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**Relative to Building a New Guam Economy
by Providing the Legislative Leadership to
Bring the Community Together to Plan the
Education of Children in Today's
Classrooms into the Careers of Tomorrow;
and to Creating and Adopting a Strategic
Plan to Guide the Allocation and
Prioritization of Resources toward This
Effort.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUAHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the military buildup set to begin in Guam next year
4 brings to light the lack of a strategic plan to ensure children in
5 today's classrooms are prepared to seize the opportunities of our
6 future; and

7 **WHEREAS**, while there are concerns about preparedness for the
8 military buildup and Guam's capacity, the government must realize
9 that the key to economic prosperity does not rest solely on the
10 military buildup, and cannot happen without forward thinking and
11 action to develop a new Guam economy in light of the
12 unprecedented opportunities of a \$15 billion investment; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam, their hopes, aspirations, and
2 potential, are so much bigger than the military buildup, which will
3 end in 2014; and

4 **WHEREAS**, if the government of Guam does nothing to promote
5 the economic interests and prosperity of our people, who will lead
6 our own industries, then it either surrenders the opportunities of
7 tomorrow to outside and foreign interests, or it dooms our people to
8 a major recession once the military finishes its buildup; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam have an opportunity to foster a
10 new Guam economy, led by the bright minds and ambitions of the
11 schoolchildren of Guam, who will be graduating into the real world
12 of work; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Legislature recognizes that local talent, guided by
14 an education system working in tandem with the economic needs
15 this community believes and projects Guam can have, can drive the
16 development of new industry and the expansion of existing ones; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Guam can determine the future of the economy
18 through proper planning and the prioritization of future resources to
19 the education of tomorrow's workforce – children in today's
20 classrooms; and

21 **WHEREAS**, this Legislature, like no other in history, has the
22 responsibility to create and adopt a long-term vision and policy to
23 foster a new Guam economy by steering the island's 32,000
24 schoolchildren into the careers of the future; and

25 **WHEREAS**, several Guam agencies have made notable efforts to
26 build a workforce, but there is no government-wide policy or support
27 system to bring these efforts together in a strategic plan for economic
28 prosperity; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Legislature must take the lead, because it has a
2 responsibility to appropriate the resources education agencies and
3 the labor agencies need. It also must plan properly the investment of
4 future revenues, which will grow over the next five years. There is
5 no more important investment than the future of Guam’s children;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslatura* hereby establishes its role to foster
8 the creation and adoption of a strategic plan, put together by
9 community stakeholders, to map out a new Guam economy and to
10 ensure children in classrooms today are educated to lead the careers
11 of tomorrow in this new economy; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Legislature hereby creates the Classrooms-
13 to-Careers Working Group, hereinafter “Working Group,” with the
14 following mandates:

15 (a) **Creation, Composition, Quorum, and Voting.** The Working
16 Group shall consist of ten members, at the most, including one
17 senator appointed by the Speaker of the Legislature; and one
18 senator appointed by the Minority Leader of the Legislature.
19 The working group shall invite to its membership the Guam
20 Education Policy Board Chairman or his designee, the Chamber
21 of Commerce Chairman or his designee, the Guam Contractors
22 Licensing Board Chairman or his designee, the Superintendent
23 of Education or her designee, the University of Guam President
24 or his designee, the Guam Community College President or her
25 designee, the Guam Department of Labor director or her
26 designee; and the Guam Economic Development and
27 Commerce Authority Administrator or his designee. The
28 members of the Working Group will choose among themselves

1 a Chairman, who shall call for and conduct meetings of the
2 Working Group, during its first meeting, which shall be no later
3 than February 1, 2010. No business may be conducted without
4 the presence of a quorum of at least six members and without
5 strict compliance to the Open Government Act. No decisions
6 shall be made without the affirmative vote of a majority of the
7 quorum present and voting.

8 **(b) Identifying Potential for New Industries, Projecting New**
9 **Guam Economy, Identifying Careers.** The Working Group
10 shall identify and bring together Guam's industry leaders into a
11 Workforce and Careers Convention by February 28, 2010. The
12 members of the convention, through consensus and with the
13 technical support and expertise of the University of Guam, will
14 project the growth of existing industries, determine new
15 industries that can be created, and identify the types and
16 number of careers that will drive these industries. The
17 convention then shall finalize its findings by March 31, 2010
18 and turn such findings over to the Working Group.

19 **(c) Education Planning.** The Working Group shall identify
20 educators, student leaders, parent leaders, education planners,
21 curriculum experts, and other professionals and convene an
22 Educators Convention immediately following the release of
23 findings from the Workforce and Careers Convention. The
24 members of the convention, through consensus, will determine
25 what the Guam Department of Education, the Guam
26 Community College and the University of Guam, together,
27 must do to educate Guam's students into the careers identified
28 by the Workforce and Careers Convention. These discussions

1 shall include plans for the strengthening of an early childhood
2 education system of care. The members of the convention shall
3 consider the discussions and findings of the Guam Education
4 Summit. The Educators Convention must finalize and submit
5 its findings to the Working Group by April 30, 2010.

6 **(d)Adoption of Findings by Governing Boards.** The Working
7 Group shall transmit the findings of the Educators Convention
8 to the Joint Educational Board, as established by Chapter 16A,
9 Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, immediately following the
10 submission of findings by the Educators Convention. The
11 Working Group will call for the Joint Educational Board to
12 convene, review the findings of the Educators Convention, and
13 make the recommendation for the governing boards of DOE,
14 GCC and UOG to consider the adoption of such findings as
15 education policy. The Working Group will ask the Joint
16 Educational Board to concur with the findings, to transmit the
17 findings to each governing board, and to call for the convening
18 of each board by May 31, 2010.

19 **(e)Submission of Strategic Plan to Legislature; Adoption.** If each
20 governing board meets and adopts these policies by June 30,
21 2010, the Working Group will finalize the Classroom-to-Careers
22 strategic plan based on the findings of both conventions, and
23 present the plan to the full Legislature for that body's
24 consideration and adoption; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED,** that the Department of Education, the Guam
26 Community College and the University of Guam will submit a
27 revised Fiscal Year 2011 budget, with spending forecasts based on the
28 adopted strategic plan through Fiscal Year 2013; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative
2 Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
3 be hereafter transmitted to the Chairman of the Guam Education
4 Policy Board; the Chairman of the Guam Chamber of Commerce; the
5 Chairman of the Guam Contractors Licensing Board; the
6 Superintendent of Education; the President of the University of
7 Guam; the President of the Guam Community College; the Director
8 of the Guam Department of Labor; the Administrator of the Guam
9 Economic Development and Commerce Authority; and Honorable
10 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga' Lahen Guåhan*.