per BBMR's CRER as of December 31, 2020, Business Privilege Tax collections were at a \$13.4M shortfall compared to the adopted levels in Public Law 35-99. If this proposed bill passed, it may potentially further reduce collections received by the General Fund.

Respectfully,


Stephen J. Guerrero

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NEW STORE: Monique Carrasca tends to her skincare and clothing shop, BeautéNicqkaéla, at Compadres Mall in Dededo on Tuesday. Carrasca is among those who opened a new a store in the midst of the pandemic. Haidee Eugenio Gilbert/The Guam Daily Post

Haidee Eugenio Gilbert

NEW START: Entrepreneur Richelle Cabigting is opening Aura Boutique, an apparel and accessories shop featuring career and lifestyle fashions, at the Micronesia Mall in April. Norman M. Taruc/The Guam Daily Post

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Monique Carrasca, a mother of two, was working on opening her skincare and clothing store when the governor imposed a second COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in August.

"It's a gamble and it takes a strong will to open a business during a pandemic," the former First Hawaiian Bank teller said on Tuesday.

She opened her BeautéNicqkaéla boutique at the Compadres Mall in Dededo in October. So far, the gamble has been paying off, the 30-year-old Carrasca said.

Her kids were doing their online classes where she could see them, while she was tending to the store to help supplement the family income.

Despite changes brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, Carrasca and more than 2,500 others have seen opportunities for Guam businesses to thrive.

The number of new business licenses issued was more than double the number of business licenses canceled in fiscal year 2020, when the pandemic hit, data from the Department of Revenue and Taxation shows.

2,544 new business licenses

Department of Revenue and Taxation Director Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu said her agency issued 2,544 new business licenses in fiscal 2020, while business license cancellations were at 1,074.

Mansapit-Shimizu, however, said not all businesses go to Rev & Tax to cancel their business license, so the agency may not be able to see the pandemic's true impact on business licenses until after the current fiscal year or beyond.

"So when somebody asks how many business licenses closed, it's really hard to tell how many exactly until you see how many renewed or did not renew – and that may take a year or two to find out, if they don't come in to cancel their license," she said.

Businesses are required to notify Rev & Tax if they want to cancel their business license. But sometimes that's the last thing on their mind when they close up shop, Mansapit-Shimizu said.

One of the main issues is when one doesn't cancel their business license, they are charged \$1 a day for as long as they didn't renew their license, should they try to reopen their business.

"But at least for now, probably the good thing about the numbers is there's a lot of businesses that are starting," she told The Guam Daily Post. "It's a good sign that people are pivoting."

There are more than 20,000 active business licenses on Guam, she said.

Turning challenges into opportunities

Social distancing and stay-at-home orders popularized the services of personal shoppers, so they're among those who applied for new business licenses during the pandemic.

Cara Jenae Chamberlain, a licensed personal shopper, said "there were new ideas that were forced to surface to be able to live in this new normal," from wearing face masks to full-on sanitizing services and personal shoppers.

"I believe that the fact that people were opening businesses during the pandemic shows the ability for the community to adapt to the pandemic's circumstances based off the new needs of the people," she said.

The demand for personal shoppers peaked during the holidays, but Chamberlain is "still busy" with her side business.




Office of
Senator Joe S. San Agustin

I Mina' trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guahan Thirty-Sixth Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

BILL NO. 01-36 (LS) — As Introduced by Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Jose “Pedro” Terlaje, and V. Anthony Ada – “AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE PAYMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND TO ALLOW FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE FEE CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES WHO PAID THEIR LICENSE FEES PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE “BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2021.”

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Senator Joe S. San Agustin <i>Chairman</i>				✓		
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Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <i>Member</i>						
Vice-Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes <i>Member</i>	E-vote 02/12/2021	✓				
Senator V. Anthony Ada <i>Member</i>	E-vote 02/12/2021	✓				
Senator Frank F. Blas Jr. <i>Member</i>						
Senator Jose “Pedro” Terlaje <i>Member</i>						
Senator Mary Camacho Torres <i>Member</i>	E-vote 02/12/2021			✓		

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Request for E-vote: Bill 01-36 (LS) As introduced

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Hafa Adai, Committee Members

Please see attached below the Committee Report on Bill 01-36(LS) **"AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE PAYMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE FEES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND TO ALLOW FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE FEE CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES WHO PAID THEIR LICENSE FEES PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE "BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2021"** As introduced by Tina Rose Muna Barnes, Jose "Pedo" Terlaje, and V. Anthony Ada.

Please indicate your preferred action, based on the following options.

- ☐ To Do Pass;
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- ☐ To Place in Inactive File.

Please submit your response **ASAP**. Your response will be logged into the Committee Vote Sheet for Bill 01-36 (LS), which will be filed with the Committee on Rules.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase'

Best,

Michaela Celorio

Research Policy Analyst

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Hafa Adai, Vice Speaker

Your vote has been received and will be filed with the Committee on Rules.

Best,

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Hafa Adai, Sen Ridgell

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Thank you.

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Fri, Feb 12, 2021 at 2:23 PM

To report out only. SYM!

Respectfully,



Senator Amanda L. Shelton
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Hafa Adai, Sen. Shelton

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Thank you.

Best,

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Thank you.

Best,
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