## I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION VOTING RECORD

Bill No. 19-35 (COR) As amended on the Floor.			Speake	er Antonio R. Un	Guam Co	ive Session Hall ngress Building bruary 27, 2019
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Senator William M. CASTRO	J					
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Senator Kelly G. MARSH (TAITANO), PhD		J				
Senator James C. MOYLAN	J					
Speaker Tina Rose MUÑA BARNES	J	II				
Senator Louise B. MUÑA	J					
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Senator Clynton E. RIDGELL		J				
Senator Joe S. SAN AGUSTIN		II J				
Senator Amanda L. SHELTON	<b>√</b>					
Senator Telo T. Taitague		J				
Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje		J				
Senator Therese M. TERLAJE				2	J	J
Senator Mary Camacho TORRES		III √				
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Introduced by:	James C. Moylan

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 54102(b)(1) TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 54, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING THE AUTHORIZATION OF ANY WITHDRAWAL OR TRANSFER OF CASH OR FUNDS FROM THE TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR ANY NON-PRESCRIBED PURPOSE, AND TO MAKE SUCH AN ACT A MISDEMEANOR.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds 2 3 that the Territorial Highway Fund ("Fund") receives monies from liquid fuel taxes, 4 licenses, fees, and permits paid by the residents of Guam, with the intent of providing monies for maintenance, repairs, and construction of roads. While the Fund has 5 6 existed for decades with clear mandates of its objectives, in recent times, the Fund 7 has unfortunately been utilized to fund other expenditures for the government of 8 Guam, including bond pledges, public education, transportation, and the mass transit 9 system. In Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017, an average of \$2.15M was transferred annually 10 11 from the Fund to the General Fund for other government expenditures. The Fund has generated nearly \$20M annually over recent years, with a very small percentage 12

truly being utilized for its intent, which is for road repairs. In 2017, the taxpayers were asked to pay more at the fuel pumps, as the liquid fuel tax was increased at the start of 2018.

The expenditures of the Territorial Highway Fund need additional scrutiny of those expenses not related to the Fund's objectives, and those not in accordance must eventually be removed. In the last two (2) years, we have seen public laws enacted to provide more scrutiny on the mismanagement of other funds, like the Guam Cancer Trust Fund and the E911 Fund; and, it is only vital to take similar steps to protect the Territorial Highway Fund and to provide our residents with improved roads and highways.

**Section 2:** A new § 54102(b)(1) is hereby *added* to Article 1 of Chapter 54, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"(1) No authorization for the withdrawal or transfer of cash or funds shall be made from the Territorial Highway Fund account to the General Fund, other than for the purposes enumerated in § 54102(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this Section as well as any bond pledges towards capital improvement funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regulation, any person deemed to be in violation of this Subsection or any rule or regulation governing the Territorial Highway Fund *shall* be guilty of a misdemeanor."

**Section 3.** Effective Date. This Act *shall* be effective on October 1, 2019.

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