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GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco  
Speaker  
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Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature  
Guam Legislature Temporary Building  
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Received By	<u>[Signature]</u>
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Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Substitute Bill No. 691 (COR), "AN ACT AMEND §7 OF P. L. NO. 23-147 AND TO AMEND §20028 OF CHAPTER 20 OF TITLE 3 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FUNDING THE COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION AND THE CHAMORRO REGISTRY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A DECOLONIZATION PLEBISCITE ON DECEMBER 12, 1999, FOR FUNDING SCOVE OPERATIONS AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES", which I have signed into law today as Public Law No. 24-296.

This legislation amends Sections of Public Law No. 23-130, relative to the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board, and Public Law No. 23-147, the Commission on Decolonization.

The Chamorro Registry Advisory Board, tasked with producing a registry of Chamorros, is given an appropriation of \$40,000 and the authority to conduct an identification and awareness campaign in order to assemble the registry.

The Task Forces established by the Commission on Decolonization are given 4 months from this date to produce position papers on the political status options of statehood, free association, and independence. The Task Force meetings are specifically stated to be open to the public, with notice given at least 24 hours prior to the meetings.

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The plebescite which was originally scheduled by law to be conducted in the primary election held in September, 1998, is rescheduled to be held on December 12, 1999.

Finally, the funds available to the Commission on Self Determination are available also to the Commission on Decolonization for its Fiscal Year 1999 operations, and an appropriation of \$10,000 is provided to SCOVE to pay for the Hagåtña Centennial Projects which it sponsored.

Very truly yours,



Carl T. C. Gutierrez  
I Maga'lahañ Guåhan  
Governor of Guam

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


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

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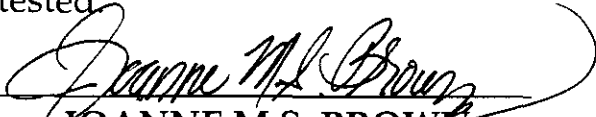
MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 691 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §7 OF P.L. NO. 23-147 AND TO AMEND §20028 OF CHAPTER 20 OF TITLE 3 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FUNDING THE COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION AND THE CHAMORRO REGISTRY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A DECOLONIZATION PLEBISCITE ON DECEMBER 12, 1999, FOR FUNDING SCOVE OPERATIONS AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES," was on the 2nd day of October, 1998, duly and regularly passed.

  
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ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO  
Speaker

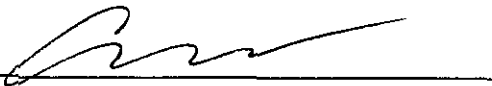
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JOANNE M.S. BROWN  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1998,  
at 1:15 o'clock P.M.

  
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Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahaen's Office*

APPROVED:

  
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CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ  
*I Maga'lahaen Guahan*

Date: 10.21.98

Public Law No. 24.296

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

**Bill No. 691 (COR)**

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

Introduced by:

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

**AN ACT TO AMEND §7 OF P.L. NO. 23-147 AND TO  
AMEND §20028 OF CHAPTER 20 OF TITLE 3 OF THE  
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO  
FUNDING THE COMMISSION ON  
DECOLONIZATION AND THE CHAMORRO  
REGISTRY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF CONDUCTING A DECOLONIZATION  
PLEBISCITE ON DECEMBER 12, 1999, FOR FUNDING  
SCOVE OPERATIONS AND FOR OTHER RELATED**

## PURPOSES.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

1           **Section 1. Legislative Finding.**   It is the finding of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*  
2 that the Guam Commission on Decolonization and the Chamorro Registry  
3 Advisory Board, as established by Public Law Numbers 23-147 and 23-130,  
4 respectively, require significant resources to conduct the activities prescribed by  
5 law. It is further found that pursuant to the funding of the operations of the  
6 Commission on Decolonization and the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board, the  
7 task of registering eligible voters for a decolonization plebiscite and providing  
8 voters with the necessary information will require significant time beyond the  
9 date originally mandated.  
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11           *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that despite an initial delay in the establishment  
12 of the Commission on Decolonization, that Political Status Task Forces on  
13 Statehood for Guam, Free Association for Guam and Independence for Guam  
14 have been formed and are sanctioned by the Commission on Decolonization. As  
15 Political Status Task Force operations begin, issues not contemplated by the laws  
16 creating them have arisen; many of these issues require the direction of public  
17 policy and clarification.

18           **Section 2. Legislative Intent.**                   It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan*  
19 *Guahan* to provide public funding to carry out the public purpose of ascertaining  
20 the desires of the colonized people of Guam on their preferred decolonized  
21 political status option through an act of self-determination. Public funds in this  
22 measure are intended to provide the Commission on Decolonization and the  
23 Political Status Task Forces with initial funding for the immediate  
24 commencement of its work, and the Guam Election Commission and the

1 Chamorro Registry Advisory Board with the resources to plan an aggressive  
2 awareness campaign and registry drive.

3 **Section 3. Appropriation.** (a) All unexpended funds of the  
4 Commission on Self-Determination, as originally appropriated for its Fiscal Year  
5 1998 public education campaign in §45 of Public Law Number 24-59, are hereby  
6 re-appropriated to the Commission on Decolonization for its operations in Fiscal  
7 Year 1999.

8 (b) There is additionally appropriated for Fiscal Year 1999 from the  
9 General Fund to the Commission on Decolonization the amount of One Hundred  
10 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00) for the purpose of initial funding of  
11 operations.

12 (c) The appropriations in this Section shall be used to fund each Political  
13 Status Task Force in the amount of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00)  
14 for the purposes defined in §7 of Public Law Number 23-147, to fund an  
15 economic impact study of each status option to be coordinated by the  
16 Commission in conjunction with the Task Forces, to provide the Commission  
17 with initial seed money to house and equip Task Force operations and for other  
18 purposes of the Commission. Funds shall remain available until expended.

