

I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
30-34 (COR) As corrected by the Prime Sponsor.	Dennis G. Rodriguez Joe S. San Agustin	AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 1103 AND TO ADD NEW §§ 1103.1 AND 1103.2, ALL OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE.	2/27/17 10:15 a.m.	03/20/17	Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication	5/18/17 9:00 a.m.	5/23/17 2:39 p.m.	Fiscal Note Request 3/20/17	
			AS CORRECTED 3/15/17 1:19 p.m.	Re-referred: 4/5/17	Re-referred Committee: Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens				



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

May 23, 2017

Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Speaker
I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan Guáhan
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report – Bill No. 30-34 (COR), As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor

Dear Speaker Cruz:

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the Committee Report on Bill 30-34 (COR), As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor – AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION § 1103 OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE; Sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., and Re-referred to the Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens. Bill No. 30-34 (COR), As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor, was publicly heard on May 18, 2017.

Committee votes are as follows:

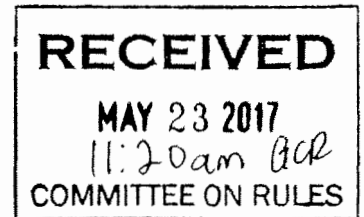
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Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Chairman

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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON**

**Bill 30-34 (COR)
As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor**

**AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT
SECTION § 1103 OF CHAPTER 1,
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MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE
OFFICE.**

**Sponsored by
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.**




SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

May 23, 2017

MEMORANDUM

To: ALL MEMBERS
Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens

From: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 30-34 (COR), As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor

Transmitted herewith, for your consideration, is the **Committee Report on Bill 30-34 (COR), As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor – AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION § 1103 OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE; Sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr..** This report includes the following:

- Committee Voting Sheet
- Committee Report Narrative/Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 30-34 (COR)
- Copy of Bill No. 30-34 (COR), As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony and Supporting Documents
- Copy of COR Re-Referral of Bill No. 30-34 (COR), As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor
- Copy of COR Fiscal Note Request/Fiscal Note
- Notices of Public Hearing (1st and 2nd)
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Articles (Public hearing publication of public notice)

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

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

Attachments



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, *Chairman*
I Mina'Trentai Kuåtto na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 34th Guam Legislature



MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Julian Aguon
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas**
Chairman of the Committee on Rules

Date: **March 20, 2017**

Re: **Referral of Bill No. 30-34 (COR), as corrected by the Prime Sponsor**

Buenas yan Háfa adai.

Please be advised that **Bill No. 30-34 (COR)** was returned to its Prime Sponsor due to its noncompliance with the Standing Rules (see (A)(2) of the pre-referral checklist) on March 7, 2017. The Prime Sponsor has made the necessary corrections to the subject bill, in accordance with the opinion of Legal Counsel.

As per my authority as Chairman of the Committee on Rules and subject to § 6.01(d)(1), Rule VI of our Standing Rules (see (B)(2), and (B)(3) of the pre-referral checklist), I am forwarding the referral of **Bill No. 30-34 (COR), as corrected by the Prime Sponsor.**

Please ensure that the subject bill, indicated with "As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor", is referred, in my name, to **Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication.** I also request that the same be forwarded to the prime sponsor of the subject bill.

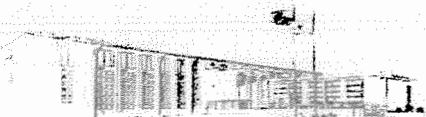
After committee review, the subject bill may be further referred by the Committee on Appropriations to the Principal Committee of subject matter jurisdiction, pursuant to § 6.01(d)(1), Rule VI of our Standing Rules.

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 Christian Valencia, Committee on Rules Director, at 472-6453.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Chairman of the Committee on Rules





April 05, 2017

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Chairman, Committee on Rules

From: Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Re: **Committee Action on Bill No. 30-34 (COR) As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor**

Håfa Adai!

In accordance with Section 6.01(d)(1), Rule VI, Part B of *I Mina'trentai Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication (Committee), with the assistance of the Office of Finance and Budget, has reviewed **Bill No. 30-34 (COR) As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor**.

Based on this review, Bill No. 30-34 (COR) As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor, is hereby re-referred to the **Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens**.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'


Benjamin J.F. Cruz

CC:
Clerks
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Senator Joe S. San Agustin

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Joe Mesngon <joe@toduguan.com>

AMENDED DATE & TIME : FIRST NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION & PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017 AT 9am

1 message

Joe Mesngon <joe@toduguan.com> Wed, May 10, 2017 at 2:55 PM

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Public Hearing is at 9am on Thursday, May 18.

On May 10, 2017 1:49 PM, "Joe Mesngon" <joe@toduguan.com> wrote:
May 10, 2017

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders & Media
From: Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Subject: AMENDED FIRST NOTICE of Confirmation & Public Hearing

Hafa Adai!

The Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens will conduct a Confirmation and Public Hearing on ~~Monday, May 15, 2017 at 12:30pm~~ **THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017 at 9AM** in the Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room.

The Committee wil accept written and oral testimony on the following:

*The Executive Appointment of Ms. Mae Fe MUYCO as the General Public Member of the Guam Board of Social Work; and

*BILL 30-34(COR) - Introduced by Sen. Rodriguez and Sen. San Agustin.
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Individuals who wish to submit testimony may address: Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., Chairman, and submit via email to senatordrodriguez@gmail.com or hand deliver to 761 S. Marine Corps Drive Suite B1 Tamuning, Guam or to the Guam Legislature Mailroom in the Guam Congress Building at 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagatna, Guam.

Individuals who may require special assistance are asked to contact the Office of Sen. Rodriguez no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing at 649-8638/0511.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase'!

Joseph A. Q. Mesngon

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SECOND NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION & PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017 AT 9am

1 message

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Tue, May 16, 2017 at 8:42 AM

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May 16, 2017

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders & Media

From: Sen. Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.

Subject: SECOND NOTICE of Confirmation & Public Hearing

Hafa Adai!

The Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens will conduct a Confirmation and Public Hearing on **THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017 at 9AM** in the Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room.

The Committee wil accept written and oral testimony on the following:

*The Executive Appointment of Ms. Mae Fe Muyco as the General Public Member of the Guam Board of Social Work; and

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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Thursday, May 18, 2017 9:00 am Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

I. Call to order

II. Items for public consideration:

- **The Executive Appointment of Ms. Mae Fe Muyco as the General Public Member of the Guam Board of Social Work.**
- **Bill No. 30-34 (COR) – As introduced by: D. G. Rodriguez, Jr. / Joe S. San Agustin**

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III. Adjournment

Thank you for your participation in today's hearing.



SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR., CHAIRMAN
 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, TOURISM, MILITARY AFFAIRS & SENIOR CITIZENS
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PUBLIC HEARING Thursday, May 18, 2017 Legislature Public Hearing Room

- **Bill No. 30-34 (COR)** – Introduced by Sen. D. Rodriguez / Sen. J. San Agustin

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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF BILL 30-34 – AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION SUBSECTION 1103 OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, TOURISM, MILITARY AFFAIRS AND SENIOR CITIZENS.

Hafa Adai Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr. and Members of the Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs, and Senior Citizens:

My name is Terry Cuabo, Executive Director and co-founder of Guam Cancer Care, a Guam non-profit organization whose focus is to provide direct support services to Guam residents afflicted by cancer, in the form of providing patient navigation, financial assistance, transportation, screening and early detection.

Guam Cancer Care is celebrating 6 years this year, and I am pleased to say that since our inception, we have served over 1440 Guam residents afflicted by cancer, issued out \$870,000 in financial assistance grants, brought in over \$4.7 million dollars in outside resources and travelled over 50,000 miles in transporting Guam cancer patients to and from their appointments.

I am submitted this official written testimony "IN FAVOR" of Bill 30-34. I commend the authors of this bill, Senators Dennis Rodriguez, Jr. and Joe S. San Agustin, as this bill is "thinking outside the box" and is a way of streamlining the services and access to care to hundreds of our fellow Guam residents who are seeking off-island medical care that is not readily available on Guam.

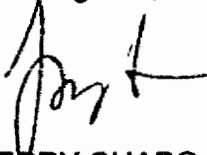
The intent of Bill 30-34 is very similar to Guam Cancer Care's Financial Assistance Program, where monies are provided to Guam cancer patients in a "grant award" format. Patients DO NOT receive the monies directly but patients can utilize their award to pay for co-payments, lodging, transportation, or any goods or services needed for them to access care. I truly support the "intent" of Bill 30-34 as it redirects a majority of the funds earmarked for the Medical Referral Office and have 85% of the funds be used specifically to get patients to access care. **Limiting operational costs to 15% and allowing a majority of the funds to be subgranted directly to patients through a "voucher" or "grant award" system is the most "cost-effective" way while ensuring maximum use of these limited funds for its intended purpose, which is to help Guam residents access care through a variety of direct support services.** Currently, the Medically referral spends between \$400 to \$700 per quarter, per patient, but these funds are covering mainly the operational costs for the vendor running the MRAO office in the three (3) separate locations (Manila, Hawaii, Los Angeles). By switching to the format as specified in Bill 30-34, majority of the funds will be utilized by the patients to cover the services they need when getting medical care off-island.

Again, Guam Cancer Care sends this written testimony IN FAVOR of Bill 30-34. I truly feel that is a form of privatization, "right-sizing" government operations, and looking at ways to streamline a government services whereby the monies set aside for this very important program, is really being utilized by the people who need this service, as they access much-needed off-island care.

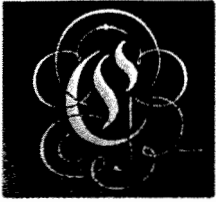
Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony as it relates to Bill 30-34 and I hope that the members of the 34th Guam Legislature truly consider the impacts of this bill as it can benefit the hundreds of our fellow Guam brothers and sisters who access needed medical care off-island.

If you have any questions regarding my written testimony or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to email me at tcuabo@guamcancercare.org or call me at 486-2886.

Best regards,



TERRY CUABO
Executive Director



Catherine M. R. Castro

224 Roy T. Damian Jr. Street ☎ Mongmong, Guam 96910

May 17, 2017

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Senator Dennis Rodriguez Jr,
and Senators of the 34th Guam Legislature,

My name is Cathy Rivera Castro. I'm a resident of the village of Mongmong. I volunteer for several organizations such as: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), the Tobacco-Control Action Team of the Non-Communicable Disease Consortium, and the Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. I am a member of numerous other organization on island. My most important role however, is that of a mother and a grandmother.

For many years now I have been a community advocate regarding the health, wellness and quality of life of our people. I hereby submit my letter of support for Bill 30-34 (COR).

I have personally accessed the services of the Guam Medical Referral Office in Hawaii and my son who is a cancer patient has accessed services from the Guam Medical Referral Office in Los Angeles. We have firsthand experience of these two offices as well as the Guam office.

I am fully aware of the numerous challenges there are to provide services to patients that are traveling from Guam to seek medical care off-island. I commend the Legislature for the establishment of this entity. I also commend the Office of the Governor for implementing and running this office. It is one that is truly needed by our people. It is my strong opinion that the services provided by GMRO should continue.

While it has been numerous years since my son and I have accessed services, I am aware that certain policies and procedures have changed with the times. I testified before the legislature when a public hearing was held several years ago, however, I feel I must voice some of the challenges we encountered so I may bring them to light once again.

When a patient travels for off-island for medical care, they often travel with one accompaniment. These individuals are far away from the immediate access to the support system they would have had if they were on island. The patient's main concern is their medical care, and all other concerns fall to the accompanying caregiver. Yet, the patient themselves often have to deal with other aspects of being off-island such as access to transportation, lodging, communicating with their insurance company, prior authorizations, need for additional documents, information and so much more. This places additional hardships and stress on them, especially if the patient becomes an in-patient in a hospital. To have access to individuals that know who, where and what to do is a God-send. The time difference itself poses a challenge. The GMRO certainly can assist with guidance and navigation on these issues to those in need.

