

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Lihelaturan Guåhan
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). 2/18/21 12:57 p.m. Supplement Document to the Committee Report on Bill No. 13-36 (COR).



Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON RULES

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING
163 CHALAN SANTO PAPA
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910
TEL 671-472-2461
COR@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG

February 18, 2021

MEMO

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

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

Re: Additional Supplemental Testimony 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
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅ HAN

February 17, 2021

The Honorable Tine Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules
I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

SUBJECT: Supplemental Information for Committee Report on Bill 13-36 (COR)

Bueñas yan Hafa 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
Government Operations, Appropriations,
and Housing

COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:

February 18, 2021

12:45 P.M.



HEALTH SERVICES OF THE PACIFIC

809 Chalan Pasaheru Unit 2, Tamuning, GU 96913
P.O. Box 8838 Tamuning, GU 96931
Tel: 671.647.5355 Fax: 671.647.5358

Circular 21-012

February 17, 2021

Honorable Mary Camacho Torres
Ste 807 DNA Bldg
238 Archbishop Flores Street
Hagatna, Guam 96910

RE: Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) participation under Bill 13-36

Dear Senator

I am writing this letter to the Senators stating my FULL support that Guam becomes part of the Nurse Licensure Compact.

1. Allow nurses to practice in ANY NLC setting. The value for Guam: increase nurse's expertise. Allow young nurses to grow professionally and in personal life. Recruit nurses who want to live on a U.S. tropical island. Allow for short-term coverage in critical areas.
2. The fear of losing nurses. This happens regardless of NLC. The primary reasons for nurses leaving acute care settings are not due to salary. Data shows that 33% of new nurses leave hospital settings. This data is consistent with the data provided by GMH as we look at recruitment and retention efforts for GMHA. Salary is not the primary reason nurses leave Guam. The work environment, lack of professional growth, and the "who you know system" are many reasons nurses leave.

I have heard many of the comments from Senators that are not in full support of NLC participation. My response to those senators: Why not be part of NLC? The exact reasons for not participating are the very reasons WE MUST participate. Don't you want to strengthen our nursing workforce? If we are part of NLC, you will be required as policymakers, local leaders, and nursing leaders to step up and continue ongoing learning, understanding of health care workforce and demands of the community, make educated decisions and act on these decisions. This MUST be done every three years. When was the last time the senators analyzed our healthcare workforce and made incremental changes to support and sustain the workforce? Because the demand for nurses is in our face this past year is now important to you. This has been an important issue for the professional, yet for many years we have not been heard.

Stay on top of this issue. Learn it. I predict ALL healthcare workforce will follow. Failure to understand and support these needs will determine how long you will be allowed to be a policymaker on behalf of healthcare.

You have had ample time to connect with each nursing professional. You have been given adequate data for over 10 years. The nursing shortage WILL NOT go away. Nurses will leave with or without being a member of NLC. I say let's increase and expand our nursing borders nationally. We might find it a much cheaper option of hiring than our traditional international recruitment efforts.

As a nurse leader, practicing nurse in this community for over 30 years, I urge ALL Senators to seriously consider approval of Guam's participation in the Nurse Licensure Compact.

Ruth Gurusamy, RN, MN, MBA
President
Health Services of the Pacific