

*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
79-34 (COR)	B. J.F. Cruz	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 15 TO TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY (GUAM C3PR).	4/17/17 8:29 a.m.	4/18/17	Committee on Environment, Land, Agriculture, and Procurement Reform	5/4/17 9:00 a.m.	5/16/17 2:27 p.m.  As amended by the Committee on Environment, Land, Agriculture, and Procurement Reform.	Fiscal Note Request 4/18/17  Fiscal Note 5/2/17	
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	LAPSED INTO LAW	DATE	NOTES	
	5/23/2017	AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW CHAPTER 15 TO TITLE 2 OF GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY (GUAM C3PR).	5/26/17	5/26/2017 5:25 p.m.  As amended by the Committee on Environment, Agriculture, Land and Procurement Reform; and further amended on the Floor.	6/7/17	Public Law No. 34-17	6/8/17	Received: 6/13/17 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 34GL-17-0627	



EDDIE BAZA CALVO  
Governor

RAY TENORIO  
Lieutenant Governor

*Office of the Governor of Guam.*


JUN 13 2017

The Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz  
Speaker

*I Mina'trentai Kuåttro Na*  
*Lihselaturan Guåhan*  
Guam Congress Building  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

GA#34-17-627  
Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

JUN 13 2017

Time: 1:56 PM [ ] AM [ ] PM File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Received By: 

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 79-34 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 15 TO TITLE 2 OF GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY (GUAM C³PR)," which lapsed into law on June 8, 2017, as Public Law 34-17.

*Senseramente,*

  
EDDIE BAZA CALVO  
Governor of Guam

2017 JUN 13 AM 11:39  

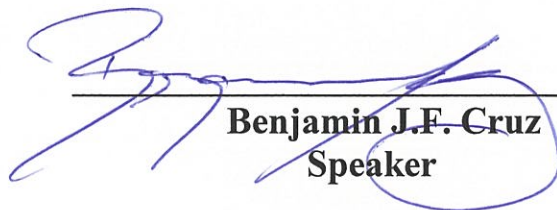

0627



*I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN**

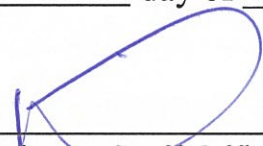
This is to certify that **Bill No. 79-34 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW CHAPTER 15 TO TITLE 2 OF GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY (GUAM C<sup>3</sup>PR)," was on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017, duly and regularly passed.

  
Benjamin J.F. Cruz  
Speaker

Attested:

  
Régine Biscoe Lee  
Legislative Secretary

-----  
This Act was received by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* this 26<sup>th</sup> day of MAY,  
2017, at 5:25 o'clock P.M.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'låhi's Office*

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
*I Maga'låhen Guåhan*

Date: JUN 08 2017

Public Law No. 34-17

***I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2017 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 79-34 (COR)**

As amended by the Committee on Environment,  
Agriculture, Land and Procurement Reform;  
and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

B. J.F. Cruz  
Thomas C. Ada  
FRANK B. AGUON, JR.  
William M. Castro  
James V. Espaldon  
Fernando Barcinas Esteves  
Régine Biscoe Lee  
Tommy Morrison  
Louise B. Muña  
Telen Cruz Nelson  
Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.  
Joe S. San Agustin  
Michael F.Q. San Nicolas  
Therese M. Terlaje  
Mary Camacho Torres

**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 15 TO TITLE 2 OF  
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO  
ESTABLISHING THE GUAM COUNCIL ON CLIMATE  
CHANGE PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY (GUAM  
C<sup>3</sup>PR).**

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

2        **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3        that the impacts of climate change on the people and island of Guam will continue  
4        to require a coordinated response by the government of Guam from all branches of  
5        government, and that such policy had been adopted by the United States Government

1 pursuant to President Barack H. Obama's Executive Order 13653 on preparing the  
2 United States for impacts of climate change.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that Governor Edward J.B. Calvo was  
4 named to the State, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness  
5 and Resilience, which was created pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 13653  
6 and established in the June 2013 Report of the Executive Office of the President,  
7 The President's Climate Action Plan. Subsequent to such appointment, Governor  
8 Calvo signed Executive Order No. 2015-08, which established the Guam Climate  
9 Change Task Force and the Climate Change Advisory Committee such that the  
10 government of Guam could begin system-wide coordination and long-range  
11 planning efforts to mitigate the potential adverse environmental and socioeconomic  
12 impacts of climate change.

