I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO AMEND §40112(m), CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE	12/14/17	12/27/17	Committee on General	7/18/18	7/25/18	Fiscal Note	
	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	ANNOTATED AND ADD A NEW §40112(t) AND §40112(u) , CHAPTER	2:43 p.m.		Government Operations and	10:00 a.m.	4:46 p.m.	Request	
		40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING			Federal, Foreign, and Regional			12/28/17	
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		POPULATION IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF							
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		GUAM VETERAN POPULATION TO AVAILABLE SERVICES.						1/18/18	



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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan 163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Régine Biscoe Lee

Chairwoman, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 219-34 (COR)

Dear Speaker Cruz,

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Committee votes are as follows:

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Respectfully,
MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill No. 219-34 (COR)

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July 23, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To:

All Members

Committee on General Government Operations, and Federal, Foreign, &

Regional Affairs

From:

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

Committee Chairman

Subject:

Committee Report on Bill No. 219-34 (COR)

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 219-34 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-In Sheet
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 219-34 (COR)
- Copy of COR Pre-Referral Checklist on Bill No. 219-34 (COR)
- Copy of Fiscal Note Waiver for Bill No. 219-34 (COR)

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

Senator Thomas C. Ada, Vice Chairperson

Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Member

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Member

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Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr Member

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Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Member

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December 27, 2017

MEMO

To:

Rennae Meno

Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Julian Aguon

Legislative Legal Counsel

From:

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re:

Referral of Bill No. 219-34 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa adai.

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of Bill No. 219-34 (COR).

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to **Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Chairperson, Committee on General Government Operations & Federal, Foreign & Regional Affairs.** I also request that the same be forwarded to the prime sponsor of the subject bill.

Attached, please see the COR pre-referral checklist for your information, which shall be attached as a committee report item to the bill.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jeanenne Cordero at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Senator Thomas C. Ada, vice Chairperson

Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Member

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December 27, 2017

MEMO

To:

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terigje

From:

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re:

Letter of explanation - Bill No. 219-34 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa adai.

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and pursuant to COR decision, COR meeting on April 3, 2017, this letter serves as an explanation of non-completion of pre-referral checklist on **Bill No. 219-34 (COR)**.

Response from Legal Bureau was delayed.

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FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing- Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 10AM

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Wed, Jul 11, 2018 at 1:37 PM

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FIRST PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 11, 2018

From:

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

Chairman, Committee on General Government Operations, and

Federal, Foreign, & Regional Affairs

Subject:

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Håfa Adai!

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We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase!

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SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 16, 2018

From:

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

Chairman, Committee on General Government Operations, and

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Subject:

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Mon, Jul 16, 2018 at 9:55 AM

Receipt acknowledged. See you at the hearing.

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PUBLIC HEARING

July 18, 2018 | 10:00 AM Public Hearing Room • Guam Congress Building

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Remarks and Announcements
- III. Item for Public Consideration

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- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Adjournment



I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

Committee on General Government Operations, and Federal, Foreign, & Regional Affairs



PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET

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JESSY C. GOGUE
MAYOR

January 3, 2018

Transmitted via email: senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje Vice-Speaker & Senator, 34th Guam Legislature 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: BILL 217-34(COR), BILL 218-34(COR), & BILL 219-34(COR) – UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY

Hafa Adai Vice-Speaker Terlaje,

As requested by your office, I have reviewed the subject bills and provide the comments, below. It is clear that these bills are intended to provide greater definition and more detailed mandates on "rendering" assistance to the Guam Veterans' Affairs Office (GVAO), in carrying out the enumeration of their Guam Veterans Registry (GVR). However, it is my belief that these three (3) bills may not achieve the desired results.

It is important to note that my comments are made without any prior discussions with the Administrator of the GVAO. That, a thorough understanding of their existing challenges in enumerating and maintaining a *GVR* could help the Legislature validate the partnerships and resources needed and whether or not they can be achieved via these proposed bills. Accordingly, if it is the GVAO's opinion that they <u>need</u> these legislated mandates, then I may have to defer to their recommendations. However, history has shown that these types of legislated mandates, often times, do not achieve their desired results.

I should also point out that these new mandates may create an "unnecessary" duplication of DD-214s, from the same veteran, adding to the administrative burden the GVAO must perform, in vetting GVR information inputted. In fact, the testimony from the GVAO Administrator on the original bill that created the GVR; opposed the original bill, because it did not provide for the hiring of additional personnel needed and funding for equipment to create, manage, and maintain a very dynamic registry; which I concur with. That, these proposed bills continue to ignore the needed resources, in maintaining this registry. Instead, it only increases the volume of documents for them to screen, most of which may be duplicates of information they already possess.

<u>Objectives</u>: 1) Establish the "Guam Veterans Registry" (GVR) for enumerating the population of veterans on Guam and 2) Updated <u>no less than semiannually</u>, for the purpose of increasing or acquiring necessary health care and other relevant services to <u>benefit veterans and their families</u>. (Ref. P.L. 32-101).

A. Legislative Recommendations:

a. <u>Bill 217-34(COR)</u>: Now requires <u>all</u> government entities which collect copies of DD-214s as a qualifying document, to <u>forward a copy</u> of this document to the GVAO, within five (5) days after acceptance of the applicant's DD-214. This could include, but not be



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- limited to Guam Housing & Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA), the Department of Public Health & Social Services (DPHSS), and <u>all</u> agencies with a **Human Resources** division (section) who collect DD-214s, when prospective employees seek a Veteran's Preference towards their job application; and
- b. <u>Bill 218-34(COR)</u>: Now requires the Department of Revenue & Taxation's (DRT) Motor Vehicle Division to <u>transmit</u> DD-214s submitted, no later than five (5) business days after the date of acceptance, for those veterans license plates sought and issued and, for driver's licenses or Guam Identification cards with the word "Veteran" affixed to these cards, at the request of the applicant; and
- c. <u>Bill 219-34(COR)</u>: Now requires Mayors to solicit the veteran's status of constituents who apply for a verification of residency (VOR) and, to <u>transmit a copy</u> of the DD-214 form and VOR to the GVAO within five (5) business days after the date of residency verification. This bill also requires Mayors to conduct semi-annual community outreach for the purpose of updating the *GVR*.
- B. <u>STRENGTHS</u>: The intent of all three (3) bills re-highlights the need in enumerating and regularly updating the *GVR* and, to identify added responsibilities and tasks of government entities in supporting the GVAO's responsibility over the "<u>collection</u>" of veterans' data.
- C. WEAKNESSES: These bills do not address the "processing" of the additional data to be collected and submitted to the GVAO. In particular, these bills overlook the additional personnel needed and funding for equipment and technology necessary in maintaining a very dynamic GVR. With the added volume of documents that the GVAO will have to screen, if these bills are enacted in to law; the hiring of additional administrative personnel becomes more critical. Another issue of concern should be the copying and "transmittal" of a veteran's DD-214, which includes their Social Security number. That, a legal opinion may be necessary in determining whether this requirement to transmit copies of DD-214s, to the GVAO, is in violation of the Social Security Number Confidentiality Act. (Ref. 5 GCA Ch.32)
- D. <u>OPPORTUNITIES</u>: After three years, major issues still exist, surrounding the enumeration and maintenance of the *GVR*. That, the legislature should acknowledge that the GVAO is in need of additional personnel and funding to accomplish this task. This could include allowing the GVAO's to adopt a similar methodology used by the Guam Election Commission in the maintenance of Guam's Voter Registry. Consideration should also be given in allowing the GVAO to formally partner with veteran volunteers, via registered Veterans Organizations, to help "screen and input" *GVR* information transmitted to the GVAO.
- E. <u>THREATS</u>: With the introduction of these bills, which has not addressed any additional resources to the GVAO for the processing and maintenance of the *GVR*; adding a new flow of documents to the GVAO, without the added personnel to handle and input this information, further threatens the overall objective of enumerating and regularly updating the *GVR*.