I am in favor of allowing the office to be run by a Not-for-Profit Organization as opposed to a government entity. This will remove government procurement regulations as well as specific rules and regulations that hinder productivity. Because NPOs are subject to scrutiny and require filing of financial statements, accountability will still be maintained. NPOs can also access additional funding opportunities not available to the government, which will only benefit GMRO more. This also would allow them to concentrate specifically on the program since it will be their primary obligation.

A few comments I wish to add in respect to the bill. Kindly please consider the following:

1. Allow the possibility of another individual to act on behalf of the patient (provided all necessary delegations of authority are given and proper attention to the protection of the patient's confidentiality and privacy are kept).
2. Allow the patient to purchase additional "vouchers" for transportation, etc. I know that there were times that the doctor had prescribed specific medications or items and it was not available in the hospital. I was given the prescription, however getting to an outside pharmacy to fill it was difficult. Also, when patients are away for an extended period, there are needs that they must fill such as getting to a grocery store to purchase items such as food, water, laundry needs, etc. Car rentals, taxis, bus systems oftentimes are not the best options to utilize.
3. Require that a packet of pertinent information be provided to the patient – this can include information about resources at their treatment city. Knowing what is available in close proximity to their medical facility is crucial. Information such as: Banks, Pharmacies, Grocery/Department Stores, Restaurants, churches, etc.

My family has experienced situations where we had to seek off island medical care on numerous occasions for extended periods of time (the longest was 13 months and the shortest was 8 months) and I am fully aware of what the needs are, and where the challenges are. I also know that if there was a place I could call or go that understood the unique situation and circumstances I was facing – that is where I would turn immediately. Having to be away from the comforts of home, with additional financial burdens and in an environment so different from our island, it is important that we do what we can to help improve the journey and minimize the hardship. I have always professed that *"HEALING THE SPIRIT"* is crucial in one's health. To minimize some of the obstacles placed on leaving home for medical care will certainly help *"HEAL THE SPIRIT"*.

I urge your colleagues to please support the passage of this legislation. Those in our community that must have access to such an office as the Guam Medical Referral Office need this to come to fruition. This bill will be just another way of our policymakers can give them the much needed support they so rightly deserve, most especially during a time of hardship.

Lastly, I applaud you and all your fellow colleagues in the Legislature for your continued work to improve the quality of life for each of us. Thank you once again for allowing me this opportunity to voice my opinion and concerns to you on behalf of myself and my family. God's Blessings to each of you.

Saina Ma'ase yan Bendesion



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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Bill 30-34 (COR), As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor – AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION § 1103 OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE; Sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.,

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JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN Vice Chairman						
FERNANDO B. ESTEVES Vice Chairman on Health						
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ					✓ 	
THERESE M. TERLAJE						
FRANK B. AGUON, JR. ^{5/23/17}		✓				
THOMAS A. MORRISON		✓				
WILLIAM M. CASTRO		✓				
LOUISE BORJA MUNA		✓				

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SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.
COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Bill No. 30-34 (COR)

- I. OVERVIEW:** The Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens conducted a Public Hearing on May 18, 2017. The hearing convened at 9:35am in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of **Committee Report on Bill 30-34 (COR), As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor – AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION § 1103 OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE; Sponsored by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.**

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Senators Present

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Chairman
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	Vice Chairman
Senator Wil Castro	Member
Senator Louise Muna	Member
Senator Regine Biscoe Lee	
Senator Telena Nelson	

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.: God Bless Thank you. We will move on now to the next item on the agenda Bill 30-34. I would like to call on Mr. Terry Cuabo from Guam Cancer Care, Ms. Cathy Castro, I believe she has written testimony. If anyone else wishes to provide any testimony. I want to recognize Bethany of course who is here. Thank you very much. Thank you very much Mr. Cuabo for being here.

Bill 30-34 is really in response to concerns that we receive from the community. Most especially from those of our people get to travel off island to receive specialty care. The Guam Medical Referral Office has been operating for many years. Perhaps when it was first established it made sense that we had provider that was in the destinations where we send our patients. The Philippines Hawaii, Los Angeles. They're services are to pick up patients from the airport taken to their hotels and then to their hospitals or doctor's appointments. But as time has passed things have evolved. We have hospitals like Good Samaritan, St. Luke's, Medical City in the Philippines, Hawaii. The hospitals we send our people to that actually provide the services that our medical referral office does. When we took it into consideration the concerns of our patients there knowing

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first hand seeing the data on what expended to fund this medical referral office to a third party. We thought that it was appropriate to reform how this program is operating. The money that we're using to fund this operation could be better spent perhaps developing on a voucher where we can provide our people this direct assistance. To be able to use to get transportation. If it's transportation we know the public transport system in the states or in the Philippines is very efficient. Or have them use it to help them pay for lodging. We know that we spend a lot in lodging. Sometimes the funding that we receive either through the programs (inaudible). Or have them to be able to use this to purchase their medicine. We hear when they're out there for a long time they would need to get refills and resources are very thin for them. If the policy is that if we're going to continue provide this type of service that we look at how we're doing it. Perhaps do it this way. So that our people have direct benefit of tax payer resources. A lot of the services were doing now is redundant. As I said hospitals do it, even some insurance companies send their patients off island also provide this type of service. What this bill does it gives the opportunity for the governor's office that they coordinate this program. If they do it that 15% is capped for administrative cost. I know coming from the nonprofit world, you know how much more efficient it could be in running programs such as this. So I want to thank you for being here and acknowledge and recognize you for any testimony.