19 (d) The Commission on Decolonization is hereby granted independent  
20 procurement authority for this appropriation, *except* that there are no granted,  
21 stated or implied exceptions to the Procurement Rules and Regulations of the  
22 government of Guam, and all procurement under this Act shall comply with the  
23 Procurement Rules and Regulations of the government of Guam.

24 (e) Each Task Force shall report quarterly to the Commission on its  
25 expenditures.

1           **Section 4. Function of Task Forces.**       Section 7 of Public Law Number  
2 23-147 is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

3           **“Section 7.       Function of Task Forces.**       The three (3) task  
4 forces shall draw upon the resources of the Commission on Decolonization.  
5 No later than four (4) months after the enactment of this Law after  
6 conducting an extensive study, including input from the general public,  
7 each Task Force shall present a position paper to the Commission on its  
8 respective political status option for Guam.

9           Task Force meetings shall be open to the public. Notwithstanding  
10 any other provision of law, Task Forces are to provide notice to all Guam  
11 media outlets of the date, time and venue of their meetings no later than  
12 twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.”

13           **Section 5.   Date of Plebiscite.**       Notwithstanding any other provision  
14 of law, the decolonization plebiscite on political status options preferred by  
15 eligible voters, as described in §10 of Public Law Number 23-147, shall be  
16 conducted by the Guam Election Commission on December 12, 1999.

17           **Section 6.   Appropriation to the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board.**  
18 There is hereby appropriated to the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board the  
19 amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to conduct an intensive awareness  
20 program and voter registration.

21           **Section 7.** Section 20028 of Chapter 20 of Title 3 of the Guam Code  
22 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

23           **“Section 20028.   Same:   Duties and Responsibilities.** The Board  
24 shall have direct and immediate supervision over the registration clerks  
25 designated in accordance with this Chapter to perform duties relative to

1 the establishment, administration and maintenance of the Chamorro  
2 Registry. Where such duties overlap with duties relative to the conduct of  
3 elections, the Board shall make recommendations to the Commission  
4 relative to the supervision of said clerks, and the Commission shall have  
5 the final decision-making authority.

6 The Board shall recommend to the Commission the suspension from  
7 the performance of said duties any of said clerks who shall fail to comply  
8 with its instruction, orders, decisions or rulings, and the appointment of  
9 temporary substitutes. Upon the recommendation of the Commission, *I*  
10 *Maga'lahaen Guahan* may remove any and all clerks who shall be found  
11 guilty of nonfeasance or misfeasance in connection with the performance  
12 of their duties relative to the Chamorro Registry.

13 The Board shall coordinate with the Commission an intensive  
14 identification and awareness campaign and voter registration drive among  
15 potentially eligible voters through use of media, direct-mail programs,  
16 family networks, public agency infrastructure or any other means to reach  
17 those individuals whose right to decolonization is recognized by this Act.”

18 **Section 8. Eligibility of Voters.** For the purpose of defining eligible  
19 voters in the decolonization plebiscite, the definition of §20001(a) of Title 3 of the  
20 Guam Code Annotated shall prevail and be the standard by which the registry’s  
21 eligible voters is established.

22 **Section 9.** All unexpended funds of the Commission on Self-  
23 Determination, to include travel funds for its Fiscal Year 1998 and 1999 budget,  
24 shall be made available to the Commission on Self-Determination and to the  
25 Commission on Decolonization for its operations in Fiscal Year 1999.



1           **Section 10.           Appropriation to SCOVE.** Notwithstanding any other  
2 provision of law, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is hereby  
3 authorized and appropriated from the General Fund to the State Council on  
4 Vocational Education (“SCOVE”) to fund the Centennial Projects under Project  
5 Hagåtña, including, but not limited to, the “*Hami ni danderos*” event, the  
6 American Citizenship Celebration and other further Centennial projects.

7           **Section 11.           Severability.** If any provision of this Law or its  
8 application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to  
9 law, such invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law  
10 which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to  
11 this end the provisions of this Law are severable.



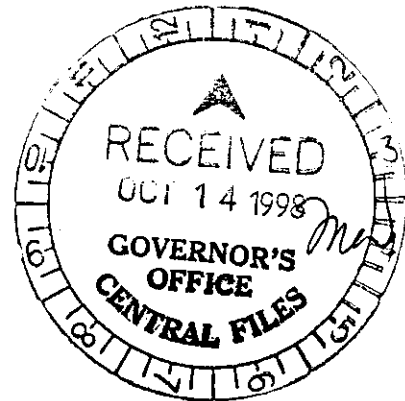
**MINA' BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN**

TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

October 13, 1998

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Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez  
*I Maga'lahaen Guahan*  
Office of *I Maga'lahi*  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910



Dear *Maga'lahi* Gutierrez:

Transmitted herewith is Substitute Bill No. 691 (COR) which was passed by *I MINA' BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* on October 2, 1998.

Sincerely,

  
JOANNE M.S. BROWN  
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure: (1)



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

Chairman,  
Finance & Taxation

August 3, 1998

Chairman,  
Ethics & Standards

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco  
Speaker

Vice-Chairman,  
Committee on Rules

Mina'Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan  
155 Hesler Street

Member,  
Judiciary, Public Safety &  
Consumer Protection

Hagatna, Guahan 96910

Member,  
Natural Resources

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Member,  
Tourism, Economic  
Development, & Cultural  
Affairs

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to which was referred *Bill No. 691(COR)*, "An Act to fund the work of the Commission on Decolonization and the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board for the purpose of conducting a Decolonization Plebiscite in October 1999", has had the same under consideration and now wishes to report back the same with the recommendation *TO DO PASS, as substituted*.

