

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 283-30 (LS)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO AMEND §9102 OF 2GCA RELATIVE TO ENSURING THE RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* TO OBTAIN A FISCAL NOTE ON LEGISLATION PLACED ON ITS SESSION AGENDA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that there can be many reasons for delays that result in the automatic waiver of a fiscal note in the committee report on a bill. The highly important purpose of fiscal notes on each bill is to alert members of *I Liheslatura* of the possible fiscal consequences that may occur in the event a bill becomes law.

It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to afford its members with the opportunity to obtain fiscal impact information on all bills placed on the floor by allowing for an oral fiscal note presentation by the Bureau of Budget and Management Research.

Section 2. Section 9102 of 2GCA is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

“§9102. Requirement of Fiscal Note.

Except as provided in § 9106 of this Chapter, a bill shall *not* be reported out by a Standing Committee of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* or placed on a legislative session, *unless* it is accompanied by a fiscal note, or waiver thereof, prepared by the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR), in coordination with the affected department, agency or appropriate government instrumentality, and has complied with the other requirements of this Chapter. The fiscal note shall be

1 required for all bills that have an effect upon the revenues or the expenditure of
2 any funds of the government of Guam. The waiver of fiscal note shall be required
3 for all bills that do *not* have an effect upon the revenues or the expenditure of any
4 funds of the government of Guam.

5 Failure to provide the fiscal note, or waiver thereof, pursuant to §9105 of
6 this Chapter shall *not* preclude the Standing Committee from reporting out to
7 Legislative Session any bill as provided in §9106 of this Chapter. In the event that
8 a fiscal note waived and is not included in a committee report on a bill for either of
9 said reasons, *supra*; the Speaker on his or her own initiative or at the request of
10 any member of *I Liheslatura*, may require the Director of the BBMR or a
11 representative of the Director of the BBMR to appear before *I Liheslatura* to
12 provide an oral fiscal note. The time and venue for such appearance by the
13 Director of BBMR or a representative of the Director of BBMR shall be
14 determined in a manner consistent with the Standing Rules of *I Liheslaturan*
15 *Guåhan*.”