Terry Cuabo: Written testimony, attached.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.: Thank you very much Terry. Just a quick question and I'll ask my colleagues if they have comments. The bill calls for the medical referral office to develop some sort of out go rhythm to determine eligibility. As we understand that not everyone that not everyone comes in may need that have that deed for direct for financial assistance? So I state for the record that this is going to change in the way it works now, is that you come in there as I believe. You come into the medical referral whether you have a private insurance or not and seek the services of the medical referral office and they coordinate getting you picked up and whatever destination. So the way this works is any resident will still be able to come to the medical referral, but not everyone will be able to receive a direct financial voucher if that's what we're establishing. So how has Guam Cancer Care, have they developed that sort of algorithm?

Terry Cuabo: Well thank you for that question? We actually do that and we have arranged with two hundred to eighteen hundred dollars that's based on need. So they provide their income based on the poverty level. So someone who makes certain amount of money may qualify two hundred dollars a quarter. It's not everything, but it does help. So the mechanism that we do is the most needy gets the most financial aid. It's not a reward system for people having cancer or people getting referred off island. The log that is determined is based on income levels and whatever financial that they have. For the past 7 years we found it to be more equitable. And I want to reiterate that once they get that reward they can't use it for whatever reason. They can only use it to get access to care based on what the medical referral says. Our staff looks at the cost, where we always double check is this directly related to their treatment. So if they have a hospital bill that we're paying for and it's in Philippines but treatment is in LA, this is not related. We actually look at the doctors note and we reimburse cost that a directly related to access to care. So we find it very affective. So if MRAO can develop a an out go rhythm or methodology that can level that plain field that can grant certain awards to patients based on their income, it could be effective. There are so many ways this program can be run to be very efficient.

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Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr: Thank you very much. Senator Lee you have any questions?

Senator Regine Biscoe Lee: Hafa Adai Terry.

Terry Cuabo: Hi

Senator Regine Biscoe Lee: Thank you so much for joining us and for your testimony and for the Guam Cancer Care team for everything that you do for our families and for the people that need their help the most. I wanted to ask a little bit more the program that you have that similar to this bill because I have some questions about that. Within the program the money that is given it's a reimbursement or it's a grant.

Terry Cuabo: It's a grant and what happens is the patient works with their navigator. In this case it can be the MRAO representative. Part of my grant I want to use it for lodging. So we can either pay directly to the providers themselves. The patient never receives the money. So if it's lodging we pay directly to St. Luke's Medical Center or if it's for transportation, we pay directly to the transportation cost. It's not on reimbursable basis. We never cut money to the patients only to providers. Companies that provide this direct support services.

Senator Regine Biscoe Lee: I see. Has there ever been in your experience patient's that are in such dire straits that they have difficulty accounting for their health care needs? And they require a family member or a trusted friend to do some of the work on their behalf.

Terry Cuabo: Sometimes there is where their condition is pretty deteriorated where they have someone speaking on their behalf. They have to get permission from their family member on their behalf.

Senator Regine Biscoe Lee: And you would work with that person. And that their resources are available and needs are met.

Terry Cuabo: Absolutely. Correct

Senator Regine Biscoe Lee: I also wanted to ask if you have an information booklet to provide to patients that given so many patients and family that you have help in those areas. You mention LA, Manila. Going off island for treatments at those different places I'm sure you collected information and tips how to navigate the system and resources that are available in those locations. Do you have information like that?

Terry Cuabo: Absolutely. I'm glad you bringing this question because it's kind of looking at always speaking for cancer related services and what we're doing in fact next month to kind of always believe information as power. For cancer related services Guam Cancer in fact is launching a new interactive website. Like a forum where people can communicate some of the issues where you can post something. "I'm going to LA City of Hope. What kind of services is available?" So people in real time can ask these questions. And people who have these experiences or doctors can post general information that can help. Information is

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power. When you going to St. Luke's for the first time you want to know what my limited resources can do. Where can I go to get the cheapest hotels rooms? Or what other non profits can provide different services? That's going to unveil next month for cancer. That's specifically for cancer. We're trying to streamline to provide better services to Guam Cancer patients. But in regards to this bill, I think in long term there should be ways to spread more information on how to people are getting medically referred off island can maximize the resources that are available to them. There are numerous services available to Guam residents where ever there at. That's where it's important for the navigation program. Not just for cancer but for other elements. I know the senator ask me before. How can we duplicate what we do for cancer with other NCD? I can't solve other NCD. My focus is on cancer. But were trying to mirror what we do to make it efficient to people to who have heart disease or diabetes how we can help them out as well. In the future to share these resources for cancer related we are going to be launching interactive forum like a web posting information and should be unveiled next month.

Senator Regine Biscoe Lee: Great thank you so much, Mr. Caabo, Mr. Chair . I'm so glad you created this space for us to discuss this very important issue in our community and making sure we give the resources to the people who needed the most.

Terry Cuabo: Absolutely.

Senator Regine Biscoe Lee: Thank you both.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr: Thank you very much senator. Senator Muna. Before that, I want to recognize the Vice Chair Senator San Agustin and Co-sponsor. Thank you, Senator for being here. Senator Muna.

Senator Louise Borja Muna: Hafa Adai, good morning Terry.

Terry Cuabo: Hi

Senator Louise Borja Muna: I know you're here in support of the bill.

Terry Cuabo: Yes I am.

Senator Louise Borja Muna: I'm sure that the medical referral office could learn a lot from your foundation. I know that cancer is very sensitive. The disease is such a sensitive issue. No matter what your financial status is the vulnerability is just there no matter what. Has Guam Cancer Care ever turned away for financial assistance based on their income?

Terry Cuabo: No we have not, but there is one carrier for our financial assistance program is you have to be a Guam resident. Because we use tobacco taxes that's awarded to Public Law 30-80. So we have gone interest from family members that residing in the states or people from Saipan coming to Guam trying to avail this financial assistance. But it's really specifically for local Guam residents and the priority is to get treatment on

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island if services are available. They could use their resources for whatever purposes. Just as long as it is for direct cancer care. So to answer your question. Guam residents no we have not, but for people from all over the world come to our website and says. Are these services available to us? To clarify if a Saipan resident came to Guam and try access care here through their medical referral office. We provide whatever services we can provide whether it be transportation, pharmaceutical supplies. But we can't provide that financial assistance if they are not a bonifide Guam resident.

Senator Louise Borja Muna: Ok, Thank you.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr: Thank you senator. Senator San Agustin you have any questions or comments.

Senator Joseph S. San Agustin: No, Mr. Chairman, but I'm just hoping that the bill will get a successful approval by our colleagues. When you look at the bill and for ever body else. It's similar to what some of our colleagues are saying. It's right sizing the government. Let's not just keep spending money. Put money to best use. Thank you.

Terry Cuabo: Absolutely. I agree with you sir. I really truly appreciate what you guys are doing with this bill. It's really putting the money to people who need it.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr: Thank you senator. Senator Castro.

Senator Wil Castro: I do, since we have Mr. Cuabo here who is very loud about the industry. I'm particularly pleased Mr. Chairman and to your co-sponsor with this one provision on page 3 line 10. Typically my style in terms of how I approach legislation is how be overly per scripted, but in this case I see a tremendous benefit to the community by at least prescribing the need for a satisfactory survey or some kind of perceptive study as to the level of customer care that the government is providing. In this case the medical referral office. In your opinion how do you envision this manifesting itself? Or are there other experiences lean form other jurisdictions that do it emulated from?

Terry Cuabo: Well for me I can't refer other jurisdiction but referencing for what you said about conducting the needs assessment. I truly believe that's important to. For us our industries, we are trying to conduct the needs assessment to what our cancer patients feel that they need. What is important to them or what areas of influences should focus on? I truly believe moving forward that a survey should be conducted on all the patients on medical referral to determine what types of service should be covered. They're the ones that are going to tell you that the focus should not just be on just transportation to and from their hotel to the hospital. It could be lodging assistance or a variety of direct support services that should be covered. Let them dictate how the program has developed and I appreciate the fact that it's kind of open ended how you structure and creating the methodology not only creating the cap but also making it structure to the people that need it. They are the ones that were trying to amend the law to benefit. Let them dictate where the money should be used for and what areas that are important. So I agree with you. I don't think we need to emulate another

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jurisdiction to build it from our own. But let the people decide through a survey on what the areas of interest should be.

Senator Wil Castro: Thank you for that. And the reason why I bring this out the other point with bringing it up with the chairman and the committee on this issue of being prescriptive on a HIPAA compliant quality improvement program. I can acknowledge the need for ongoing programmatic review and improvement. I'm just not necessarily convinced that we need to prescribe it through HIPAA, but I support the concept. I want to add the needs for customer satisfaction survey. When I was representing the Executive branch in various capacities abroad. A lot of folks who are residents who are off island or who are there receiving medical care through the referral office. I'd say a large majority of them have their complaints and negative opinions. But I think for a responsible government officials it's important to have empirical data to what it is exactly their dissatisfied with. I think this is one step in that direction to capture that information. At the same time though Mr. Cuabo, I'd see the value when people literally go out of their way and almost overly ingratiate the government maybe even save their lives it's important to capture that as record.

Terry Cuabo: I totally agree with that and I'm not putting down the current medical referral assistance office. We work collaboratively with them and their bunch of great people. Don't get me wrong were not directly attacking them. We're just trying to make the process more efficient to benefit the people who were medically being referred off island. I commend the authors of the bill that this is a step in the right direction of really streamlining a certain program in our government to better serve our people. This is their money, taxpayer money.

Senator Wil Castro: Last comment. You're right. For the record programmatic review and continuous improvement and assessment is a practice of the health organization. It's typical and accredited entity such as university and colleges. You are absolutely right this is not a dig at the current operations or future operations it's simply establishing by statute to capture this data to make improvement.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr: Thank you senator. I don't mean to put you on the spot Bethany. May I call you an invite you up front for just a few questions. Bethany if you can introduce yourself and who you represent.

Bethany Van Boxtel: I'm Bethany Van Boxtel and I work at the Good Samaritan patient service office here on Guam, for the Good Samaritan Hospital located in Los Angeles.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr: Thank you senator very much. My question is. I wanted know what services does Good Samaritan provide? A lot of patient go to Good Samaritan and all the stories we hear from patients that our at Good Samaritan and the struggles that they face when they are there. And I want to thank you and send this message back to your home base I thank them for providing a lot of times more than what you're really supposed to provide to our people that you pay for their vouchers to get picked up, provide food, lodging to our people who our stuck out there. Thank you very much for that. But if you can provide the committee with the services that you do provide.

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Bethany Van Boxtel: We have an office here, as well as a Guam, Saipan office in Los Angeles that directly works with and does the coordination with services and any assistance that the patient needs once they get to

Los Angeles and to the hospital. Not just outside the appointment. It doesn't stop you have and you go to the appointment. It goes beyond that. We have a coordinator over there, and she assist if they need assistance if they need a ride or going to the pharmacy or even a store, groceries. If they can't get a room or the Winegard is full. We do have a hotel on the hospital campus. If the Winegard is full, they negotiate rates for overflow or hotels very near to the hospital so patients are not stuck way out in the boonies of LA. So that they are close to the hospital and they do have transportation back and forth that they do need. So on top of that if they don't do show up. We work with Pacific Services a coordinator will get a hold of the Pacific Island Club there and help with assistance for food or resources that they need when they run out of resources. It's really about being there to support the patients and not just for their medical care but for emotional support. Having some place to go when they do find themselves stuck. I don't know what else to do or if I need a ride. Where there to help assist in any way no matter which program is put in place or how the program evolves. It's really about there being for the patients and seeing the resources going directly to the patients. That's very important, so that one thing we can all get behind to the resources going directly to the people in the ways that they need them the most. No matter how the program evolves which way it goes. Where there to help, assist at any way we can. We have an office a coordinator there. We have resources and expertise and were happy to assist.

Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr: Ok great thank you very much. Does anyone have any questions? If not well I want to thank you to get on record on what the services that Good Samaritan does provide. Thank you on record as well for that service for Guam Cancer Care and Terry as well thank you for all that you provide to our community. So we will continue to receive any written testimony from the public. Until such time we will report this bill out and get on the floor. Thank you very much. So the time now is 10:16 am. This hearing is adjourned.