Member,  
Transportation,  
Telecommunications &  
Micronesia Affairs

Votes of the committee members are as follows:

Member,  
Guam Finance  
Commission

  8   To Pass

Member,  
Commission on Self  
Determination

       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

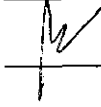
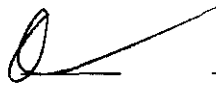


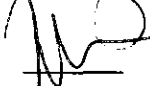
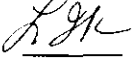
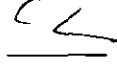

MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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

## VOTING SHEET ON:

*Bill No. 691(COR) "An act to fund the work of the Commission on Decolonization and the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board for the purpose of conducting a Decolonization Plebiscite in October 1999".*

<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. Thomas C. Ada <i>Member</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. William B.S.M. Flores <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*

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### **Committee Report**

***Bill No. 691(COR)***

***"An Act to fund the work of the Commission on Decolonization and the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board for the purpose of conducting a Decolonization Plebiscite in October 1999"***

## I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Finance and Taxation held a public hearing on Monday, August 3, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Office of Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz to hear public testimony on *Bill No. 691 (COR)*. Public Notice was announced and published in the Thursday, July 30, 1998 and Sunday, August 2, 1998 issues of the Pacific Daily News.

## II. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Other members of the Committee on Finance and Taxation present were:

*Senator W. B. S. M. Flores, Member*

Other Senators present were:

*Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.*

Providing Public Testimony:

*Maria Teehan, Independence Task Force (oral/written)*

*Jesse Toves*

*Hope A. Cristobal (oral)*

*Leland Bettis, Guam DC (oral)*

*Henry A. Torres (oral)*

*Chris L. Howard, OPI-R (oral/written)*

*Antonio Sablan, Com on Decolonization-Independent Task  
(written)*

*Audrey E. Cepeda, Free Association Task Force*

*Trini Torre, Free Association Task Force*

*Eloy Hara, Statehood Task Force (oral)*

*Joseph M. Borja, Chamorro Registry Advisory Board (oral)*

*Patty Garrido, Ancestral Landowners Coalition*

*Edward R. Duenas, Chairman, Guam Statehood Task Force  
(written)*

## **FINDINGS:**

The Committee finds that there is a need to provide initial funding to (1) integrate the activities of the Guam Commission on Decolonization (GCD), the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board (CRAB) and the Guam Election Commission (GEC) as it pertains to a vote by the Chamorro people and the provision of resources leading up to that vote. The Committee notes that the date initially prescribed by P.L. 23-147 law for a Chamorro vote on decolonization preferences has passed, and that funding for initial research activities of Task Forces of the GCD and for voter registration by the CRAB has yet to be provided for.

The Committee has heard Bill 691 which addresses these funding issues and integrates the functions of the various instrumentalities of the Government of Guam who are designated to carry out the purposes of Public Law. The Committee finds that an appropriation to fund the GCD and its mandated Task Forces

(together with an Economic Impact Task Force) is necessary to carry out the purposes of public law (Sections 3 and 4). The Committee additionally finds that it is necessary to revise the date of the earlier proscribed Chamorro Decolonization plebiscite (Section 5). Resolving a potential matter of inconsistency between Guam Public Laws 23-147 and 23-130 on the identification of those who are eligible to register and participate in the plebiscite, the Committee believes that the clarifying eligibility to be consistent with standards provided for in the Treaty of Cessation and subsequent definitions in law appropriately integrates the aforementioned public laws for the purposes of the decolonization plebiscite (Section 8).

On the process of registration, the Committee finds that it is necessary for there to be conducted an extensive pre-registration publicity drive and grass-roots campaign which focuses on raising awareness amongst the Chamorro people about their right to decolonization. In this regard an appropriation to the GEC for the purpose of putting together a plan which focuses on raising awareness amongst the Chamorro people about their right to decolonization and the importance of their registration is found to be necessary. Such a plan should incorporate mediated and organizational approaches to maximizing the process of Chamorro registration (This campaign should not be confused with the educational process of providing information about the respective political; status options available to voters in the plebiscite). (Sections 6 and 7).



## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee, having conducted a sufficient hearing, recommends **passage of *Bill No. 691(COR) as substituted.***

**Testimony to Amend Bill #691**  
**by: MARIA C. TEEHAN**  
**August 3, 1998**

This testimony does not oppose the intent and the purposes of Bill #691 and, applauds Senator Willy Flores, Speaker Tony Unpingco and Senator Tony Blaz for introducing this bill in support of the purposes and intent of Public Laws 23-130 and 23-147 (Creation of the Commission on Decolonization and the Chamorro Registry Board). Thank you Speaker and Senators.

However, in order to properly facilitate the processes pursuant to the purposes and goals of these public laws, certain amendments to this bill are necessary.

**Amendment #1:**

Section 1: Legislative Finding. It is the finding of ...

The Legislature finds that despite an initial delay in the establishment of the Commission on Decolonization, that Political Task Forces on ~~Statehood for Guam, Free Association for Guam, and Independence for Guam~~ [Free Association for Guam, Independence for Guam, and Statehood for Guam]...

**Reasoning (#1):**

The listing order of task forces should be rotated--at the least alphabetized. (Senators understand the importance of such ordered listing)

**Amendment #2:**

Section 2: Legislative Intent. It is the intent of the Guam legislature to provide public funding to carry out the public purpose of ascertaining the views of the colonized Chamorro people of Guam on their preferred decolonized political status option . . .

**Reasoning (#2):**

The people of Guam are not colonized--only the Chamorros of Guam are.

**Amendment #3:**

Section 3: Appropriation . . .

~~(c) Task Forces may receive non-public contributions to advance their function in the same manner as a candidate for political office in Guam receives contributions. Task Forces in receipt of non-public monies are required to report such contributions in the same format and subject to the same timelines and filing dates as a candidate for political office, and shall forward copies of such reports to the Commission on~~

~~Decolonization at the time of their filing with the Guam Election Commission.~~

Reasoning (#3):

All funding shall be received only by the Commission.

Amendment #4:

Section 5. Date of Plebiscite. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the decolonization plebiscite on political status options preferred by eligible voters shall be conducted by the Guam Election Commission on [~~October 5, 1999~~] January 3, 2001.

Reasoning (#4):

Setting the date of the plebiscite *must* be based on the time necessary for voters to make well informed decision i.e. understand why this plebiscite is being conducted and comprehend the substance and resulting consequences of each political status based.

As an advocate of independence, we have a heavier task of convincing voters than free association or statehood that the resulting consequences of this status is the most favorable because we have to overcome the mindset of 430 years of colonized rule. As an example, when the Organization of People for Indigenous Rights embarked on the promotion of Chamorro self determination, it took over a generation to understand that this right belonged only to the colonized and not to the colonizer.

Only upon this realization were efforts made to produce a historical basis of this right (Haleta series). However, educational materials providing guidelines for the implementation of this right is still lacking to date despite the enabling act implementing this right.

The preparation, printing and dissemination of materials in itself would take time, with the full understanding of each status requiring a longer period to accomodate discussions and discourse. Thus it would not be unreasonable to propose that two (2) years would provide a minimal time frame to accomodate this process of prepaation, dissemination and discussion.

Actual availability of funds: August/September 1998

Submission of Task Force Reports: January 3, 1999

Plebiscite Vote: January 3, 2001

Amendment #5:

Section 6. Appropriation to the Guam Election Commission. There is hereby appropriated to the Guam Election Commission the amount of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of establishing a plan pursuant to Public Laws 23 -130 and 147 for an intensive awareness and voter registration drive for eligible voters in the decolonization plebiscite.

Reasoning (#5):

To ensure that the plan is cohesive with the purposes and intent of both public laws.

**OPI-R**  
**Organization of People for Indigenous Rights**  
**P.O. Box 3062, Hagatna, Guam 96932**  
**Tel: (671) 828-2957**

**OPI-R TESTIMONY on**  
**August 3, 1998**

**Bill No. 691, AN ACT TO FUND THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ON  
DECOLONIZATION AND THE CHAMORRO REGISTRY ADVISORY BOARD FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A DECOLONIZATION PLEBISCITE IN  
OCTOBER 1999.**

The Organization of People for Indigenous Rights (OPI-R) wholeheartedly supports Bill No. 691 and sincerely thanks the authors for expeditiously drafting this bill in consideration of the colonized Chamorro people.

By virtue of our being the colonized, and also because we are an indigenous people, we have the right to determine our political status and that of our homeland.

We are a people. And although our colonial history has altered our face and our actions, we can say with justified pride, we are still alive after all these years.

Regarding the Bill, as written, OPI-R has some recommendations and comments and two requests for inclusion.

We recommend that the first two lines on page two be amended by substituting the word desire in place of "views" and adding through an act of self-determination at the end of the sentence after the word "option."

In Section 6, we think it to be extravagant to appropriate to the Guam Election Commission \$40,000.00 solely for the purpose of establishing a plan. This plan is stated to be for "an intensive awareness and voter registration drive for eligible voters." It is our understanding that the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board would establish such a plan, subject to the approval of the Election Commission and the Governor, as Chairman of the Commission on Decolonization. It is also our understanding that voter awareness would arise during the actual process of voter registration. We think that \$40,000.00 would be sufficient to cover such costs and that this amount be earmarked for the work of the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board. Additional funding, including "the sums necessary for the conduct of the plebiscite," can, most likely, be included in the Election Commission's budget request for FY 1999.

We would also like to point out that in Section 8, it should read 3 GCA rather than 20 GCA.

Aside from this, we ask that the committee add two new sections. We make this request believing it to be necessary in order to safeguard and support the decolonization of Guam through the exercise of Chamorro self-determination.

**One section would be to mandate Guam's congressman to withdraw the draft Commonwealth Act from the U.S. Congress.**

We make this request because 1) ten years is sufficient time for Congress to have acted on Guam's Commonwealth initiative; 2) unreasonable and unjustifiable opposition to the sections of the draft Act important to Guam and the Chamorro people; and 3) the continuation of a colonial status is proving to be detrimental to the Chamorros, as a people, particularly, in regards to immigration being under the control of the United States.

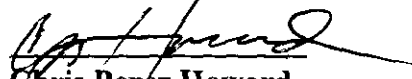
**The second section we ask to be added is to dissolve the Commission on Self-Determination and to transfer its staff and the remainder of its funding to the Commission on Decolonization.**

We make this request because although the Commission on Self-Determination has served Guam well, despite all its efforts, it cannot penetrate the U.S. congressional and administrative colonial mind set created by their own self-interests.

OPI-R believes that Guam must now focus on its Chamorro people and their self-determination path to decolonization. We must stop waiting for the United States to act but show political maturity and press forward for the sake of our island, our people, and our way of life. We must save ourselves. It will certainly not be an easy trip as colonialists and their supporters can be strong adversaries.

But look how strong we Chamorros have been as a people, our survival alone is proof of it.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase. Thank You.

  
**Chris Perez Howard**  
**Chairman, OPI-R**

**Testimony to Amend Bill # 691**

by: Antonio Artero Sablan  
Chair, Independence Task Force  
Commission on Decolonization  
August 03, 1998

This testimony does not oppose the intent and the purposes of Bill # 691 and applauds Senator Willy Flores, Speaker Tony Unpingco, and Tony Blaz for introducing this bill, in support of the purposes and intent of Public Laws 23-130 and 23-147 (Creation of the Commission on Decolonization and the Chamorro Registry Board).

