

I Mina'trentai Singko 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
420-35 (LS)	Mary Camacho Torres Tina Rose Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> SECTION 5 IN CHAPTER XI OF PUBLIC LAW 35-99 AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$470,000) TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, RELATIVE TO FUNDING THE OPERATIONS OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN FY 2021, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE BUREAU OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES.	10/19/20 2:20 p.m.						

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2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 420-35 (LS)

Introduced by:

Mary Camacho Torres 
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Section 5, Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99 appropriated Fourteen Million Eight Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Dollars (\$14,898,000) from the General Fund to the Department of Administration to pay the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for each eligible retiree of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund (GGRF). *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the appropriation made toward the payment of COLA is an estimated total and that there could be a difference in the estimated amount to be paid and the actual amount to be paid. On October 14, 2020, it was announced that the COLA was paid by the GGRF. The GGRF identified that of the amount appropriated, only Fourteen

1 Million Four Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars was expended toward the
2 payment of COLA attributable to the appropriation in Section 5, Chapter XI of
3 Public Law 35-99 leaving approximately Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars
4 (\$470,000) remaining in General Fund appropriations.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to appropriate the remaining funds from the
6 General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for its
7 operations in FY 2021, which may include, but not be limited to, the newly created
8 Bureau of Emerging Infectious Diseases.

9 **Section 2.** Section 5 in Chapter XI of Public Law 35-99 is hereby *amended*
10 to read:

11 **“Section 5. Appropriation for Cost of Living Allowance (COLA).**

12 (a) *I Maga’hågan Guåhan* shall provide by a single lump sum
13 payment, a “Cost of Living Allowance” (COLA) of Two Thousand Dollars
14 (\$2,000) to each retiree of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund (GGRF)
15 who is retired as of September 30, 2020, or his/her survivor, no later than
16 November 1, 2020. If a retiree is a Defined Benefit and a Defined
17 Contribution retiree, the retiree or his/her survivor shall only be entitled to a
18 single COLA payment. The sum of Fourteen Million Four Hundred Twenty-
19 eight Thousand Dollars ~~Eight Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Dollars~~
20 (~~\$14,898,000~~ \$14,428,000) is appropriated from the General Fund to the
21 Department of Administration for Fiscal Year 2021, to pay said COLA.”

22 **Section 3. Appropriation to Department of Public Health and Social**
23 **Services.** The sum of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$470,000) is
24 appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social
25 Services for its operations in FY 2021, which may include, but not be limited to, the
26 Bureau of Emerging Infectious Diseases. This appropriation is not subject to transfer
27 or use for any other purpose other than those identified in this Section.

1 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
2 person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions
3 or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision
4 or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.