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III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens, hereby **reports out Bill No. 30-34 (COR), As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor** with the recommendation to
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Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. *DR*
Joe S. San Agustin *JS*

AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 1103 AND TO ADD NEW §§ 1103.1 AND 1103.2, ALL OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE.

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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 recognizes that the provision of assistance to Guam residents in seeking medically
4 necessary off-island health care is needed and valuable to successful health quality
5 outcomes.

6 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the services provided by the Medical
7 Referral Assistance Office contract have evolved and many of the referral
8 hospitals, insurance companies, and local not-for-profits are currently providing
9 these services free of charge. Besides the obvious duplication of services, the
10 government of Guam contracted services are no longer wholly needed and are
11 needlessly costing the government.

12 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, however, finds that not all residents can partake in
13 the free services currently available given their individual circumstances or
14 eligibility, and thus the Medical Referral Assistance Office's assistance function is
15 still needed.

1 The intent of this Act is to provide a mechanism for the Medical Referral
2 Assistance Office to streamline operations, maintain high quality referral
3 assistance, and enhance cost savings. The FY 2016 3rd quarter report found that the
4 average cost per patient per quarter to the Philippines was Four Hundred Seven
5 Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$407.15); Los Angeles averaged Six Hundred Ninety-
6 three Dollars and Fifty-two Cents (\$693.52); and Honolulu averaged Seven
7 Hundred Twelve Dollars and Sixty-eight Cents (\$712.68).

8 In an effort to improve and maximize the services of the medical assistance
9 provided to residents seeking care off-island, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, therefore,
10 changes the criteria for eligibility and benefit coverage of referral services to
11 reflect current constraints and opportunities.

12 **Section 2.** § 1103 of Chapter 1, Division 1, Title 10, Guam Code
13 Annotated, is hereby *repealed and reenacted* to read:

14 ~~“§ 1103. Medical Referral Assistance Offices. There are created~~
15 ~~Medical Referral Assistance Offices in Honolulu, Hawaii, in Los Angeles,~~
16 ~~California, and in Metro Manila, Philippines, which shall be within the~~
17 ~~responsibility of the Office of the Governor. The Offices shall assist in~~
18 ~~coordinating appropriate medical appointments, as well as coordinating~~
19 ~~temporary housing and transportation.~~

20 **§ 1103. Medical Referral Assistance Office.** There is created
21 the Medical Referral Assistance Office (MRAO) within the Office of *I*
22 *Maga'låhi* (the Governor). The MRAO shall assist residents of Guam in
23 coordinating appropriate medical appointments, as well as coordinating
24 temporary housing and transportation.”

25 **Section 3.** A new § 1103.1 is *added to* Chapter 1 of Division 1, Title 10,
26 Guam Code Annotated, to read:

27 **“§ 1103.1. Provision of Assistance.**

1 (a) The MRAO shall develop an eligibility algorithm that will
2 apply to those benefits a resident seeking off-island medical care qualifies
3 for. Residents with commercial health insurance benefits that cover
4 transportation and lodging fees are not eligible for direct assistance from the
5 MRAO. They may, however, qualify for education and coordination
6 assistance.

7 (b) The MRAO shall develop a Health Insurance Portability and
8 Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant quality improvement program that
9 will consist, at a minimum, of tracking patient issues and resolutions, and a
10 patient satisfaction survey that shall be offered to each patient serviced. The
11 MRAO or contracted not-for-profit provider shall provide each patient with
12 a brochure explaining the program and contact information. The MRAO or
13 contracted not-for-profit provider shall also provide appropriate information
14 of the destination medical facility, transportation organization, lodging
15 facility, and the surrounding area.

16 (c) The MRAO shall develop and maintain reports that include the
17 number of referred patients served, the number of patient escorts or
18 accompanying family members served, and the average cost per patient
19 referral. The MRAO shall also maintain a monthly report containing the
20 following information:

- 21 (1) name of patient;
- 22 (2) gender and age of patient;
- 23 (3) date of referral;
- 24 (4) date assisted;
- 25 (5) name of accepting medical facility;
- 26 (6) insurance provider;
- 27 (7) number of escorts/family members;

1 (8) departure date; and

2 (9) service rendered.

3 (d) In providing assistance to Guam residents, the MRAO shall, to
4 the greatest extent practicable, coordinate with existing services provided by
5 insurance carriers, referring facilities, and local not-for-profit organizations.
6 These services are provided free of charge, and as such may only require
7 verification of availability and notice of services to the resident utilizing the
8 service.

9 (e) For those residents who are not eligible for existing services
10 provided by health insurance companies, referring facilities, or local not-for-
11 profits, the MRAO may:

12 (1) develop a request for proposal to provide assistance
13 services from a duly registered Guam-based not-for-profit
14 organization that can provide such services, including coordination of
15 appointments, transportation, and lodging. This proposal shall use a
16 voucher type system to provide direct services to residents seeking
17 off-island care. The contracted not-for-profit shall, to the greatest
18 extent possible, coordinate with existing services provided by
19 insurance carriers and referring facilities for the provision of
20 transportation and lodging services. A limit of fifteen percent (15%)
21 of the negotiated proposal is set for administrative overhead of such
22 proposal; and

23 (2) provide services through the development of memoranda
24 of understanding or individual contracts with required off-island
25 transportation and lodging organizations to provide transportation and
26 lodging services. The MRAO shall develop internal assistance
27 policies and procedures to guide the operation of the office. This

1 function shall reside within the Guam-based MRAO and is subject to
2 the fifteen percent (15%) administrative overhead of the approved
3 budgeted amount appropriated in the Governor’s budget submission
4 for the office.”