**I thank the Chairperson and all of you Senators for being here today for this hearing.**

I do ask for your consideration of the following:

**AMENDMENT # 1:**

**Section 2: Legislative Intent.**

It is the intent of the Liheslaturan Guahan to provide public funding to carry out the public purpose of ascertaining the [views] will of the colonized Chamorro people of Guam,

as identified pursuant to Section 3 of Public Law 23-130, and as furthered identified in the 1st Submission of the United States to the United Nation in 1946 relative to their identification of those people of Guam with the right of self-determination, as required pursuant to Article 73 of the United Nations Charter (OPNAV-P22-100).

on their preferred decolonized political status option...

**Reasoning (#1):**

The importance of identifying the people of whom this right legitimately belongs cannot be underestimated. Since the United State made its first report to the United Nation pursuant to the UN Charter in 1946, non Chamorros residing on Guam under the U.S. Colonial structure comprised less that 2% of the population, that was less than 400 people. Today, fifty-two (52) years later, the non-Chamorros population, on Guam, have now displace the Chamorros on Guam and now comprise of over 60% of the population, that is approximately 100,000 non Chamorros.

However, since the first report in 1946, the U.S. no longer reports its obligation on the conditions of the administering power to the "Colonized People of Guam" but rather on the condition of the "People of Guam", "ALL the People of Guam" without giving distinction to the various differences between the two subjects.

These misrepresentation gives a de facto impression among the international community, as well as the non Chamorros residing on Guam that the right of self-determination is a domestic issue - a right that belongs to all Guam U.S. citizens, rather than an international recognized inalienable human rights of a sovereign people.

AMENDMENT # 2:

Section 3: Appropriation.....

~~(c) Task Forces may received none-public contribution to advance their function...~~

(c) Task Forces are prohibited from directly receiving none-public contribution to advance their function, unless said none public contribution is channeled through the Commission and the Commission shall immediately distribute the amount donated to the intended donee.

We ask the following to be deleted:

~~[in the same manner as a candidate for political office in Guam receives contribution. Task Force in receipt of non public monies are required to report such contribution in the same format and subject to the same time lines and filing dates as a candidate for political office, and shall forward copies of such reports to the Commission on Decolonization at the time of their filing with the Guam Election Commission].~~

(c) Each Task Force shall report quarterly to the Commission on its expenditures and contribution received.

**Reasoning (#2):**

The advocacy of political status in order that a plebiscite may take place should not be limited by the limited funding of the Liheslaturan Guahan or the limited parameters of a candidate for many reasons.

First, unlike an election for public office, a plebiscite is only exercised once. Because of this, the parameters limits on one does not necessarily apply to the other. Whereas a plebiscite determines the constitutional and legal basis from which a government may form its internal processes as well as dictate its external relations in the international community, a candidate's action is limited to its already existing constitutional and legal structures.

Second, if the Commission on Decolonization is able to use the international forum to facilitate the process of Chamorro self determination, the financial means needed to facilitate this process should not be limited either to the rules of a Colonial Government especially to those limited set on a candidate running for public office. Even a political action committee promoting the causes of its corporation does not have this limit.

Third, the right to procure all means necessary to advocate a political status of independence requires a heavier task than the advocacy of statehood or full integration with the administering power - given that Guam has, and continues to be a colony for over 430 years.

In considering that the American population on Guam far exceeds that of Chamorros, and where it could be inferred that the protection of American interests on Guam is indistinguishable with their self interests as American, it would not thus be presumptuous to conclude that they would exert pressure by way of contribution on the statehood status as this ensures the permanency of their interest on Guam.

Thus contributions by non Chamorros unfairly influence the plebiscite towards a statehood status while leaving the independence status without access to other means of funding other than the minority Chamorros of Guam.



**AMENDMENT # 3:**

**Section 4: Function of the Task Forces.** Section 7 of Public Law 23-147 is hereby amended to read:

**Task Force meetings shall be opened and accessible to the public. Notwithstanding any other provision of ...**

**Reasoning (#3):**

The importance of accessibility to the public to ensure that a meeting is open cannot be emphasized enough. It would not be unreasonable to conclude that meeting held in a restaurant, unless paid for to reasonably accommodate an interested public, does not present itself as a public forum for open meetings as this would be inconsistent with restaurant's use and private rights.

**AMENDMENT # 4:**

**Section 5: Date of Plebiscite.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the decolonization plebiscite on political status options preferred by eligible voters as described in Section 10 of Public Law 23-147 shall be conducted by the Guam Election Commission on [~~October 5, 1999~~

**September 4, 2000.**

**Reasoning (#4):**

One purpose of setting a time frame is to provide the voters with enough time to make will informed decisions. Assuming that this bill will pass before the end of this month, this leaves the Task Forces to have their position papers completed by the end of November 1998, leaving a time frame of 9 months to plan, prepare, and educate the public.

This is not enough time to adequately plan an educational process, prepare materials for various kinds of communication medium, and to ensure that such materials are disseminated to all the voters. Twenty-one (21) months is a more adequate time frame.

Setting the plebiscite date on a primary legislative election may also put pressure on Chamorros to make a decision regarding their political future. However, if a majority is not achieved, Section 11 of Public Law 23-130 requires a run off election within 60 days. This run off may then be set on the general election date of

November 4, 2000.

**AMENDMENT # 5:**

**Section 6: Appropriation to the Guam Election Commission.**

There is hereby appropriated to the Guam Election Commission the amount of \$40,000 for the purpose of establishing a plan

**pursuant to Public Laws 23-130 and 23-147**

for an intensive awareness and voter registration drive for eligible voters in the decolonization plebiscite.

**Reasoning (#5):**

To ensure that the plan is cohesive with the purposes and intent of both public laws.