13 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that on March 28, 2017, President Donald  
14 J. Trump signed an Executive Order (Trump Executive Order) that rescinded certain  
15 energy and climate-related Presidential and regulatory actions and reports approved  
16 by the President Barack H. Obama administration, such as:

17 (a) Executive Order 13653 of November 1, 2013 (Preparing the  
18 United States for the Impacts of Climate Change);

19 (b) the Presidential Memorandum of June 25, 2013 (Power Sector  
20 Carbon Pollution Standards);

21 (c) the Presidential Memorandum of November 3, 2015 (Mitigating  
22 Impacts on Natural Resources from Development and Encouraging Related  
23 Private Investment);

24 (d) the Presidential Memorandum of September 21, 2016 (Climate  
25 Change and National Security);

26 (e) the Report of the Executive Office of the President of June 2013  
27 (The President's Climate Action Plan); and

(f) the Report of the Executive Office of the President of March 2014 (Climate Action Plan Strategy to Reduce Methane Emissions).

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that notwithstanding the Trump Executive Order that rescinded the President Obama climate change policies, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* continues to support *I Maga'låhi's* Executive Order No. 2015-08 and recognizes the importance of preparing and planning for, as well as mitigating, the adverse impacts climate change will have on the people and island of Guam.

Therefore, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends on continuing to support the efforts of *I Maga'låhi's* Guam Climate Change Task Force and Climate Change Advisory Committee through the creation of the Guam Council on Climate Change Preparedness and Resiliency as a policy-recommending body of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to further craft policy and legislation to ensure that focus is placed on addressing the adverse impacts of climate change on the island and people of Guam.

**Section 2.** A new Chapter 15 is hereby *added* to Title 2 of Guam Code Annotated, to read:

## **“CHAPTER 15**

### **GUAM COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

#### **PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY**

- § 15101. Short Title.
- § 15102. Creation.
- § 15103. Definitions.
- § 15104. Membership.
- § 15105. Duties.
- § 15106. Authority.
- § 15107. Administration.
- § 15108. Conduct of Meetings, Quorum.

1       § 15109.    Severability.

2       **§ 15101.    Short Title.**

3       This Chapter *shall* be known as the “Guam Climate Change Preparedness and  
4 Resiliency Act.”

5       **§ 15102.    Creation.**

6       The Guam Council on Climate Change Preparedness and Resiliency (Guam  
7 C<sup>3</sup>PR) is hereby established for the sole purpose of developing policy direction and  
8 recommendations relative to ensuring that the government of Guam focuses its vast  
9 resources on preparing and planning for, and mitigating, adverse impacts of climate  
10 change on Guam.

11      **§ 15103.    Definitions.**

12      As used in this Chapter, unless the context in which they are used requires a  
13 different meaning:

14           (a)   *Council* means the Guam Council on Climate Change  
15 Preparedness and Resiliency.

16           (b)   *Climate change* means any significant change in the measures of  
17 climate lasting for an extended period of time such as major changes in  
18 temperature, precipitation, or wind patterns, among other effects, that occur  
19 over several decades or longer.

20           (c)   *Global warming* means the ongoing rise in global average  
21 temperature near Earth’s surface that is caused mostly by increasing  
22 concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

23      **§ 15104.    Membership.**

24      The composition of the members of the Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* be as follows:

25           (a)   the legislative chairperson with oversight over environment, or  
26 his/her designee from among the members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, who  
27 *shall* serve as the chairperson of the C<sup>3</sup>PR;

1 (b) the President of the University of Guam, or his or her designee,  
2 who *shall* serve as the vice chairperson of the C<sup>3</sup>PR;

3 (c) the legislative chairperson with oversight over appropriations, or  
4 his/her designee;

5 (d) one (1) majority member of *I Liheslatura* appointed by the  
6 Speaker, who may appoint him/herself, or a designee;