5 **Section 4.** A new § 1103.2 is added to Chapter 1 of Division 1, Title 10,
6 Guam Code Annotated, to read:

7 **“§ 1103.2. Term of Assistance.**

8 (a) The MRAO is authorized to contract with a duly registered
9 Guam-based not-for-profit for assistance services provided pursuant to §
10 1103.1(e) of this Chapter. The term of said contract shall be set for five (5)
11 years, with annual renewal, subject to availability of funds.

12 (b) If the MRAO chooses to provide assistance services “in-house,”
13 the funding for the provision of such services is subject to the budgeted
14 fifteen percent (15%) administrative overhead (salary, equipment, supplies,
15 etcetera), and is subject to the availability of funds on an annual basis.”

16 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this law or its application to
17 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such
18 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this law that can be
19 given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the
20 provisions of this law are severable.

21 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon
22 enactment; provided, however, that no government of Guam funding is authorized
23 that does not follow the provisions and methodologies provided pursuant to this
24 Act.

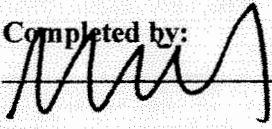


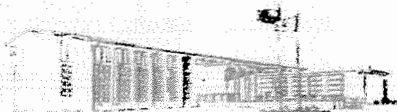
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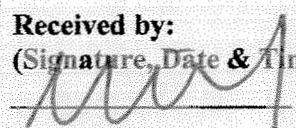
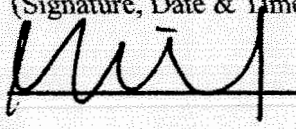


PRE-REFERRAL CHECKLIST

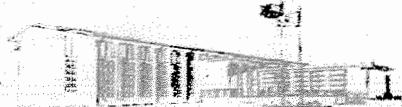
BILL NO. 30-34 (COR) AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION § 1103 OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE.		
(A) Legal Bureau	(1) One subject matter? [SR § 6.01(a), 2 GCA § 2108(a)] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Return to Prime Sponsor) (2) Conform to Standing Rules as to form and style? [SR §§ 6.02(b) and (d), 6.03(d)] <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (Return to Prime Sponsor)	Notice to Legal Bureau: <u>2/28/17</u> Completed by Legal Bureau: <u>3/7/17 2:02 PM</u>
(B) Office of Finance & Budget (OFB)	(1) Does the Bill contain appropriations or authorizations for appropriations from any fund sources? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (2) Does the Bill contain an authorization to expend government funds? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (3) Does the Bill contain provisions that have potential fiscal impacts on the government of Guam budget? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Notice to OFB: <u>2/28/17</u> Completed by OFB: <u>3/3/17 10:46 am</u>
COR Action	Is the fiscal impact revenue negative to the government of Guam budget? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (Refer to Committee on Appropriations) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Completed by: 



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(C) DEBT		
(1) SR § 6.01 (b)(1)(A) Land, Infrastructure, Building Projects, Capital Improvement Projects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Return to Prime Sponsor)	Received by: (Signature, Date & Time)  3/7/17 Completed by: (Signature, Date & Time)  3:07 3/7/17
(2) SR § 6.01 (b)(1)(B) Refinancing of existing debt (not less than 2%)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Return to Prime Sponsor)	
(3) SR § 6.01 (b)(2) Authorize public debt to fund operations of agency, instrumentality, public corporation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> YES (Return to Prime Sponsor) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Waived (per official state of emergency, as attached)	
COR Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return to Prime Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to: Subj to correct	Date & Time: 3/7/17 3:07

A(2), refer to CMTE
 Appropriation BJC. @
 as per B(2),(3)





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MEMO

To: Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
From: Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Chairman of the Committee on Rules
Date: March 7, 2017
Re: Return of Bill No. 30-34 (COR) to Prime Sponsor

Buenas yan Háfa adai.

Please be advised that the Committee on Rules is unable to refer **Bill No. 30-34 (COR)** due to its inability to conform to the Standing Rules as to form and style (see (A)(2) on Pre-Referral Checklist).

Please be further advised that a more detailed analysis is available from the Legal Bureau. Please contact Attorney Julian Aguon, Legislative Legal Counsel at guamlegislativecounsel@gmail.com.

The Committee on Rules will continue to retain this bill in the pre-referral process, subject to corrections as submitted by the Prime Sponsor.

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

For guidance and questions, please feel free to contact Christian Valencia, Committee on Rules Director, at 472-6453.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,


Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Chairman of the Committee on Rules





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MEMO

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

From: Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Chairman of the Committee on Rules

Date: March 30, 2017

Re: Fiscal Notes

Buenas yan Håfa adai.

Attached, please find the fiscal note for the following bill:

Bill No. 30-34 (COR), as corrected by the Prime Sponsor

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

For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Christian Valencia, Committee on Rules Director, at 472-6453.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas
Chairman of the Committee on Rules



Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 30-34 (COR)

AN ACT TO ~~REPREAL~~ AND ~~REENACT~~ § 1103 AND ADD NEW §§ 1103.1 AND 1103.2, ALL OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE.

Dept./Agency Affected: Office of I Maga'lahaen Guahan		Dept./Agency Head: Eddie Baza Calvo, Governor of Guam	
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:		\$7,823,067	
Department's Other Fund (Indirect Cost Fund) appropriation(s) to date:		\$302,164	
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:		\$8,125,231	

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	Special Fund:	Total:
FY 2016 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2017 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2017 Appro. (P.L. 33-185)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2017 (if applicable)	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
General Fund	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes /X/ No
 If Yes, see attachment
2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
 If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ /X/ N/A
3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
 If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
 Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes /X/ No
5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: /X/ Yes / / No
 /X/ Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other?