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**Si Yu'os Ma'ase!**

# Chamorro Registry Advisory Board

Joseph M. Borja, Chairman Pro-Tem  
David Herrera, Member  
Cotilde Gould, Member

August 3, 1998

TO: Committee on Finance and Taxation  
24th Guam Legislature

FR: Joseph M. Borja  
Chairman Pro-Tem

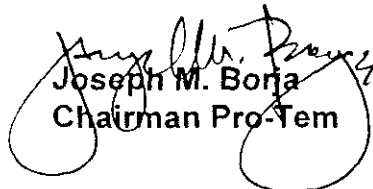
RE: Budget Request

Please find attached the Board's budget request for FY98. The budget was put together by the Board with help from the staff and management of the Guam Election Commission.

Relative to the bill which is the subject of today's public hearing I would like to say that if any funds are to be appropriated for the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board, I would suggest that it be transferred to the Guam Election Commission for two reasons:

1. The GEC should already have the administrative procedures in line for the expenditure of these funds.
2. The Chamorro Registry Advisory Board is an advisory board to the Guam Election Commission.

Thank you for the concern and help that the Committee and especially the sponsors is providing to the Board.

  
Joseph M. Borja  
Chairman Pro-Tem

attachment

cc: all Board members  
Guam Election Commission

**GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION  
CHAMORRO REGISTRY ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB)  
BUDGET EXPENSE SUMMARY**

Fiscal Year 1998

<b>PERSONNEL SERVICES</b>		<b>\$74,241 ✓</b>
Salary	\$56,659	
Benefits	17,582	
<b>OFF-ISLAND TRAVEL</b>		<b>40,000 ✓</b>
<b>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>		<b>135,059 —</b>
Consultant Services (Legal Services)	40,000 —	
Postal Services	8,000	
Printing & Duplicating Services	30,000	
Advertisement	30,000	
District Registrars	10,560	
Voter Registration System	16,499	
<b>OFFICE SPACE</b>		<b>10,700 ✓</b>
<b>SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS</b>		<b>6,000 ✓</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>15,000 ✓</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>		<b>4,000 ✓</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		<b>15,000 ✓</b>
Personal Computer with Laser Printer	9,000	
Office Furnishing	6,000	

**TOTAL:                   \$300,000.00**

TESTIMONY ON BILL 691

by

Edward R. Duenas

Chairman, Guam Statehood Task Force

Legislative Public Hearing

July 22, 1998

Chairman/Vice Speaker Blaz and members of the committee:

Many thanks for the opportunity to appear before this committee and testify on Bill 691, introduced by Senator Flores, Speaker Unpingco and yourself. As I understand, some input into this legislation came from the Commission on Decolonization, of which Speaker Unpingco and Senator Flores are members.

Senators, we are again embarking on a venture which could and should play a decisive role in the future political aspirations of the people of Guam. Somewhat similar to the actions taken about 15 years ago when the people of Guam took a bold step into self-determination and held a plebiscite on what future political status they would want to pursue. But there were differences. Then it was done on our own local initiative to define which political option to seek, and whereas the one we are undertaking today is prompted by an act of the United Nations. Whereas there were then five political options identified for the people to choose -- status quo, statehood, free association, commonwealth and independent -- this time only three options are to be placed on the ballot -- statehood, independence and free association.

Indeed, the result of the plebiscite planned for next year as proposed in Bill 691 will have a far-reaching implication. It calls to mind the proverbial Latin phrase "Quo Vadis" -- which asks "Where do we go" from here. With over three centuries of Spanish colonization under an authoritarian rule and with almost 100 years under administration of the United States of America, it is high time that the people of Guam choose its ultimate political status goal. The right to do so can be found in the Treaty of Paris which ceded Guam to U.S. at the end of the Spanish-American War, and in the United Nations Charter of which the U.S. is a major signatory. In both documents, the U.S. is obligated to give opportunity to the inhabitants of Guam to freely decide their political involvement. As yet, that right has not been formally or officially exercised. Today, we are at the threshold of doing just that.

I am here this morning on behalf of the Guam Statehood Task Force -- one of the three task forces of the Commission on Decolonization created by an earlier law enacted by the previous Legislature to help spearhead the coming plebiscite . Each task force is given the responsibility to research pertinent information, conduct public awareness education, and advocate its political status.

This is, indeed, a monumental undertaking, one in which the task forces should leave no stone unturned in their efforts to put together position papers based on facts and figures, rational and logical propositions and reasonable expectations. The end result of the plebiscite will be a political status that offers the people of Guam political stability, sound economic growth, maximum social benefits and an environment conducive to the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

As I see it, the task forces are the workhorses of the Commission that will bring the plebiscite to a successful conclusion. They will undertake practically all the research and information-gathering, conduct in coordination with the Commission an extensive awareness program to educate the people of Guam on the pros and cons of each political status option, and marshal their energies to advocate and convince the people of Guam why they should vote for their respective status. The Commission will oversee the work of the task forces, maintain administrative control and provide other support needed for each task force to successfully complete its work.

Section 3 of Bill 691 calls for an initial appropriation of \$475,000 for the Commission. Of this amount, \$75,000 will be earmarked to each task force for a total of \$225,000, and the balance of \$250,000 will go to the general operation of the Commission. More specifically, it said the appropriation "is to fund each Political Status Task Force in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the purposes defined in Section 7 of Guam Public Law 23-147 to fund an economic impact study of each status option to be coordinated by the Commission in conjunction with the Task Forces..." Does this language limit the use of the \$75,000 only to "economic impact study"? What about determining the impact on the territory's social, educational, political development and international relations? What about assessing the internal and external security requirements of the territory? In view of the questions I just raised, I suggest that this language be amended to also address these concerns.

In addition, we suggest that a phrase be included to make clear that funds for equipment and supplies, office space and basic administrative staff, and internet

services and related office requirements would be exclusive of the \$75,000 given to each task force, and that these requirements be funded out of the \$250,000 earmarked for the general operation of the Commission.

