

*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
137-34 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 30122 TO CHAPTER 30 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, AND TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF CHAPTER VII OF PUBLIC LAW 33-185, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PROCURE EXPERTS IN FEDERAL LITIGATION CASES ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM, TO FUND SUCH COSTS.	6/30/17 2:33 p.m.	07/10/17	Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication			Fiscal Note Request 7/10/17  Fiscal Note 7/17/17	

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July 17, 2017

# MEMO

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

**From:** Senator Régine Biscoe Lee   
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Re:** Fiscal Note

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*Buenas yan Håfa adai.*

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

**Bill No. 137-34 (LS)**

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 472-3455.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

  
**Senator Régine Biscoe Lee**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



**Bureau of Budget & Management Research  
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 137-34 (LS)**

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**Department/Agency Appropriation Information**

<b>Dept./Agency Affected:</b> Office of the Attorney General	<b>Dept./Agency Head:</b> Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Attorney General
<b>Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: (FY17 Appropriations)</b>	<b>\$ 16,249,713</b>
<b>Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: (Carry-Forward GF Appropriations (FY14, FY15, FY16))</b>	<b>4,537,708</b>
<b>Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:</b>	<b>\$ 20,787,421</b>

**Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation**

	<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>(Specify Special Fund):</b>	<b>Total:</b>
<b>FY 2016 Unreserved Fund Balance</b>		\$0	\$0
<b>FY 2017 Adopted Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>FY 2017 Appro.</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sub-total:</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Less appropriation in Bill</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill**

	<b>One Full Fiscal Year</b>	<b>For Remainder of FY 2017 (if applicable)</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Special Fund</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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| 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 |
| If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____                               | /x/ N/A    | / / No  |
| 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 |
| 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  |
| / / Requested agency comments not received by due date                                | / / Other: |         |

<b>Analyst:</b> <u>Matthew Quinata</u>	<b>Date:</b> <u>7/12/17</u>	<b>Director:</b> <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr.</u>	<b>Date:</b> <u>JUL 14 2017</u>
		<b>Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Acting Director</b>	

**Footnotes:**

The intent of the Bill is to authorize the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to procure experts in federal litigation cases on behalf of the Territory of Guam and to fund such costs. The OAG has noted in a response that no additional appropriations are necessary for Fiscal Year 2017 as funds can be reprogrammed with a minimum of \$75,000 for the landfill and plebiscite cases but may increase if additional experts are required. The Bill adds a new Section for such authorizations for future cases. However, a fiscal impact cannot be determined as the cost of litigations will differ depending on the subject matter and need for additional resources. It should be noted that Section 3 of the Bill does not limit use of funds to the procurement of federal experts. Lastly, authority to use such funds expires on September 30, 2017.