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Sincerely,

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Mayor

cc: files, All Senators

Joe A. San Agustin Administrator Guam Veterans Affair Office



July 18, 2018

Ref: Testimony Bill 219-34 (COR)

Hafa Adai Vice Speaker Terlaje, and Honorable Senators

My name is Joe A. San Agustin Special Assistant to the Governor Administrator Guam Veterans Affairs Office. I am here to testify in support of bill 219-34 (COR) An Act to amend § 40112 (m), of Chapter 40, Title 5, GCA; and add a new § 40112 (t), and § 40112 (u), Chapter 40, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to authorizing Mayors to offer Veterans status data on verification of residency forms, Include the solicitation of Veterans demographics in their annual census and conduct a semi-annual community outreach efforts to verify the Veteran population in their jurisdiction for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran registry and connecting the Guam Veteran population to available services.

With regards to Section 2 and 3 of this bill, Powers Duties and Responsibilities: As it might appear to be an additional burden to our hard working Village Mayors and Vice Mayors, The Guam Veterans Affairs State Office will work diligently with each of the Mayors and Vice Mayors to make this process a seamless painless process.

I would like to thank the Author of this Bill and all the Village Mayors and Vice Mayors for their consideration in supporting this initiative. Lastly I would like to thank all our Veterans and Active duty Service members for their service. We at the Guam Veterans Affair Office look forward to serving you.

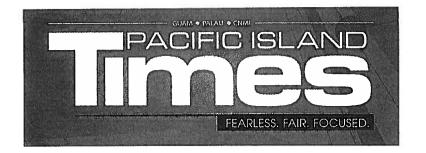
I thank you all for the opportunity to testify before this legislative body.

Joe A. San Agustin

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Bill to help Guam vets registry passes

February 19, 2018 | Senator Therese Terlaje News Release, Pacific Island Times Staff



Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

It's a longstanding problem on Guam, which has deprived Guam U.S. military veterans--whether they know it or not--of benefits and services due them, because authorities simply haven't figured out how many of them are present. 2010 census data suggests more than 8,000, while anecdotal evidence and past efforts to register vets suggest that number is a severe undercount.

Simply put, if the Veterans Administration doesn't know how many vets there are, the results may include a VA clinic far too small and understaffed for its potential clientele. And that's what many vets have complained has happened.

Another vets registry is underway and on Monday, the Guam Legislature unanimously passed <u>Bill 217-34 (COR)</u>, introduced by Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje and co-sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez Jr. and Senator Tom Ada, which is aimed at helping to update the registry.

The bill, now going to Governor Calvo for action, mandates Government of Guam entities that are providing benefits or services to the veteran community, to forward a copy of the proof of veteran status to the Guam Veteran Affairs Office for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry. Amendments were made to the bill on the session floor, to ensure that vets give "documented consent" to the transmittal of the proof of veteran status to the GVAO.

Some local veterans have chosen not to participate in the registry or various VA programs.

According to Speaker Terlaje, Bill 217-34 (COR) is an effort to help bolster the GVAO's outreach efforts to veterans and their families and strengthen the case for increased funding for veteran services, which was the intent of the previous 32nd Legislature when the Guam Veteran Registry was created.

"I thank my fellow senators, particularly my veteran colleagues, the GVAO and the veteran community for providing their feedback and support to make the long-awaited registry and the benefits it may bring to veterans a reality," stated Vice Speaker Terlaje.

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Guam's veteran's registry starting (again) from zero; Local vets complain of slow VA action on Agent Orange, burn pit exposure

June 30, 2017 | By Bruce Lloyd



Guarn Vets Sign Up For Vets Registry With DD 214 Discharge Paper for Reference

Many of several hundred U.S. military veterans gathered at a Guam Community College workshop may have thought they had long since registered as vets with the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. It turns out that's not the case. The list presently stands at 128 of the tens of thousands of veterans known to exist on

And this is a very big deal, since the Guam registry is used to provide evidence in support of requests such as for bigger Guam clinics or a V.A hospital. A more accurate count might justify Guam becoming a regional VA site or to receive more funding to support VA programs on Guam. The U.S. Census has clearly under-counted the number of Guam vets, so it's really up to the Government of Guam to do an accurate job.

So what happened to those previous and publicized vet registry efforts? Guam Community College Student Veteran Association President Rodney Cruz explained what happened.

"It was back in 2014 under John Unpingco's administration (of the Guarn Veteran's Affairs Office), they went in to get their count and I believe it was about 24,000. But what happened is that when he left office, with his staff, none of that information was left behind based on information I'm getting.* The most recent U.S. Census Information put the number of resident Guam vets at about 9,000.

Cruz said the current Guam Vet's Affairs Office is starting an all out effort to fix this problem. "They're going to be starting a village to village outreach, where they go out to reach those veterans."

Vets can register online at the link below. They can upload a DD214 to document their service:



GCC Veterans Assoc. Pres. Rodney Cruz

Guam vet's registry

Guam vets have a couple of big beefs with the Veterans Administration. For the older group, it's recognition and care for the damage they suffered from long ago exposure to the Agent Orange herbicide, For the younger group, it's exposure to toxic furnes from waste pits in battle areas in Iraq and Afghanistan, Cruz

'It seems that Agent Orange is the biggest question here and of course, we have some of our younger vets who are talking about exposure to burn pits and those are the major concerns right now."

