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The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
Mina'Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
Guam Legislature Temporary Building
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910


OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY	
CORRESPONDENCE REQUEST	
Requested By	<u>Rosario</u>
Time	<u>8:45am</u>
Date	<u>8/18/98</u>

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Substitute Bill No. 540 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE HEALING HEARTS PROGRAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, RELATIVE TO INSURING AND STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM FOR REMAINING FISCAL YEAR 1998", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-245**.

This is an appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse "for Fiscal Year 1998", and may be used "until completely spent". Support for the Healing Hearts Program is welcome.

Very truly yours,


Carl T. C. Gutierrez
I Maga'lahaen Guahan
Governor of Guam

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Attachment: copy attached for signed bill
original attached for vetoed bill

cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown
Legislative Secretary


MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN

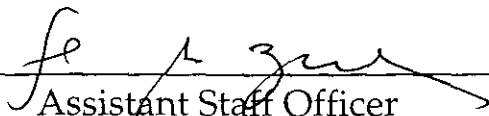
This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 540 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE HEALING HEARTS PROGRAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, RELATIVE TO INSURING AND STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM FOR REMAINING FISCAL YEAR 1998," was on the 3rd day of August, 1998, duly and regularly passed.


ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:


JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* this 5th day of August, 1998,
at 3:40 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:


CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahaen Guahan

Date: 8-14-98

Public Law No. 24-245

MINA'BENTE KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 540 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee
on Finance and Taxation and
amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

A. C. Blaz
L. A. Leon Guerrero
E. J. Cruz
Mark Forbes
T. C. Ada
F. B. Aguon, Jr.
J. M.S. Brown
Felix P. Camacho
Francisco P. Camacho
M. C. Charfauros
W. B.S.M. Flores
L. F. Kasperbauer
A. C. Lamorena, V
C. A. Leon Guerrero
V. C. Pangelinan
J. C. Salas
A. L.G. Santos
F. E. Santos
A. R. Unpingco
J. Won Pat-Borja

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE HEALING HEARTS PROGRAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, RELATIVE TO INSURING AND STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM FOR REMAINING FISCAL YEAR 1998.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that, while
3 the Fiscal Year Budgets for 1998 and 1999 for the Department of Mental Health
4 and Substance Abuse has been approved pursuant to the budget digest
5 submitted by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the
6 administration and management of the Healing Hearts Program requires
7 additional funds to make the Healing Hearts more effective in assisting victims
8 of violent sexual acts and providing them with a suitable venue where they may
9 be counseled, examined and interviewed.

10 Further, when the Healing Hearts Program was first set up, its mission was
11 to provide crisis counseling, physical examination and other services needed by
12 victims of violent sexual acts. A significant amount of training was performed
13 to make the Healing Hearts Program work.

14 **Section 2. Appropriation.** One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars
15 (\$120,000.00) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Mental
16 Health and Substance Abuse for the Healing Hearts Program for the remaining
17 part of Fiscal Year 1998 until completely spent.



...NA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
Office of the Vice Speaker
ANTHONY C. BLAZ

Chairman,
Finance & Taxation

July 24, 1998

Chairman,
Ethics & Standards

The Honorable Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco
Mina'Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan
155 Hesler Street
Hagatna, Guahan 96910

Vice-Chairman,
Committee on Rules

Member,
Judiciary, Public Safety &
Consumer Protection

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Member,
Natural Resources

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to which was referred *Bill No. 540(COR)*, "An Act to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) from the General Fund for the Healing Hearts Program at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse relative to insuring and strengthening the effectiveness of the program for remaining Fiscal Year 1998", herein reports back with the recommendation **TO DO PASS Bill No. 540(COR) as substituted by the Committee on Finance and Taxation.**

Member,
Tourism, Economic
Development, & Cultural
Affairs

Member,
Transportation,
Telecommunications &
Micronesian Affairs

Votes of the committee members are as follows:

Member,
Guam Finance
Commission

Member,
Commission on Self
Determination

To Pass

Not to Pass

To Place in Inactive File

Abstain

Off-Island

Not Available

A copy of the committee's report and other pertinent documents are enclosed for your reference and information.


ANTHONY C. BLAZ

attachments

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & TAXATION

MINA'BENTE KUÁTTRU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN



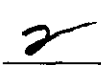






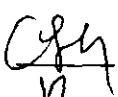

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Chairman: Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz Vice Chairman: Senator Mark Forbes
 Ex-Officio Member: Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco

VOTING SHEET ON:

Substitute Bill No. 540(COR)

"An Act to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) from the General Fund for the Healing Hearts Program at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse relative to insuring and strengthening the effectiveness of the program for remaining Fiscal Year 1998".

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>INITIAL</u>	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE</u>
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Sen. Mark Forbes <i>Vice-Chairman</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Lawrence F. Kasperbauer <i>Member</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Alberto A.C. Lamorena, V <i>Member</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero <i>Member</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. John C. Salas <i>Member</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Committee on Finance & Taxation

Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz, Chairman

Committee Report

Bill No. 540(COR)

"An Act to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) from the General Fund for the Healing Hearts Program at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse relative to insuring and strengthening the effectiveness of the program for remaining Fiscal Year 1998".

**Committee on Finance and Taxation
Committee Report on Bill No. 540 (COR)**

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE HEALING HEARTS PROGRAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RELATIVE TO INSURING AND STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM FOR REMAINING FISCAL YEAR 1998.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 24-139, notice of the public hearing on Bill No. 540 (COR) was published in the Pacific Daily News on March 20, and March 24, 1998.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation conducted a public hearing on March 25, 1998 at 9:00 AM in the I Liheslåturan Guåhan Public Hearing Room to hear testimonies on Bill No. 540 (COR).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

The hearing was called to order by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz. The following Committee members were present:

Senator Antonio Unpingco
Senator Mark Charfauros
Senator William B.S.M. Flores
Senator Tom Ada

Other Senators Present:

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.

PROVIDING TESTIMONY:

Mr. John W. Leon Guerrero, Acting Director, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Alicia Limptiaco, Assistant AG, Department of Law, Prosecution Division

Lenny Rapadas, Chief Prosecutor, Department of Law, Prosecution Division

BACKGROUND:

Mr. John W. Leon Guerrero, Acting Director, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, informed the Committee that he was not aware of Bill No. 540 (COR) and requested two weeks to prepare additional testimony. He wanted to outline what his department has accomplished in the last four months dealing with the problems they faced administering the Healing Hearts Program. In addition, he specifically wanted to describe the critical components of the Rape Crisis Center and how his department is addressing each component. The Chairman granted additional time.

Alicia Limptiaco, Assistant AG, Department of Law, Prosecution Division, expressed her concern concerning the possible conflict of interest by transferring the Healing Hearts Program to the Superior Court; Healing Hearts should remain with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and independent of the Judiciary.

FINDINGS:

The Committee finds that:

- Although the administration and management of the Healing Hearts Program by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse needs improvement, it is in the best interest of

the victims to keep the Healing Hearts Program independent of the Judiciary so as to prevent possible conflict of interest situations from occurring when issues concerning victims and their perpetrators arise.

- The Healing Hearts Program requires an additional appropriation of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to fund the remaining part of the Program's operations for Fiscal Year 1998.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee, having conducted a sufficient hearing, does hereby recommend to the I Liheslåturan Guåhan to do pass substitute Bill No. 540 (COR) AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE HEALING HEARTS PROGRAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RELATIVE TO INSURING AND STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM FOR REMAINING FISCAL YEAR 1998.

