

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan  
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
223-36 (COR)	Christopher M. Dueñas V. Anthony Ada Frank Blas, Jr.	AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTION §855 TO TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO DESIGNATE ROUTE 3 AS "BEN BLAZ BLVD."	11/10/21 8:01 a.m.	11/16/21	Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing			Request: 11/19/21  11/23/21	



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# MEMO

**To:** **Rennae Meno**  
Clerk of the Legislature

**From:** **Senator Amanda L. Shelton**  
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Re:** **Fiscal Note on Bill No. 223-36 (COR)**

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*Håfa adai,*

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

**Bill No. 223-36 (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. 223-36 (COR)**

**AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTION §855 TO TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO DESIGNATE ROUTE 3 AS "BEN BLAZ BLVD".**

**Department/Agency Appropriation Information**

<b>Dept./Agency Affected:</b> Department of Public Works (DPW)	<b>Dept./Agency Head:</b> Vincent P. Arriola, Director
<b>Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:</b>	-
<b>Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:</b> Guam Highway Fund (\$12,537,183); Territorial Educational Facilities Fund (\$6,858,524)	19,395,707
	<b>\$19,395,707</b>

**Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation**

	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
<b>FY 2021 Unreserved Fund Balance</b>		\$0	\$0
<b>FY 2022 Adopted Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>FY 2022 Appro. (P.L. 36-54 thru )</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sub-total:</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Less appropriation in Bill</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill**

	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2022 (if applicable)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>General Fund</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Guam Highway Fund</b>	\$12,650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$12,650</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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? \$ / / 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  
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst: William P. Taitinglong Date: 11/18/2021 Director: Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director Date: **NOV 22 2021**

**Comments:**

1/ See attached comments to the fiscal note.

**Bureau of Budget and Management Research**  
**Comments on Bill No. 223-36 (COR)**

The proposed legislation seeks to add a new Section §855 to Title 1 Guam Code Annotated to designate Route 3 as “Ben Blaz Blvd”. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize the career of Brigadier General Vicente Baz by naming Route 3 in his honor and finds such designation of the highway to be consistent with Route 3’s connection of the recently activated Marine Base Camp Blaz and Marine Corps Drive.

Section 2 of the Bill 223-36 directs the Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) to post signs along the highway and certain intersections to clearly designate Route 3 as “Ben Blaz Blvd”. Based on the comments received from DPW, the estimated cost could range from \$11,000 to \$12,650 to remove, replace and install the signs along Route 3 traffic lights and connecting routes.

Below is DPW’s **“estimated cost”** for the change of name based on Bill 223-36. The estimate is based on the assumption that signs exist (Sign and Post) and just need replacement. It includes the estimated cost for the new installation.

**1. Route 3 Traffic Lights: 6 each at \$1,500.00 each = \$9,000.00\***

**This estimate covers;**

- Removal of existing sign plates
- Replacement of sign sticker on plates (FHWA approved)
- Installation of sign

\*If no existing signs, 15% is added to the total cost for materials and labor ( $\$9,000.00 + 15\% = \$10,350.00$ )

**2. Route 3 connecting routes: 4 each at \$500.00 each = \$2,000.00\***

**This estimate covers;**

- Removal of existing sign plates
- Replacement of sign sticker on plates (FHWA approved)
- Installation of sign

\*If no existing signs, 15% is added to the total cost for materials and labor ( $\$2,000.00 + 15\% = \$2,300.00$ )

The Bureau notes that Bill 223-36 does not contain an appropriation to DPW to cover the cost of the removal, replacement, and installation of signs as required per Section 2. As such, the DPW will have to absorb such expenses from its current fiscal year budget appropriation from the Guam Highway Fund to its Highway Maintenance & Construction division.

It is also noted that a new Section §855 would place the section under Article 2, the Arts in Public Buildings and Facilities under Chapter 8, Government Facilities of Title 1 Guam Code Annotated. Therefore, it is recommended that a new Section §849.15 instead be added under Article 1, Place Names under Chapter 8, Government Facilities of Title 1 Guam Code Annotated.