Letter: Bills could help veterans

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(Photo: Submitted)

For decades, the actual number of veterans on Guam has been very elusive.

John Buchan put the elusiveness of the actual number of veterans in perspective when he said, "The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a series of occasions for hope."

Enter Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje as she introduced bills 127, 128, and 129. The bottom line of these bills is to solidify processes and procedures to ensure that veterans receiving government services are identified and reported to the Guam Veterans Affairs Office for entry into the veterans registry.

I would venture to say that getting an accurate count of the number of veterans will be long and enduring. There will be amendments after amendments to these bills, but it will be worth all the headaches and pain when we actually nail down required steps to ensure we get an accurate as possible count.

The veteran registry can be quite helpful to extrapolate and analyze data to make decisions and justify requests for additional funding for man-power, services, office space, supplies and equipment, and training and certification requirements, to accurately predict additional burial spaces at the VA Cemetery at a certain time frame, or to request for a new VA Cemetery, and to substantiate additional support requirements from the U.S.Veterans Affairs Office.

It is an extreme pleasure to express my sincerest appreciation to Vice Speaker Terlaje for stepping up to the plate and starting this very important conversation. This conversation is quite refreshing. I have the utmost confidence that Vice Speaker Terlaje will feverishly pursue this extremely important endeavor and see it to fruition.

I know that fellow veterans have well-thought-out suggestions on how to get an accurate as possible count of the number of veterans on Guam. Please share you suggestions with Vice Speaker Terlaje by calling her office at 472-3589.

To register, please call the Guam Veterans Affairs Office at 475-8388 or go online to: www.gvao.guam.gov, click on Resources, and then click on Guam Veteran Registry.

If my grandson Vanny was here and I explained the veteran registry predicament to him, he would probably say, "Grandpa, you are a veteran and I am very proud of you, now go do whatever you can do to help." I will salute him and say, "yes sir."

Bill Cundiff is a retired Air Force chief master sergeant and a resident of Agat.

CARE Act will help vets get health care: Letter

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3 bills to help update Guam's veteran registry

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(Photo: Rick Cruz/PDN)

Lawmakers four years ago created the Guam Veterans Registry - an updated list of veterans living on island - which will be used to strengthen Guam's argument for additional veteran services and programs.

Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje, D-Yona, introduced three bills -217 (http://www.guamlegislature.com/Bills_Introduced_34th/Bill%20No.%20217-34%20(COR).pdf), 218 (http://www.guamlegislature.com/Bills_Introduced_34th/Bill%20No.%20218-34%20(COR).pdf), and 219 (http://www.guamlegislature.com/Bills_Introduced_34th/Bill%20No.%20219-34%20(COR).pdf)- that would require government agencies to forward veteran information to the registry and allow mayors to gather more information about veterans in their villages.

The established numbers of veterans on the registry may directly influence the level of funding for services and benefits afforded to the veteran population on Island, Terlaje's office said in a written statement.



Vice Speaker Therese Teriale on the session floor at the Guam Congress Building on April 28, 2017. (Photo: Rick Cruz/PDN)

"All three bills aim to boost existing efforts of the government to reach our veterans and ensure increased direct services," Terlaje said.

Bill 217 requires all government entities to forward to the Office of Veterans Affairs, for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry, copies of DD214 forms they received from those applying for veteran services or benefits.

Under Bill 218, the Department of Revenue and Taxation's Motor Vehicle Division and Drivers License and Identification Card Branch is required to forward copies of veterans' DD214 forms to the Guam Office of Veteran Affairs, also to help update the registry.

Under Bill 219, mayors can include the collection of veteran demographics in their annual census, and conduct semi-annual veteran outreach within their jurisdictions.

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Federal insider

Guam: A high concentration of veterans, but rock-bottom VA funding

By Josh Hicks October 29, 2014

Guam has a small population of about 200,000 residents, but it's home to one of the highest concentrations of military veterans among U.S. states and territories. One in eight adults on the Pacific island have served in the armed forces.

Despite those numbers, the island ranked last in the country for per capita medical spending by the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2012, with an average of \$822 for each former service member. Virginia had the next lowest rate with a much greater \$1,275 per veteran.

PBS recently explored whether Guam veterans are receiving the care they deserve in a documentary called "Island of Warriors," part of an "America by the Numbers" series that examines shifting U.S. demographics and the significance to the nation.

Journalist Maria Hinojosa talked with Guam veterans about why they serve in the military and the level of treatment they receive when they return home.

The VA opened a new outpatient clinic for Guam veterans in 2011, but the island still lacks the kind of specialized treatment facilities available in other locations. The nearest intensive program for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is located more than 3,000 miles away in Hawaii.

"For me, that's why I just stay home," said Roland Ada, a Guamanian who was diagnosed with PTSD after serving two tours in Iraq as a combat medic. The veteran said he rarely socializes any more and thinks about ending his life several times a day.

The documentary also looked at U.S. Census data, which shows that about 8,000 former troops live in Guam. Many politicians and veterans advocates on the island suspect that the numbers are inaccurate and causing a lack of VA funding for the territory.

Hinojosa asked the VA's Guam facility planner, Craig Oswald, whether the clinic's two certified psychiatrists are enough to serve the territory's veteran population.

"I think right now we're doing quite well," he said, adding that the clinic recently added more mental-health staff, including social workers and nurses.

Oswald agreed that Guamanians should have access to the specialized care they need, but he rejected the notion that the VA has overlooked the island.

"I think Guam is very well-known to 'Big VA,' to Washington, D.C.," he said. "Our particular health-care system has actually received several million dollars ... that's being spent directly on veterans in the Pacific."

But Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo disagreed, saying the Senate cut mental-health funding for the territory two years in a row.

"The federal government has not done their part to assist the very patriotic group of American citizens fighting in so many distant lands, in areas that have never tasted democracy," Calvo said. "Yet these American citizens of Guam really have not felt what true democracy is all about."

At the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan last decade, four of the Army's top recruiters were from Guam, and enlistment on the island doubled while it was falling almost everywhere else in the nation, according to the documentary.

"It's a family tradition to do it," said Sfc. Gonzalo Fernandez, a recruiter for the Army National Guard who won recruiter of the year awards three times in a row during that span.

Fernandez also attributed the high numbers to a sense of patriotism among Guam residents. But University of Guam history professor Michael Bevacqua said recruits may be attracted to the "shininess and the niceness" of the military, which offers economic opportunities they may not otherwise find outside the armed services.

Guam's unemployment rate is 13.3 percent, whereas the the national average is 7.5 percent; and nearly 23 percent of residents there live in poverty, compared to about 15 percent of Americans overall, according to the documentary.

