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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
56-35 (COR)	Telo T. Taitague William M. Castro	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 12130 TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 12, DIVISION 1, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THE COMPLETION OF AN INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT RELATIVE TO FIBER-OPTIC UNDERSEA CABLE LANDING STATIONS.	3/7/19 9:39 a.m.	4/1/19	Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement			Request: 4/1/19 Waiver: 4/2/19	9/4/19 5:57 p.m. As substituted by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement

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September 4, 2019

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

**From:** Senator Régine Biscoe Lee  
Chair, Committee on Rules

**Re:** Bill No. 56-35 (COR), As Substituted by the Committee

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai* Madam Clerk:

As per my authority as Chair of the Committee on Rules, please ensure that **Bill No. 56-35 (COR), As substituted by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement ("Committee")**, be posted on the Guam Legislature website for public accessibility, as requested by the Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director, at 472-2461.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Régine Biscoe Lee".

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee  
Chair, Committee on Rules

Attachment (2)

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**The Honorable Régine Biscoe Lee**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules  
*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**RE: Submittal of Substitute Bill No. 56-35 (COR)**

*Håfa adai* Chairperson Lee,

The Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement submits Bill No. 56-35 (COR), as substituted by the Committee. The bill has been referred to my committee and substantial changes have been made.

Bill No. 56-35 (COR), as substituted by the Committee is attached and will have a public hearing on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 10:30am. The Committee request that this versions be placed on the Legislature's website for public accessibility.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact my office #989-2968.

*Si Yu'os ma'åse',*

*Sabina Flores Perez*  
Sabina Flores Perez

***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2019 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 56-35 (COR)**

As substituted by the Committee on Environment,  
Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement.

**Introduced by:**

Telo T. Taitague  
William M. Castro

**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 12,  
DIVISION 1, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,  
RELATIVE TO CREATING A TASK FORCE TO  
REVIEW INFORMATION, CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY  
STUDY, AND DEVELOP POLICY CONCERNING  
SUBMARINE CABLES.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1.** A new Article 4 is *added* to Chapter 12, Division 1, Title 12,  
3 Guam Code Annotated, to read:

4 style="text-align:center">“ARTICLE 4

5 style="text-align:center">THE TASK FORCE ON SUBMARINE CABLES ACT OF 2019

6 **§ 12401. Title.**

7 This Article shall be known and may be cited as “The Task Force on  
8 Submarine Cables Act of 2019.”

9 **§ 12402. Task Force Composition.**

10 The Task Force shall be comprised of the following:

11 (a) the Administrator of the Guam Economic Development  
12 Authority or his/her designee;



1           (b) the Administrator of the Public Utilities Commission or his/her  
2 designee;

3           (c) the Chief Technology Officer, Office of Technology, or his/her  
4 designee;

5           (d) the Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation or  
6 his/her designee; and,

7           (e) the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan or his/her designee who  
8 shall sit as an ex-officio non-voting member.

9           The Administrator of the Guam Economic Development Authority shall  
10 serve as Presiding Officer of the Task Force. The members of the Task Force shall  
11 serve without compensation.

12           **§ 12403. Duties of the Task Force.**

13           The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Presiding Officer and make  
14 recommendations concerning submarine cables on Guam.

15           In making recommendations, the Task Force shall:

16           (a) review information concerning licensure, taxes, fees, and other  
17 existing requirements for owners and operators of submarine cables on  
18 Guam;

19           (b) conduct a feasibility study and provide recommendations  
20 involving local tax policy, workforce development, and incentive programs  
21 promoting the expansion of submarine cable activities and the broader  
22 telecommunications industry on Guam;

23           (c) identify resources necessary to fund the feasibility study  
24 including agency resources and grant funding that may be available through  
25 the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The Guam Economic  
26 Development Authority may draw upon the Public Utilities Commission,  
27 Office of Technology, Department of Revenue and Taxation and other

1 agencies for advice and assistance in developing the feasibility study  
2 required herein;

3 (d) receive reports and testimony from individuals, government of  
4 Guam agencies, and any other public and private organizations; and

5 (e) submit a report with its recommendations to I  
6 Maga'låhen/Maga'hågan Guåhan and I Liheslaturan Guåhan by June 30,  
7 2020. Any further recommendations shall be transmitted annually thereafter.

8 **§ 12404. Task Force Recommendations.**

9 The Task Force recommendations shall discuss existing regulations and  
10 proposed changes to local and/or federal statutes governing the operation of  
11 submarine cables in Guam; request(s) for technical assistance from the U.S.  
12 government; interagency and/or public-private collaboration; and other actions  
13 necessary to promote fair and reasonable incentives and opportunities for owners  
14 and operators of submarine cables to invest in Guam.”

15 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.

16 **Section 3. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Act or the application to  
17 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such  
18 invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be  
19 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the  
20 provisions of this Act are severable.