7 (e) one (1) minority member of *I Liheslatura* appointed by the  
8 Speaker;

9 (f) the chairperson of the Guam Climate Change Task Force  
10 designated by *I Maga'låhi* pursuant to Executive Order No. 2015-08;

11 (g) one (1) member from the Climate Change Advisory Committee  
12 appointed by *I Maga'låhi* pursuant to Executive Order No. 2015-08;

13 (h) the Chairperson of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities, or  
14 his/her designee;

15 (i) the Executive Director of the University of Guam Center for  
16 Island Sustainability, or his/her designee; and

17 (j) all other members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, as ex-officio  
18 members.

19 **§ 15105. Duties.**

20 The Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* work collaboratively to create policy recommendations  
21 to *I Liheslatura* relative to how the government of Guam can utilize its departmental  
22 and agency resources to:

23 (a) plan and prepare for and adapt to the impending impacts of  
24 climate change on the island and people of Guam;

25 (b) understand and address the contribution to climate change and  
26 global warming from local activities, to include, but not limited to, government  
27 of Guam and local federal activities;

1 (c) mitigate the contribution of the government of Guam to climate  
2 change and global warming;

3 (d) support *I Maga'låhi's* efforts pursuant to Executive Order No.  
4 2015-08 on his creation of the Guam Climate Change Task Force (Task Force)  
5 and the Climate Change Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee);

6 (e) review the discussions, reports, and recommendations by *I*  
7 *Maga'låhi's* Guam Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and other  
8 outputs and reports from the Task Force and Advisory Committee;

9 (f) recommend policies to promote clean air and clean water for the  
10 people of Guam;

11 (g) recommend policies for the advancement of the use of renewable  
12 energy from an individual and governmental perspective toward reducing  
13 greenhouse gas emissions;

14 (h) recommend policies to address climate-induced migration and  
15 displacement;

16 (i) prioritize and focus policy recommendations on climate change  
17 resilience, ecosystem and biodiversity protection, waste management and  
18 pollution control, and environmental governance; and

19 (j) recommend to *I Liheslatura* policy and funding  
20 recommendations to incorporate the needs and focus necessary to ensure  
21 climate change impacts to the people and island of Guam are planned and  
22 prepared for, addressed and/or mitigated.

23 **§ 15106. Authority.**

24 Government of Guam agencies and departments, including autonomous  
25 entities, *shall* make available to the Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR in a timely manner such data and  
26 technical support as is necessary for it to perform its duties as provided in this  
27 Chapter. The Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* be authorized to:

1 (a) receive, compile, and examine the records and work products of  
2 the Task Force and the Advisory Committee created pursuant to Executive  
3 Order 2015-08;

4 (b) request, receive, and examine reports, data, and information from  
5 government of Guam departments and agencies, including autonomous  
6 agencies, relating to fiscal, environmental, and socioeconomic impacts of  
7 climate change on the people and island of Guam in association with the duties  
8 set forth in this Chapter;

9 (c) solicit information and advice from various sources on the  
10 technical and scientific impacts of climate change on a local, regional,  
11 national, and international level;

12 (d) meet from time to time pursuant to this Chapter, as determined  
13 by the Chairperson, to execute its duties; and

14 (e) create and establish subcommittees as deemed appropriate to  
15 facilitate the work of the Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR.

16 **§ 15107. Administration.**

17 For administrative purposes, clerical support, and necessary funding, the  
18 Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* be accommodated as necessary by *I Liheslatura*.

19 **§ 15108. Conduct of Meetings, Quorum.**

20 The Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* meet quarterly to discuss and assess the progress of  
21 providing recommendations to *I Liheslatura*. A simple majority of the members of  
22 the Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* constitute a quorum to do business, and any action taken by  
23 the Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* be by a simple majority of the members present.

24 **§ 15109. Severability.**

25 If any provision of this Chapter or its application to any person or  
26 circumstance is found to be invalid, or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall not*  
27 affect other provisions or applications of this Chapter that can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Chapter  
2 are severable.”

3       **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.

4       **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to  
5 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid, or contrary to law, such invalidity  
6 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect  
7 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
8 Act are severable.