Thus, we respectfully propose an amendment to reword the first paragraph of Section 3 to read as follows:

“Section 3. There is hereby appropriated to the Commission on Decolonization the sum of four hundred and seventy five thousand dollars (\$475,000) as an initial funding for its operations. Of this amount, the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) is earmarked for each task force to use in conducting an in-depth research, fact-finding and data gathering that will include an economic impact study on each status option. The balance of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) shall be used by the Commission as an initial seed money to house and equip the Task Force operations that include basic administrative staff, office space, office equipment, telephones and internet services for each Task Force, and for other purposes of the Commission. Funds shall remain available until expended.”

Another concern that we have is Section 7 of the bill. It would give each task force only four months from the date of appointment and availability of funds to conduct an extensive study of its status option that includes soliciting public input and then presenting a position paper to the Commission. Since the date of the plebiscite is being reset it from this September (in conjunction with the primary elections) to October 5 of next year, we suggest that more time be given to each task force to conduct a more thorough and exhaustive research and study of its status option.

We feel that this phase of the plebiscite will require more time, since not all information needed are readily available on Guam. The Guam Statehood Task Force, for instance, will need to communicate with federal government agencies and other research organizations abroad to gather facts and data we need to put together an intelligent and convincing position paper.

We also need to do a lot of browsing into the internet to gather other pertinent material, then analyze all the materials gathered to establish our position. And since almost all of our Task Force members are full-time employees, we will be doing our task force work on whatever time we can spare without jeopardizing our jobs. If the date of the plebiscite is reset to October 5, 1999, then we suggest that each task force completes the research and present its position paper to the Commission no later

than the second week of next April. This will still give at least six months for each task force to conduct an intensive the public awareness education program and advocacy up to the plesbicite date.

Thus, we recommend that the second paragraph of Section 7 be amended to read:

“Section 7. Functions of the three task forces. The three task forces shall draw upon the resources of the Commission on Decolonization. Each task force shall conduct extensive study on its status option and present its position paper to the Commission no later than April 5, 1999.”

Our task force, and I believe this is also shared by the two other task force chairmen, is also concerned about paragraph 2 of Section 7 of Bill 691. This is an addition to the existing provisions of Public Law 23-147 which reads:

“Task Force meetings shall be open to the public. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Task Forces are to provide notice to all Guam media outlets of the date, time and venue of their meetings no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.”

I am at a loss to find the rationale or the need to mandate by law such a tasking to each of the task forces. We realize that the Attorney General's Office, in response to an inquiry from the Commission on Decolonization, has advised that meetings of the task forces as an advisory body to the Commission are covered under the Open Government Law and thus are open to the public. But I believe that the Open Government Law does not mandate a board or commission to provide notice to all media outlets regarding their meetings, but to provide notice to be published in a general circulation newspaper.

I ask this committee -- Why require the task force to “provide notice to all Guam media outlets” at least 24 hours before holding a meeting? If we are to do this, then each task forces will be required to give notice of meetings to 11 printed media outlets (Pacific Daily News, Guam Shinbun, Guam Shoppers, Guam Sports View, Images, Korean Weekly News, Pacific Voice, Guam Business News, Glimpses of Guam, Bonita, Directions), 11 radio stations (Adventist World Radio, Catholic Educational Radio, K-Stereo 95, KSDA-FM Joy 92, KTWG Radio, KUAM 94, Light 91 FM, K-57 Radio Newstalk, Power 98 FM, Transworld Radio, Public Radio Station) and four



television stations (KUAM TV, TV 14, Marianas Cable Vision, KGTF Educational TV). I don't believe that's the intent of the Legislature.

Although the task forces are considered advisory bodies to the Commission on Decolonization, I personally still feel that during the initial phase of its work, it is basically engaging in work sessions, information gathering and analysis of data in preparation to put together a position paper. There is no binding decision to be made on establishing public policy. It is at this stage when the task force brainstorms ways to get facts and to strategize the best way to advocate its status.

I find it unnecessary and possibly cumbersome to have our task force work sessions open to everyone and be looking over our shoulder when putting together a strategy to advocate our position. I am inclined to likened our work session to what a lawyer does in preparing his case for a court appearance, and giving others a preview on how he will be arguing his points before making his presentation.

With all due respect, I recommend that this paragraph be deleted. Insert in its place the following:

*"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the work sessions/meetings of the task forces during the research phase of its work are exempted from the application of the Open Government Law."*

*The work of the task forces is crucial to the success of the plebiscite. It should be given every consideration in terms of funding and conducive working environment because the end product of their work will surely impact on the political stature of Guam in the future. We cannot afford to shortchange the people of Guam at this historical juncture.*

Thank you and Si Yuus Maase.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BILL 691**

Reword the first paragraph of Section 3 to read:

“Section 3. There is hereby appropriated to the Commission on Decolonization the sum of four hundred and seventy five thousand dollars (\$475,000) as an initial funding for its operations. Of this amount, the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) is earmarked for each task force to use in conducting an in-depth research, fact-finding and data gathering that will include an economic impact study on each status option. The balance of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) shall be used by the Commission as an initial seed money to house and equip the Task Force operations that include basic administrative staff, office space, office equipment, telephones and internet services for each Task Force, and for other purposes of the Commission. Funds shall remain available until expended.”

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Amend second paragraph of Section 7 to read:

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Substitute paragraph 2 of Section to read:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the work sessions/meetings of the task forces during the research phase of its work are exempted from the application of the Open Government Law.”







1 Further, the result of the numerous typhoons and earthquakes have taken  
2 its toll on these facilities rendering them unsafe for further operational use.

3 Finally, these facilities have lived out its economic and operational use and  
4 the University of Guam must commence to upgrade and rebuild its facilities to  
5 meet the twenty-first century.