Maggie Aguou, an Iraq war veteran who was the first woman from Guam to volunteer for service in the military after 9/11, said she joined the military because she wanted to represent her island. "I want to put it on the map," she said.

Aguon suffered a head injury in Iraq when an improvised explosive device struck her vehicle, and she said she still suffers from emotional trauma from her experiences in war. But she also said she would serve again.

"If they would have said, 'Pack your bags,' I would go again, in a heartbeat," she said. "For my country, for my island. I'm not trying to prove anything. It's called pride."

Since the documentary was made earlier this year, the VA added one physician to its staff at the Guam clinic and applied for funding to expand its facilities.

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Guam vets get help for registry effort

December 15, 2017

For many years, efforts to recognize and assist U.S. military veterans living on Guam have been hindered by a simple, but fundamental problem. There are no solid numbers for the veteran population on the island. Official numbers, including from the U.S. Census have been contradictory.

Currently there's yet another effort underway to reach the elusive vets and get a reliable registry count.

Now, Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje and Chairperson of Committee on Military Affairs, Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, have introduced three bills that aim at updating the Guam Veteran Registry and improving veteran outreach efforts in order to better connect veterans and their families to services. The established numbers of veterans on the registry may directly influence the level of funding for services and benefits afforded to the veteran population on island.

Bill 217-34 (COR), 218-34(COR) and 219-34(COR) will authorize government entities that interact on a daily basis with the veteran population to actively support the efforts of the Office of Veteran Affairs in updating the registry and connecting veterans to services. According to Vice Speaker Terlaje, "All three bills aim to boost existing efforts of the government to reach our veterans and ensure increased direct services."

Senator Rodriguez

Bill No. 217-34(COR) mandates all government entities for which a DD214 form is presented by an applicant to qualify for services or benefits, to forward copies of the DD214 form to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry.

Bill No. 218-34(COR) authorizes village mayors to offer the listing of veteran status on mayor residential verification forms, to include the collection of veteran demographics in their annual census and to conduct semi-annual veteran outreach within their jurisdiction to update the Guam Veteran Registry and connect veterans and their families to services and activities offered by the Office of Veteran Affairs.

Bill No. 219-34(COR) requires the Department of Revenue & Taxation Motor Vehicle Division and Drivers License and Identification Card Branch to forward copies of veteran DD214 forms presented by applicants as a qualifying document for a benefit or service to the Guam Office of Veteran Affairs for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry.

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One-stop center for veterans' services proposed

Tihu Lujan | Post News Staff Feb 9, 2017

"I take it to heart that many of the veterans, especially the younger ones that have gone to serve our country, are now enduring medical and mental challenges from the service that they have provided in the defense of our country. I feel that not enough is being done for those veterans." — Jose San Agustin, administrator, Guam Veterans Affairs Office

A Veterans Community Center, which would centralize all services for military veterans in one location, and also serve as a meeting place for the island's veterans groups, is being proposed.

Sen. Dennis Rodriguez Jr. said he and his legislative committee's vice chairman, Sen. Joe San Agustin, are hoping to lead efforts to create the center.

The legislative Committee on Military Affairs, chaired by Rodriguez, also held the first of its planned town hall meetings with veterans last night in the legislature, and one of the goals was to inform veterans of services they may not be aware of.

Rodriguez said he concluded that while some offices and programs may lack certain resources, there are a good amount of services available for veterans, but some are unaware of certain services.

"I don't know if it's miscommunication, or a lack of communication causing some veterans to not know where or who provides what services," Rodriguez said. "This town hall gives the opportunity for these programs to present what it is they do, and also for me and other senators to be educated on what they do as well."

Services fall short

Guam Veterans Affairs Office Administrator Jose San Agustin, a veteran, had a personal reflection at the meeting. Remembering fellow comrades who gave up their freedoms and lives to war, he said services for local veterans must grow, for the benefit of the island's large veteran community.

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"This is in fact a big step forward in working together to help our veterans out here who continue to strive and struggle through many challenges out here in this isolated area," San Agustin said. "I take it to heart that many of the veterans, especially the younger ones that have gone to serve our country, are now enduring medical and mental challenges from the service that they have provided in the defense of our country, I feel that not enough is being done for those veterans."

In his capacity as chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, Rodriguez recently took a "listening tour" around the island's veteran's service providers, including the Guam Veterans Cemetery, Guam Community Based Outpatient Clinic, and the island's local and federal veterans' affairs offices.



While most of Guam's veteran organizations have open doors and hold regular meetings, soliciting their advice and expertise at one town hall meeting made it convenient for veterans, Rodriguez said. He also wants to include veterans' families and caretakers in these meetings.

Rodriguez invited several local veterans' offices and service providers to give educational presentations on the services and programs they offer, including the Guam Veterans Affairs Office, the Guam Veterans Commission, the U.S. Department of Veterans Administration Guam office, WestCare and other community stakeholders.

A main concern Rodriguez found throughout his tour was the continuing veteran saga of agencies and programs being underfunded, and without ample resources. The senator is looking to work with Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo and federal partners to further improve services.

The island boasts one of the nation's largest number of military enlistments per capita, but ranks dead last as a recipient of federal veterans affairs funding.

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§ 40111. Term of Office; Ceremony.

- (a) Term of office; commencement. The term of office of Mayors and Vice-Mayors shall commence at 12:00 meridian on the first Monday in January following their election, and shall expire at 12:00 meridian on the first Monday in January following the next regular general election of Mayors and Vice-Mayors.
- (b) Ceremony. The oaths of office shall be taken by the respective Mayors and Vice Mayors at the time their terms commence and the Executive Director of the Mayors Council (the Council) shall organize suitable ceremony at which such oaths of office shall be administered by a Judge of the Superior Court or an outgoing Mayor or Vice Mayor. The Council shall determine the site of such ceremony and is authorized to expend thereon not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from its annual budget. The Council (or its authorized representative) is hereby authorized to solicit monetary and in-kind donations for the purposes of defraying the cost of the ceremony.

SOURCE: GC § 15008. Amended by P.L. 4-2:4, P.L. 20-33:1, P.L. 20-183:3, P.L. 31-241:2 (Dec. 6, 2012).

§ 40112. Powers, Duties and Responsibilities.

- A Mayor shall perform the following duties and responsibilities in his district:
 - (a) Serve as the direct administrative representative of the people of the district from which he is elected.
 - (b) Plan and implement a street name and house numbering system
 - (c) Oversee, coordinate or undertake beautification programs including a clean-up and removal of public nuisance and debris, and, to this end, is hereby authorized to officially utilize, establish regular and consistent working relations and effectively coordinate with the Department of Public Works, the Department of Parks and Recreation and any other entity within the government of Guam and may also work with non-profit organizations.

