

**I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
219-35 (COR)	James C. Moylan	Relative to amending Section 6.01(a)(1)(i) of RULE VI-PROCESSING OF BILLS of the Standing Rules of <i>I Mina'Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan</i> , relative to establishing a reasonable timeline for the scheduling of a Public Hearing on Bills introduced by Members or Committees.	9/26/19 10:31 a.m.							

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2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. **219**-35 (COR)

Introduced by:

James C. Moylan



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PROCESSING OF BILLS of the Standing Rules of *I*  
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establishing a reasonable timeline for the scheduling of a  
Public Hearing on Bills introduced by Members or  
Committees.

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1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3           **WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*** finds that Public Hearings are  
4 opportunities to attain the community's perspective on legislation, and thus this is an  
5 occasion that must be presented not as a special request by bill sponsors but that as a  
6 responsibility of the legislative process; and

7           **WHEREAS,** While the current rules establish a policy for the conducting of  
8 Public Hearings to take place "no more than" one hundred eighty (180) days from the  
9 introduction of the bill, the reality is that legislative terms are short, and thus more  
10 expeditious opportunities must exist to assure that all legislation garner the necessary  
11 input in a timely manner so that if the substance of the issue is critical, that there is  
12 ample time for it to reach a legislative session for further action; and

1           **WHEREAS**, The public, and not certain agendas or politics, should have a  
2 substantial say in the importance of legislation, thus furthering the need for  
3 expeditious timelines in holding a hearing on a measure; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Many times legislation is introduced to address a pressing issue of  
5 that period, and while ninety (90) days seems rather lengthy, it is still a more viable  
6 option in attaining the public's input versus the status quo; and

7           **WHEREAS**, If a Committee is unable to schedule or coordinate a public  
8 hearing on a bill in the ninety (90) day timeline, the bill's sponsor should have the  
9 opportunity to conduct such a meeting, and to keep the consistency of Committee  
10 responsibilities and decorum, with the presence of Committee staff who shall  
11 transcribe the report of the hearing appropriately and accordingly; and

12           **WHEREAS**, Nothing in this resolution mandates that all legislation be referred  
13 to a session agenda, but rather it establishes a clear policy that respects the input of  
14 the community via public hearings; now, therefore be it

15           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*  
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
17 of Guam, *amend* **Section 6.01(a)(1)(i)** of **RULE VI-PROCESSING OF BILLS** of  
18 the Standing Rules of the *I Mina'Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* to read as  
19 follows:

20           (i) All bills introduced by a Member or a Committee *shall* be given a  
21 public hearing *no more than* ninety one hundred eighty (90+80) working days  
22 after the date of the bill's introduction. If the Committee to which the bill has  
23 been referred does not hold a public hearing within the ninety one hundred  
24 eighty (90+80) working day timeline, the Committee Chairperson *shall* give a  
25 reason in writing to the prime sponsor for not holding a public hearing. If a  
26 hearing on a bill is not scheduled by the Committee in ninety (90) days from its

1 introduction, the primary sponsor of the legislation shall be authorized to  
2 schedule a public hearing with the Committee staff present, who shall submit  
3 the transcribed report to the Committee Chairperson in an allotted timeline.  
4 and be it further;

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
6 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
7 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*  
8 *Maga'hågan Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24<sup>th</sup> DAY  
OF SEPTEMBER 2019.**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Speaker

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**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary