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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
179-36 (LS)	Telo T. Taitague Sabina Flores Perez Joanne Brown Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 13510 TO ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 19, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE LICENSURE OF ADOPTION AGENCIES.	8/23/21 8:00 a.m.	9/3/21	Committee on Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens			Request: 9/7/21 9/14/21	



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September 14, 2021

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

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

Re: **Fiscal Note on Bill No. 179-36 (LS)**

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Public Health and Social Services	Dept./Agency Head: Arthur San Agustin, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	27,912,968
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: Environmental Health Fund - \$1,322,570, Healthy Futures Fund - \$19,447,896, Health Professional Licensing Office Revolving Fund - \$286,085, Office of Vital Statistics Revolving Fund - \$241,442, Sanitary Inspection Revolving Fund - \$85,425, Medically Indigent Program Payment Revolving Fund - \$14,438,056	35,821,474
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$63,734,442

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	\$52,306	\$0	\$54,288	\$56,345	\$58,481	\$60,697
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Total	\$52,306	\$0	\$54,288	\$56,345	\$58,481	\$60,697

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| 1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions?
If Yes, see attachment | / / N/A | / / Yes | / X / No |
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If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ | /X/ N/A | / / Yes | / / No |
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If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies?
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Analyst:  Date: 09/09/2021	Director:  Date: SEP 10 2021
Mikel S. Espiritu	Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director

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