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- (d) In cooperation with the appropriate department or agency conduct or cause to be conducted a periodic sanitary, health and environmental inspection in accordance with guidelines set forth by the appropriate public agency. He may issue a warning for a first violation or report the same to the appropriate government agency for action.
- (e) Be responsible for the maintenance and security of the Mayor's Office in his district.
- (f) Be responsible for maintenance of village streets, parks and recreation facilities, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and Department of Parks and Recreation pursuant to § 40113 of this Chapter.
- (g) Assist appropriate government agencies in implementing social services and public assistance programs within his jurisdiction
- (h) Serve as peace officer and assist in the maintenance of law and order in his district.
- (i) Act as an official representative of his district at legislative and executive public hearings involving matters affecting his district
- (j) Assist in coordinating the civilian emergency preparedness system in time of emergency or disaster.
- (k) Submit an annual written report to the Governor and the Guam Legislature on the activities of his office, expenditure of funds allotted and make general comments and recommendations relative to the state of his district.
- Make a report to the residents of his district on a quarterly basis at a properly noticed public meeting to be held within the district.
- (m) Conduct an annual census and maintain a current listing of names of all residents in his jurisdiction.
- (n) Cooperate with any agency and department of the government of Guam in matters pertaining to his district and work jointly with officials of the government of Guam toward the attainment of peace, order, justice and the general economic and social welfare of the people of Guam.

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- (o) To issue citations to owners of property for failure to remove property deemed unsafe by building officials pursuant to §§ 66501 through 66507 of Title 21, Guam Code Annotated. In the event that the owner does not remove the unsafe structure, the Mayor or Vice-Mayor may have the structure cleared and submit the bill to the owner for payment. In the event that the Mayor of Vice-Mayor takes action to clear the unsafe structure, a ten percent (10%) surcharge shall be added to the bill, and the surcharge shall be deposited into the Municipal Fund. Should the owner refuse to pay, the Mayor or Vice-Mayor shall forward the claim to the Attorney General requesting that steps be taken to record a lien against the property in the amount of the unpaid bill.
- (p) Coordinate with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Guam Police Department (GPD) in determining where speed bumps should be located in their village streets. DPW shall construct and maintain such speed bumps after their location is so determined and after obtaining the concurrence of GPD. DPW shall post warning signs on such streets with speed bumps cautioning drivers to beware of pedestrians and to slow down.
- (q) To administer the Oath of Office to Municipal Planning Council members, and to officers-elect and board members-elect of organizations and associations. This authority may be delegated to a village Vice Mayor upon the discretion of that same village's Mayor.
- (r) To block or close off non-routed streets and roadways in their villages during village funerals, fiestas, and other events without obtaining any highway encroachment permit from the Department of Public Works. The Mayor shall post notice at the site indicating when the road closure is pursuant to the authority granted herein.
- (s) To serve on the Hybrid Guam Land Use Commission as "Municipal Commissioners" pursuant to § 60401 of Article 4, Chapter 60, Title 21 GCA.

SOURCE: GC § 15009 repealed/reenacted by P.L. 14-27:6; subsection (c) further amended by P.L. 18-15:X:18. Subsection (d) added by P.L. 18-15:X:18. Subsection (o) added by P.L. 22-61:2. Subsection (q) added by P.L. 22-61:2. Subsection (q) added by P.L. 22-61:2. Subsection (q) added by P.L. 31-188:1 (Feb. 27, 2012); amended by P.L. 31-18:24:1 (June 15, 2012). Subsection (s) added by P.L. 33-219:4 (Dec. 17, 2016).

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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Bill No. 219-34 (COR)—Therese M. Terlaje/Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. "AN ACT TO AMEND \$40112(m), CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND ADD A NEW \$40112(t) AND \$40112(u), CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING MAYORS TO OFFER VETERAN STATUS DATA ON VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY FORMS, INCLUDE THE SOLICITATION OF VETERAN DEMOGRAPHICS IN THEIR ANNUAL CENSUS AND CONDUCT SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS TO VERIFY THE VETERAN POPULATION IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY AND CONNECTING THE GUAM VETERAN POPULATION TO AVAILABLE SERVICES."

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 219-34 (COR) — "AN ACT TO AMEND §40112(m), CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND ADD A NEW §40112(t) AND §40112(u), CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING MAYORS TO OFFER VETERAN STATUS DATA ON VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY FORMS, INCLUDE THE SOLICITATION OF VETERAN DEMOGRAPHICS IN THEIR ANNUAL CENSUS AND CONDUCT SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS TO VERIFY THE VETERAN POPULATION IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY AND CONNECTING THE GUAM VETERAN POPULATION TO AVAILABLE SERVICES."

Bill No. 219-34 (COR) ("the Bill") was introduced by Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje and Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. on December 14th, 2018. The Bill was referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on General Government Operations and Federal, Foreign, & Regional Affairs on December 27th, 2018.

On Wednesday, March 7th, 2018, the Committee on General Government Operations and Federal, Foreign, and Regional Affairs ("the Committee") convened a public hearing where amongst the items heard was Bill No. 219-34 (COR). Due to there being no signees to testify, the Public Hearing for Bill No. 219-34 (COR) was postponed till further notice at the request of the prime sponsor, Vice Speaker Terlaje. The Bill was then heard by the Committee on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 in *I Liheslatura*'s Public Hearing Room. Amongst the items heard was Bill No. 219-34 (COR). The public hearing began at 10:06 AM and was adjourned at 11:58 AM.

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Open Government Law, public hearing notices were disseminated via electronic mail to all senators, stakeholders, and all main media broadcasting outlets. A 5-day notice was provided on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 and a 48-hour notice was provided on Monday, July 16, 2018. The notice was also published in the Guam Daily Post as well as on *I Liheslatura*'s Calendar via the Guam Legislature website.

SENATORS PRESENT

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Chairperson Speaker Thomas C. Ada, Committee Member Senator James V. Espaldon, Committee Member Senator Telena C. Nelson, Committee Member Committee on General Government Operations and Federal, Foreign, & Regional Affairs Committee Report Digest for Bill No. 219-34 (COR) Page 2 of 5

Senator William Castro Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Joe A. San Agustin, Administrator, Guam Veterans Affairs Office

SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Joe A. San Agustin, Administrator, Guam Veterans Affairs Office Jessy C. Gogue, Mayor, District of Chalan Pago-Ordot

II. TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Chairman, Committee on General Government Operations and Federal, Foreign, and Regional Affairs (the "Committee"), convened the hearing for Bill No. 219-34 (COR) and read the public hearing's agenda, recognizing and thanking his colleagues present.

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

Our next agenda item is Bill 219 - 34 and I'll yield to the prime sponsor, Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje.

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Thank You Mr. Chair. Bill 19 - 34 was one of three bills introduced which was intended which were intended to help promote the registry of veterans under the Veterans Affairs Office so that the Veterans Affairs Office could fulfill its mandate in providing services, announcing services, contacting them for you know when there are new government services or benefits that they might be eligible for and just generally assisting our veterans. And so this one particular Bill was going to utilize current processes conducted in the mayors' offices and kind of piggyback on that to allow additional information to be taken by the mayors when they are conducting an annual census. So mayors are currently under 40112 of the Title 5 mandated to conduct an annual census and maintain a current listing of names of all residents in the jurisdiction. So this bill would add on that a mayor could inquire as to whether the person they are speaking with is a veteran and if they could submit their information to the Veteran's Office. The other thing is that this Bill would do would be to add another duty to the list of duties of the mayors and this is simply to when they are going to process in order to get the new driver's license mayors are mayors roles have they're gonna have to process or certify whether these people are members of their village and so in doing so we would ask the mayor's to inquire again whether they would you know whether there are veterans and whether we can include that in the information that's being sent to the Department of Revenue and Taxation. It would require a change in just village certification and also that this person is a veteran. The other thing that it added was to conduct some my annual community outreach within the jurisdiction for purpose of updating the Guam veteran's registry and connecting veterans and their families to services. I'm hoping that this doesn't really add an additional burden to mayors because I think mayors almost all of them conduct activities at least annually for just for their villages, for example fairs or festivals and things like this or whatever other programs that they are doing. I'm hoping they can just add you

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know solicitation of veterans' status to their existing programs so that it would help to just another avenue to help the Veterans Affairs Office seek these people and add them to their registry. Thank You Mr. Chair.

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

Thank you Madam Vice Speaker. For Bill 219 - 34 we have signed Mr. Joe San Agustin, Sir.

Joe A. San Agustin

Vice Speaker, Mr. Chair, Honorable Senators, good morning. My name is Joe San Augustin. I am the special assistant to the Governor, Administrator of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. I am here to testify in support of Bill 219-34. [Mr. San Agustin continued his oral testimony by reading his written testimony which is attached to this Committee Report.]

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

Thank you Mr. San Agustin. Madame Vice Speaker -

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Thank you Mr. San Agustin. I also want to acknowledge your efforts to actually do outreach in the villages

your continued efforts so thank you for that and I too had discussed this at the Mayor's Council I asked if we put on the agenda so that I could discuss this proposal with them to ensure just that that it would not be an extra burden and their concerns really were what types of forms are you know going to be allowed

or not allowed and so I am open to amendment of the Bill as we did on the floor of the other Bills where we kind of expanded the types of forms to be consistent with what your office uses and what the Department of Revenue and Taxation is recognizing and I also want to point out that this is optional so the mayors are you know they're the ones who actually they know they're villagers they know which ones are veterans a lot of the times they already know this and they know that there are many veterans who just do not want to be recognized as that or answer any of other questions regarding that so it makes it optional and you know so that the mayors can do what they do best and do what the veterans request also. So hopefully this will just assist your efforts and I think it could also the mayors can point out there's an online registry so that those people in the villages who they speak with can also do that right that would also still be available to them so I want to thank you also for your efforts with the online registry. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

Thank you Vice Speaker. Any others have any questions for Mr. San Agustin? Senator Ada -

Senator Thomas C. Ada

I certainly support any effort to collect data on our veterans to get a clearer definition or quantification of how many veterans we have here on-island as a basis for the possible demand for services, but in your opinion, for example CBOC, there's been you know everybody talks about we have thousands of veterans and as a result we really should have a larger facility up there at CBOC, but it seems that I guess the Veterans Administration is basically the US federal

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administration is basically saying but based on the number of people that have signed up to use CBOC it does not justify the larger facility so in other words they're going by the number of the number of people that have signed up. When we get numbers from Department of Revenue and Tax as to how many veterans have actually taken advantage of the benefits, the fee waivers and whatnot, you know it's like a thousand possibly out of the many thousands that everybody believes there is here on-island and I imagine if I take a look at their intake down at the Veterans Affairs Office I don't know how many sign up but I'm sure they're not lining up at the door. But I think that you know that any effort to collect data certainly would help to better bring a clearer definition of just really a quantification of just how many veterans we do have on island. But otherwise, unfortunately it seems that the facilities that provide the services, at least the numbers that they register, just is always a lot less so I don't know maybe your thoughts on that.

Joe A. San Agustin

Thank You senator thank you for that. You know I hope that you will not give up the fight to pursue the expansion of the community-based outreach clinic. I hope to not give up the fight to pursue a Veterans Hospital. I hope that and I know I'm not going to give up the fight to try to find a way to have a veteran's home for our aging veterans. The numbers will remain small as long as the center is small. What we're not seeing and what we're not seeing is the Choice Cart Program that is efficiently working as it is designed to. So the way the Choice Program works is the individual checks into the CBOC or checks into our office, we provide all the information and send it off to the state of federal VA to find out that the individual now qualifies for a Choice Cart under the Choice Program which is one of the most efficient program that there is based on were we reside here on the island but it is also found out that it's been a bit very beneficial to the main United States for those folks that have to drive miles and miles away and that's why they revived it. So as long as the community-based outreach clinic remains small which I'm understanding that the expansion has been approved and it should be in motion we must remain vigilant that because there is a program such as Choice that is providing that serve to our veterans were they called the number once their name is pulled up on the system they've pretty much displays what their medical needs medical conditions are and therefore the individual at the other end will refer them as to what clinic is it that they will go to here on our island. Well that is good for business outside what our veterans and our service member are very accustomed to are people that are actually somewhat in uniform. They're used to go in a sickbay they're used to go into clinics and dealing with physicians and nurses corpsmen that are in uniform. In saying this, I think that we should continue to push that the community-based outreach clinic will continue with their expansion. I think I would ask for your support so that we could continue to push for a centralized VA hospital at least here in Guam so that our people from the Micronesian Island Saipan Rota Tinian, FSM, Palau will not have to fly to Hawaii like many of our patients here do, will not have to option not to utilize the VA program because in the absence of that service and they opted to go ahead and fly out the Philippines. I think we should continue to fight to better the health system here in the Pacific so that our patients our clients and their family members don't need to fly off island and to avail those services here. We deserve it Senator we deserve to be able to have services render here on Island instead of waiting for the patient's temperature to go down before we fly off to Hawaii or LA because we don't have the skill set or the professions that we so deserve. When the service member regardless of what service they were in, they didn't question why is it that they're being sent off to certain places to serve their country. They were just given

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orders and they execute they deserve to be taken care of and I hope that you're behind me to continue to fight to make it better for them. They're not going away. Thank you Sir.