6 Therefore, it is the intent of the Guam Legislature to authorize the  
7 University of Guam to finance the upgrading of the College of Business and  
8 Public Administration, the Student Center and the Administration building to  
9 accommodate the growing number of students within the university and the  
10 expansion of educational programs.

11 **Section 2. Sections 1 of Public Law Number 22-19 is amended to read:**

12 "Section 1. Legislative findings. The Guam Legislature finds that  
13 ~~territorial~~ Guam's leaders past and present have unanimously and  
14 consistently recognized education as the foremost priority of the  
15 government of Guam. To ensure that ample and continuing resources are  
16 available to support this priority, the Guam Legislature finds it necessary  
17 to establish a policy to fund the construction of permanent educational  
18 facilities. Through the issuance of general obligation bonds, revenue bonds  
19 or bank loans, ~~the territory~~ Guam can immediately address the current  
20 ~~infrastructure~~ capital improvement requirements."

21 **Section 3. Section 2 of Public Law Number 22-19 is amended by**  
22 **adding §§22430(a)(1), (b)(1) and (m)(9) and amending §§22430(k)(1) to**  
23 **Article 4, Division 2 of Title 5 Guam Code Annotated (GCA) to read:**

24 "§22430 (a) (1) The Governor of Guam is authorized to issue  
25 one (1) or more series of general obligation bonds of the government





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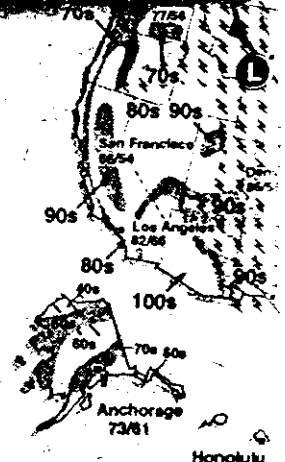
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Majuro	88	77	sh	85	78	c	Yap	86	76	r	86	79	c
Nauru	88	73	pc	90	76	s							

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

**GOVERNMENT MEETINGS**

**COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING (POST), UNDER GCC'S PROFESSIONAL-TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE:** Meeting 10 a.m.-noon, July 31, Guam Employers Council's conference room, Bank of Guam Building, East West Center, Tumon. Agenda copies available at GCC's Pro-Tech Institute office, 735-5519.

**GVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Third quarterly membership meeting 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., July 31, Hyatt Regency Hotel's Ballroom A. Guest speaker: Robert Bryan, Bryan World Productions on "Read Between the Lines: The Truth About Graffiti." Buffet lunch fee (payable

at door). RSVP by 5 p.m., July 30: Miranda C. Munoz, 646-5278/9 or fax 646-8861.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION'S INTERIM GOVERNING BOARD:** Special meeting 6 p.m., July 31, Staff Development Center, Mangilao. For more information call 734-4902/3.

**COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION'S INDEPENDENCE TASK FORCE:** 3 p.m., Aug. 1, Governor's Cabinet conference room, RJB complex, Adelup. For more information call 475-9222.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & TAXA-**

**TION:** Public hearing 9 a.m. Aug. 3, Vice Speaker's office, 1 Liheslaturan Guahan, 155 Hesler St., Hogafina. Bills 691 (cor.), 710. For more information call 472-3557/8.

**UOG BOARD OF REGENTS:** Emergency meeting 5:30 p.m., Aug. 3, AV Room no. 1, RFK Library, UOG. For accommodations call Jess Torres, 734-2244 or TTY 735-2243.

**BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY:** Noon, Aug. 3, Health Professional Licensing office, 1302 E. Sunset Blvd., Tiyon. Agenda copies available at 1304 E. Sunset Blvd. For more information call 475-0251/2.

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**FISCAL NOTE  
BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH**

Bill No. 691 (COR) Date Received 8/18/98  
 Amendatory Bill YES X NO      Date Reviewed 8/25/98  
 Department/Agency Affected: Commission on Decolonization /Guam Election Commission  
 Department/Agency Head: Governor Carl Gutierrez, Chairman / Henry Torres, GEC Director  
 Total FY Appropriation to Date: CD - \$0.00 / GEC - \$670,712  
 Bill Title (Preamble): AN ACT TO FUND THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ON  
 DECOLONIZATION AND THE CHAMORRO REGISTRY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE  
 PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A DECOLONIZATION PLEBISCITE IN OCTOBER 1999.

Change in Law: Amends Section 7 of P.L. 23-147, and Section 20028 of 20 GCA.

Bill's Impact on Present Program Funding:

X Increase      Decrease      Reallocation      No Change  
 Bill is for: X Operations      Capital Improvement X Other- 1/

**FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPACT**

**ESTIMATED SINGLE-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)**

PROGRAM CATEGORY	GENERAL FUND	OTHER	TOTAL
Gov't.-wide Support / Comm.Svcs.	1/	1/	\$515,000.00

**ESTIMATED MULTI-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)**

FUND	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND	1/					1/
OTHER	1/					1/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$515,000</b>					<b>\$515,000</b>

FUNDS ADEQUATE TO COVER INTENT OF THE BILL? YES/NO - IF NO, ADD'L AMT REQUIRED 1/  
 AGENCY/PERSON/DATE CONTACTED: CSD-CD / Leland R. Bettis, CSD/CD Exec. Dir. / 8-25-98 and Guam  
 Election Commission / Henry Torres, Director / 8-26-98

**ESTIMATED POTENTIAL MULTI-YEAR REVENUES**

FUND	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1/</b>					<b>1/</b>

ANALYST William P. Fairington DATE 9/10/98  
 DIRECTOR JOSEPH E. RIVERA DATE SEP 14 1998  
 Acting Director

Footnotes: 1/ See attached comments.