

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
158-36 (LS)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes Mary Camacho Torres Amanda L. Shelton Joe S. San Agustin Clynton E. Ridgell Jose “Pedro” Terlaje Frank Blas Jr. James C. Moylan	AN ACT TO ADD CHAPTER 54 TO TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO BUILDING UP GUAM’S HEALTHCARE CAPACITY AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE <i>BIRÅDA</i> ACT.	6/30/21 3:17 p.m.	7/6/21 3:30 p.m.	Committee on Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens			Request: 7/7/21 7/9/21	

Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 158-36 (LS)

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Community College	Dept./Agency Head: Dr. Mary A.Y. Okada, President
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Operations (\$16,074,975); Licensed Practical Nursing Program and Vocational Guidance Program (\$727,696); Lodging Management Program/Pro-Start Program (\$22,960); First Generation Trust Fund Initiative (\$200,000)	\$17,025,631
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Manpower Development Fund (\$3,220,000); Territorial Educational Facilities Fund (\$200,400)	\$3,420,400
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$20,446,031

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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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| 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? | / / N/A | / X/ Yes |
| If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ | /X/ N/A | / / No |
| 3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? | / / Yes | / X / No |
| If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? | /X/ N/A | / / 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: <u>Katherine Parkinson-Borja</u>	Date: <u>7/8/21</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr.</u>	Date: <u>JUL 09 2021</u>
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Notes:
 1/ See attached comments.

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Comments on Bill No. 158-36 (LS)

The intent of the proposed legislation is for the Guam Community College (GCC) to serve as an "administrative officer" for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education's (WICHE) Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) by creating a "Scholarship Office" for students on Guam pursuing careers in healthcare. Students can choose from ten healthcare fields served by partner programs in WICHE member states to pursue careers in. Financial support shall be provided to a student participating in WICHE's PSEP program to help cover the cost of tuition throughout the duration of the health degree being pursued. In exchange, if public funds are used, the participating student agrees to obligate no less than five (5) years of his/her medical practice on Guam. If private funds are used, the participating student would fulfill his/her service obligation to the private sponsor.

The Scholarship Office Shall create a separate account within the GCC to administer the program. The Scholarship Office shall also solicit from the Guam Economic Development Authority available funds from the Qualifying Certificate Program that can be used towards funding the proposed program. Further, §54107 (d) of the proposed legislation states that the Scholarship Office may solicit funds from private healthcare facilities. Private healthcare facilities may "sponsor" participating students and write off the cost of providing financial support for tuition as an eligible business expense.

The proposed legislation appropriates \$78K from the General Fund to GCC to administer the Scholarship Office. Per GCC, no additional funds above the \$78K appropriation is needed at this time. Per the legislation, the U.S. Department of the Interior provided a Technical Assistance Grant to WICHE to continue U.S. Pacific Territory and Freely and Associated States' ability to avail of non-resident tuition for undergraduate and graduate degrees at partner colleges. As a result, the annual appropriation of \$78,500 from the General Fund for the same purpose is not required. As such, the proposed \$78K appropriation from the General Fund to GCC is not an additional financial obligation to the General Fund. However, the Bureau is not certain on the value of the Technical Assistance award, nor the grant period, and is unable to comment on how long DOI funding will cover this program.