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas

Any other questions for Mr. San Agustin? Thank you Sir that will conclude the hearing on Bill 219-34.

-- End of Public Hearing on Bill No. 219-34 (COR)-

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on General Government Operations and Federal, Foreign, and Regional Affairs hereby reports out Bill No. 219-34 (COR)-" AN ACT TO AMEND §40112(m), CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND ADD A NEW §40112(t) AND §40112(u), CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING MAYORS TO OFFER VETERAN STATUS DATA ON VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY FORMS, INCLUDE THE SOLICITATION OF VETERAN DEMOGRAPHICS IN THEIR ANNUAL CENSUS AND CONDUCT SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS TO VERIFY THE VETERAN POPULATION IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY AND CONNECTING THE GUAM VETERAN **POPULATION** TO **AVAILABLE** SERVICES," with the recommendation TO KEPORT OUT ONLY

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslatura Guåhan finds that since the enactment of P.L. 32-101 in November 2013, the Office of Veterans Affairs has been responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veterans Registry.

I Liheslatura Guåhan finds that the established number of veterans on the registry directly influences the level of services and benefits afforded to Guam veterans by the U.S. Federal Government. P.L. 32-101 authorizes the Office of Veterans Affairs to use data collected at other government agencies which may be

1	"collecting the data in whole or in part" and allows that all other government
2	agencies "whenever applicable, shall render assistance" to the Office of Veterans
3	Affairs in implementing its provisions.
4	In furtherance of the current efforts of the Office of Veterans Affairs and
5	other agencies, it is the intent of I Liheslatura Guåhan to authorize village mayors
6	to include the solicitation of veteran data in their annual census, offer the option of
7	listing veteran status on a constituents verification of residency form and conduct
8	semi-annual community outreach to the veteran population of his/her jurisdiction
9	for the purpose of updating the Guam Veterans Registry and connecting the
10	veteran population to available services.
11	Section 2. §40112(m), Chapter 40, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated is hereby
12	amended to read:
13	"§40112. Powers, Duties and Responsibilities.
14	A Mayor shall perform the following duties and responsibilities
15	in his district:
16	(m) Conduct an annual census and maintain a current listing of
17	names of all residents in his jurisdiction. As part of the process of
18	conducting the annual census, verify veteran status of resident, if any,
19	and submit a separate annual report of the names and total number of
20	veterans residing in his/her jurisdiction to the Office of Veterans
21	Affairs for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry."
22	Section 3. A new §40112(t) & §40112(u) are hereby added to Chapter 40,
23	Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:
24	"§40112. Powers, Duties and Responsibilities.
25	A Mayor shall perform the following duties and responsibilities
26	in his district:

1	(t) Solicit veteran status (if any) of constituents applying for a
2	verification of residency and offer the option of listing veteran
3	status on the verification of residency form, upon presentation
4	of a DD214 form. Transmit a copy of the DD214 form and
5	Verification of Residency form to the Office of Veterans
6	Affairs no later than five (5) business days after the date of
7	residency verification for the purpose of updating the Guam
8	Veterans Registry and connecting veterans to available services.
9	Transmission of forms may be made by electronic means as
0	prescribed by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The Office of
1	Veteran Affairs shall have the authority to adopt regulations to
2	implement and administer the provisions of this Section.
3	(u) Conduct semi-annual community outreach within his/her
4	jurisdiction for the purpose of updating the Guam Veterans
5	Registry at the Office of Veterans Affairs and connecting
6	veterans and their families to available services."

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(C) DEBT			
(1) SR § 6.01 (b)(1)(A) Land, Infrastructure, Building Projects, Capital Improvement Projects	■ N/A □ YES □ NO (Return to Prime Sponsor)	Received by: (Signature, Date & Time)	
(2) SR § 6.01 (b)(1)(B) Refinancing of existing debt (not less than 2%)	□ YES □ NO (Return to Prime Sponsor)	24460 12-27-17 0 2:45pm	
(3) SR § 6.01 (b)(2) Authorize public debt to fund operations of agency, instrumentality, public corporation	□ N/A □ YES (Return to Prime Sponsor) □ NO □ Waived (per official state of emergency, as attached)	Completed by: (Signature, Date & Time)	
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	Pursuant to COR decision (COR Meeting, April 3, 2017):	Initial:
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January 18, 2018

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To:

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Clerk of the Legislature

From:

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re:

Fiscal Note Waivers

Buenas yan Håfa adai.

Attached, please find the fiscal note waivers for the following bills:

Bill No. 217-34 (COR)

Bill No. 219-34 (COR)

Please forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jean Cordero, Committee on Rules Director, at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Régine Biscoe Lee

Chairperson, Committee on Rules





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Senator Regine Biscoe Lee Chairwoman, Committee on Rules I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guahan 34th Guam Legislature Guam Congress Building 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtna, Guam 96910

Hafa adai! Senator Biscoe Lee:

The Bureau requests that Bill No. 219-34 (COR) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as amended for the following reason(s):

Bill 219-34 (COR) proposes to amend § 40112(m), Chapter 40, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated and to add a new §40112(t) and §40112(u) to authorize Mayors to offer Veteran Status Data on Verification of Residency Forms and in their annual census and conduct community outreach efforts to verify the veteran population in their jurisdiction for the purpose of updating the Guam Veteran Registry.

The intent of the Bill is administrative in nature and poses no fiscal impact upon any funds of the Government of Guam.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

LESTER/L. CARLSON, JR.

Senator Thomas C. Ada, Vice Chairperson

Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Member

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Member

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., Member

Senator Telena C. Nelson, Member



COMMITTEE ON RULES SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR

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> Senator Joe S. San Agustin, Member

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Member

> Senator James V. Espaldon, Member

Senator Mary Camacho Torres, Member

COMMITTEE REPORT CHECKLIST

Part _1_/_1_

BILL NO. 219-34 (COR) As introduced.