Analyst: <u>JG</u> Joaquin Guerrero	Date: <u>3/28/17</u>	Director: <u>[Signature]</u> Jose S. Calvo	Date: MAR 28 2017
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Notes:
 1/ The intent of Bill No. 30-34 (COR) is to restructure the Medical Referral Assistance Office (MRAO) to be operated by staff of the Governor's Office or through a Request For Proposal to provide services by a registered Guam-based non-profit organization. The Office shall develop an eligibility algorithm for qualification of services to eliminate the duplication of services provided and ensue the application of a quality improvement program with specified requirements on referral reporting. The Bill authorizes that there be a 15% cap for administrative overhead of the negotiated proposal for the Guam-based non-profit or from the current allocated budget to the MRAO if the provision of services is done in-house, both subject to availability of funds on an annual basis. Provision of the Bill aims to reduce costs with the elimination of duplicated services already offered by health insurance carriers and off-island referral medical facilities. However, the approximate fiscal impact can not be determined at this time due to lack of sufficient information from the Office and is contingent on services already offered by the referred patient's healthcare insurance carrier or referral hospital.



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COMMITTEE REPORT CHECKLIST

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BILL NO. 30-34 (COR) <i>As Corrected by the Prime Sponsor</i> AN ACT TO <i>REPEAL</i> AND <i>REENACT</i> § 1103 AND TO <i>ADD</i> NEW §§ 1103.1 AND 1103.2, ALL OF CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 1, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE MEDICAL REFERRAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE.	
Referred to: Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs, and Senior Citizens; Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., <i>Chairperson</i>	
(A) FISCAL NOTE or WAIVER	(1) Requested by COR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Date & Time: 3/20/17 4:35 pm
	(2) Received by COR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Date & Time: 3/29/17 1:32 pm
	(3) Waived by COR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Date & Time:
	(4) Bill contains appropriations or authorizations for appropriations from any fund sources? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If YES: (4/5)(a) Funding Availability Note/Waiver (OFB) attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Unable to file CMTE Report) (4/5)(b) Funding source identified? 2 GCA § 9101 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Proceed to (A)(6))
	(5) Bill contains an authorization to expend government funds? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (4/5)(c) Funds available and sufficient? 2 GCA § 9101 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Proceed to (A)(6))
	(6) Restrictions Against Unfunded Appropriations (2 GCA § 9101) <input type="checkbox"/> Identifies specific alternate funding source <input type="checkbox"/> De-appropriates from previous appropriation with available funds and fiscal note <input type="checkbox"/> Written certification by CMTE Chair that a situation exists which "threatens the safety, health and welfare of the community"



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(B) PUBLIC HEARING	(1) HEARING NOTICES SR §§ 6.04(a)(1) and 6.04(a)(2), Open Government Law (5 GCA, Ch. 8)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) Five (5) working days prior (ALL Senators & ALL Media)	Date and Time of Notice: 5/10/17 2:55 pm
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) Forty-eight (48) hours prior (ALL Senators & ALL Media)	Date and Time of Notice: 5/16/17 8:42 am
	(2) Date and Time of Hearing: 5/18/17 9:00 am	<i>or</i> (4) HEARING WAIVED by Speaker in case of emergency SR § 6.04(a)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	(3) Location: Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building	<i>If YES:</i> Attach memo indicating WAIVER
	(5) AMENDMENTS or SUBSTITUTIONS BY COMMITTEE SR § 6.04(b)	
	(a) Committee elects to substitute bill? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<i>If YES:</i> Date and Time: (a)(1) Vote sheet affirmative? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (a)(2) Preliminary report filed with COR? SR § 6.04(b)(2) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (a)(3) Public Hearing noticed? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	(b) Bill materially different after committee amendment or substitution? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<i>If YES:</i> SECONDARY PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE REQUIRED SR § 6.04(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<hr/> COR Chair		

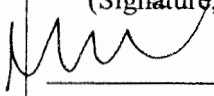


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(C) COMMITTEE REPORT	(1) Committee Report filed with COR? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>If YES:</i> Date & Time: 5/23/17 11:20 am		Notes:	<i>If NO:</i> UNABLE TO PLACE ON SESSION AGENDA SR § 6.04(d)(1)
	(1)(a) Secondary CMTE Report filed with COR? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>If YES:</i> Date & Time:			
	(2) LAND LEGISLATION			
	(a) Bill involves government taking, transfer, purchase, or lease of land? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		<i>If YES:</i> ATTACH TWO (2) PROPERTY APPRAISALS TO CMTE REPORT SR § 6.04(c)(4) 2 GCA § 2107(b)	
	(a)(1) Please indicate on both columns:			
	(i) Type of transaction: <input type="checkbox"/> Taking <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Lease	(ii) Type of entity: <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Non-government		
	(b) Bill involves legislative land rezoning? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		<i>If YES:</i> INCLUDE Land Zoning Consideration Report 2 GCA § 2110	
	(b)(1) Bill involves legislative rezoning of property zoned Agricultural (A)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		<i>If YES:</i> INCLUDE Agricultural Consideration Report (Dept. of Agriculture) 2 GCA § 2110 [Proceed to (b)(2)]	
	(b)(2) Proof of Agricultural consideration report reviewed by Guam Land Use Commission? 21 GCA § 61637 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			



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	(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? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<i>If YES:</i> INCLUDE Economic Impact Statement 5 GCA §§ 9301(d), 9301(e), 9301(f)
(D) COMMITTEE REPORT REPORT (continued)	(4) COMMITTEE REPORT COMPONENTS	
	(a) Front Page Transmittal to Speaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(a)(1) COR Chair Signature Line	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(b) Title Page	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(c) Committee Chair Memo to All Committee Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(d) COR Referral Memorandum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(e) Notice of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(f) Public Hearing Agenda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(g) Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(h) Written Testimonies & Additional Documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(i) Committee Vote Sheet(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(j) Committee Report Digest(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k) Bill History	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(1) Copy of Bill as introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(2) COR Pre-Referral Checklist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(3) Copy of Bill as corrected by Prime Sponsor (if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(k)(4) Copy of Bill as amended/substituted by Committee (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
	(l) Fiscal Note/Waiver and Funding Availability Note (OFB)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(m) Two (2) Property Appraisals (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(n) Related News Reports (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(o) Miscellaneous (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(p) Committee Report Checklist(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(E) COR Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CMTE Report duly filed; Available for Placement on Session Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> CMTE Report non-conforming for acceptance; Return to Committee	COR CHAIR (Signature) Date & Time  5/25/17 2:20

