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**BILL STATUS**

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190-36 (COR)	Clynton E. Ridgell	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 14119 TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 14, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,REQUIRING THE GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY CREATE A NEW RATE SCHEDULE FOR AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION WHICH UTILIZES WATER CONSERVATION METHODS.	9/9/21 9:10 a.m.						

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**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** I *Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that current water rates charged for the purposes of irrigation exceed water rates  
4 charged for the purposes of agriculture. Given that irrigation is a method of water  
5 usage utilized by the agricultural sector, the discrepancy between these two rates  
6 appear contradictory to the intent of an agricultural rate. One of the purposes of  
7 establishing unique water rates for agricultural purposes is to allow for more  
8 affordable irrigation, thus encouraging agriculture and local food production. This  
9 encouragement of local food production is not only good for Guam's economy but  
10 is also critical for Guam's food security. Unique water rates for the purposes of  
11 agriculture should not only be affordable, but also encourage water conservation  
12 methods. Because of this it is the legislature's intent to require that the Guam  
13 Waterworks Authority create a new rate schedule for agricultural irrigation that  
14 utilizes water conservation methods.

1           **Section 2.**    A new §14119 is hereby *added* to Article 1, Chapter 14, Title  
2 12, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

3           “§ 14119.   **Agricultural Irrigation Rate Schedule.**    The Guam  
4 Waterworks Authority shall establish a new rate schedule for agricultural irrigation  
5 which shall be made accessible to agricultural ratepayers who utilize drip irrigation  
6 and other water conservation methods.”

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