AN ACT TO AMEND §40112(m), CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND ADD A NEW §40112(t) AND §40112(u), CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING MAYORS TO OFFER VETERAN STATUS DATA ON VERFICATION OF RESIDENCY FORMS, INCLUDE THE SOLICITATION OF VETERAN DEMOGRAPHICS IN THEIR ANNUAL CENSUS AND CONDUCT SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS TO VERIFY THE VETERAN POPULATION IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE GUAM VETERAN REGISTRY AND CONNECTING THE GUAM VETERAN POPULATION TO AVAILABLE SERVICES

REGISTR'I AND CON	NINECTING THE GUAM VETERAN POP	PULATION TO AVAILABLE SERVICES.
Introdu	uced by: Therese M. Terlaje, Den	nnis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
	REFERRED TO:	
Committee on Consul	Senator Michael F.Q. San	Nicolas
Committee on General	Government Operations and Fo	ederal, Foreign, and Regional Affairs
	(1) Requested by COR	Date & Time:
		Thurs. December 28, 2017 @ 4:
	(2) Received by COR	Date & lime:
	YES DNO	Thurs. Jan. 18 2018 60 10:20 a.m.
	(3) Waived by COR	Date & Time:
	□ YES XNO	
2		If YES:
	(4) Bill contains appropriations o	(4/5)(a) Funding Availability Note/Waiver
	authorizations for appropriations	(OFB) attached?
	from any fund sources?	1
	□ YES XNO	□ NO (Unable to file CMTE Report)
		(4/5)(b) Funding source identified?
(A) NO. 11. 11. 11.		2 GCA § 9101
(A) FISCAL NOTE or		□ YES
WAIVER	(5) Bill contains an authorization	□ NO (Proceed to (A)(6))
	to expend government funds?	(4/5)(c) Funds available and sufficient?
	□ YES ▼ NO	2 GCA § 9101
		□ YES
		□ NO (Proceed to (A)(6))
	(6) Restrictions Against Unfunded	
	Appropriations (2 GCA § 9101)	If no boxes checked:
	☐ Identifies specific alternate fundin	g source
	☐ De-appropriates from previous	UNABLE TO PLACE ON SESSION AGENDA
	appropriation with available func	ds and 2 GCA § 9102
	☐ Written certification by CMTE Cha	-
	situation exists which "threatens the	he
	safety, health and welfare of the	8

community"

	(1) HEARING NOTICES SR §§ 6.04(a)(1) and 6.04(a)(2), Open Government Law (5 GCA, Ch. 8)					
	(a) Five (5) working days prior (A L Senators & ALL Media)	Date and Time of Notice: Wed., July 11, 2018 @ 1:37 p.m.				
	(b) Forty-eight (48) hours prior (ALL Senators & ALL Media)	Date and Time of Notice: MON., JULY 16, 2018 29.39a.V				
	(2) Date and Time of Hearing: Wed., JUY 18, 2018 @ 100 (3) Location: Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building	or (4) HEARING WAIVED by Speaker in case of emergency SR § 6.04(a)(1) PYES PNO PN/A If YES:				
	(5) AMENDMENTS or S	Attach memo indicating WAIVER UBSTITUTIONS BY COMMITTEE				
(B) PUBLIC HEARING		If YES: Date and Time:				
	(a) Committee elects to substitute bill?	□ YES □ NO				
	□ YES X NO	SR § 6.04(b)(2)				
		(a)(3) Public Hearing noticed? □ YES □ NO				
	(b) Bill materially different after committee amendment or substitution?	If YES: SECONDARY PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE REQUIRED SR § 6.04(c)(3) YES □ NO COR Chair				
(B) PUBLIC HEARING	(a) Committee elects to substitute bill? PES X NO (b) Bill materially different after committee amendment or substitution?	R § 6.04(b) If YES: Date and Time: (a)(1) Vote sheet affirmative? PYES POO NO (a)(2) Preliminary report filed with CO SR § 6.04(b)(2) PYES POO NO (a)(3) Public Hearing noticed? PYES POO NO If YES: SECONDARY PUBLIC HEARING MAY REQUIRED SR § 6.04(c)(3) PYES POO NO				

	(1) Committee Report filed with COR? YES: Date & Time: WCd., JULY 25, 2018 (1)(a) Secondary CMTE Report filed with COR? YES: Date & Time: NO XN/A If YES: Date & Time:	If NO: UNABLE TO PLACE ON SESSION AGENDA SR § 6.04(d)(1)
	(2) LAND LEGISLA	ATION
(C) COMMITTEE REPORT	(a) Bill involves government taking, transfer, purchase, or lease of land? PES NO N/A (a)(1) Please indicate on both columns: (i) Type of transaction: Taking Sovernment Non-government Purchase	If YES: ATTACH TWO (2) PROPERTY APPRAISALS TO CMTE REPORT SR § 6.04(c)(4) 2 GCA § 2107(b)
	(b) Bill involves legislative land rezoning? □ YES □ NO MA	If YES: INCLUDE Land Zoning Consideration Report 2 GCA § 2110
	(b)(1) Bill involves legislative rezoning of property zoned Agricultural (A)?	If YES: INCLUDE Agricultural Consideration Report (Dept. of Agriculture) 2 GCA § 2110 [Proceed to (b)(2)]
	(b)(2) Proof of Agricultural consideration report re Commission? 21 GCA § 61637 YES NO N/A	eviewed by Guam Land Use

(D) COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)	(3) G.A.R.R. LEGISLATION SR § 6.04(c)(1) 5 GCA §§ 9301 and 9303		
	a) Bill involves approving or amending Rules and Regulations?	If YES: INCLUDE Economic Impact Statement	
	(4) COMMITTEE REPORT COMPONENTS		
	(a) Front Page Transmittal to Speaker (a)(1) COR Chair Signature Line		×
	(b) Title Page		X
	(c) Committee Chair Memo to All Committee Members		X
	(d) COR Referral Memorandum		
	(e) Notice of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence		XXXXXXXXXXXX
		(f) Public Hearing Agenda	
	(g) Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet		3
	(h) Written Testimonies & Additional Documents		
	(i) Committee Vote Sheet(s)		X
	(j) Committee Report Digest(s)		X
	(k) Bill History		18
	(k)(1) Copy of Bill as introduced		A
	(k)(2) COR Pre-Referral Checklist		×
	(k)(3) Copy of Bill as corrected by Prime Sponsor (if applicable)		X
	(k)(4) Copy of Bill as amended/substituted by Committee (if applicable)		
		tute/Amended Mark-Up Version	ļ
	Substitute/Amended	Word-Version Emailed to COR?	
	(I) Fiscal Note/Waiver and Funding Availability Note (OFB)		
	(m) Two (2) Property Appraisals (if ap	oplicable)	×
		(n) Related News Reports (optional)	
	(o) Miscellaneous (optional)		
	(p) Committee Report Checklist(s)		×
		Originals	*
		Single-Sided	×
	Letter Size		₩.
	No Staples/ Paper Clips		*
(E) COR Action	CMTE Report duly filed; Available for Placement on Session Agenda CMTE Report non-conforming for acceptance; Return to Committee	COR CHAIR (Signature, Date & Time)	<u>*</u>