

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHOR REPORT FILED	NOTES
315-36 (LS)	Telena Cruz Nelson	Relative to expressing the utmost support of <i>I Mina'Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan</i> (the 36th Guam Legislature) for the passage of H.R. 6675, the "Independent VA Audit Act", which seeks to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a non-governmental entity to conduct an audit of the healthcare system of the Department of Veterans Affairs.	4/7/22 11:45 a.m.	TBA		4/7/22 2:58 p.m.	Author	5/9/22 2:00 p.m.	5/11/22 1:50 p.m. As amended by the Author	



THE OFFICE OF SENATOR TELENA CRUZ NELSON

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN | 36th GUAM LEGISLATURE

May 11, 2022

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña Guam, 96910

VIA: The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Author's Report on Resolution No. 315-36 (LS) as Amended.

Håfa Adai Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith is the Author's Report on Resolution No. 315-36 (LS) as amended, "Relative to expressing the utmost support of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the 36th Guam Legislature) for the passage of H.R. 6675, the "Independent VA Audit Act", which seeks to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a nongovernmental entity to conduct an audit of the healthcare system of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

Sincerely,

Telena Cruz Nelson

Author

COMMITTEE ON RULES

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9:21 A.M.



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AUTHOR'S REPORT

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As Amended**

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Introduced by Telen Cruz Nelson



Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON RULES

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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April 7, 2022

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Legal Counsel

From: **Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes**
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Referral of Resolution No. 315-36 (LS)**

Håfa adai,

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Resolution No. 315-36 (LS)** – Telen Cruz Nelson – “Relative to expressing the utmost support of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the 36th Guam Legislature) for the passage of H.R. 6675, the “Independent VA Audit Act”, which seeks to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a non-governmental entity to conduct an audit of the healthcare system of the Department of Veterans Affairs.”

Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred to **Senator Telen Cruz Nelson, Author of Resolution No. 315-36 (LS)**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules





Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

2 messages

Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Mon, May 2, 2022 at 8:00 AM

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May 2, 2022

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From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author

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Committee on Education, Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Infrastructure, Border Safety, Federal and Foreign Affairs, and Maritime Transportation

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Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org>
To: Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Mon, May 2, 2022 at 8:19 AM

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Noted and posted on the calendar.

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DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA
 Vice Chair

Guam Education Board
Safe & Healthy Schools Committee Work Session
Wednesday, May 4, 2022
2PM
Gallery, Building B, Tiyan
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Interscholastic Sports
- III. Adjournment



MARK B. MENDIOLA
 Chairman

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Guam Education Board
Special Board Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2022
4PM
Gallery, Building B, Tiyan
AGENDA



DR. MARY A.Y. OKADA
 Vice Chair

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Roll Call of Members
- III. New Business
 - 1. Interscholastic Sports Association (ISA) - Info/Subject to Board Action
- IV. Executive Session (Board Policy 125.12)
 - 1. Personnel matters (5 GCA § 8111 (a))
 - 2. Matters within scope of Public Employee-Management Relations Act, including collective bargaining (5 GCA § 8111 (b))
- IV. Adjournment

The public is welcome to view the meeting via live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/DOEGuam>.
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 I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN | 36th GUAM LEGISLATURE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 5:00 PM

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MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayors' Council of Guam will hold a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 10:00AM at the Mayors' Council of Guam Conference Room, Bldg. F, 2nd Floor, in the J&G Commercial Center, Hagåtña.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of April Minutes
- IV. Approval of Treasurer's Report - May
- V. Guest Speakers:
 - Samantha Brennan - GHS/ OCD - Alert Warning All Hazard Systems
 - Sean Ryan and Dr. Richard Rushforth - Frontier Project
 - Peter Sgro, Jr. - Guam Heartbeat Act of 2022
 - David Sablan - Guam Resource Recovery Partners
- VI. Executive Director's Report
- VII. Boards and Commissions / Standing Committees
- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - Senior Center Operations
 - Foster Care
 - 78th Liberation Festivities
 - GUMA I Bisinun Mami
- IX. New Business
 - MCOG Christmas Activities
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment

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 Supply Management Administrator

INVITATION FOR BID

GDOE IFB 010-2022

PRINTING OF STUDENT PLANNERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

SUBMISSION DATE: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. CHST

Note: It is solely the Bidders responsibility to review the website on a daily basis for the issuance of Amendments/Clarifications for any possible changes to the IFB.

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/s/ CARMEN T. CHARFAUROS
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MULTI-STEP INVITATION FOR BID

GDOE MULTI-STEP IFB 014-2022

AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, INSPECTION AND REPAIR SERVICES

SUBMISSION DATE: Monday, May 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. CHST

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Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

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I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN | 36th GUAM LEGISLATURE

May 5, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media
From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author 
Subject: **SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.**

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On May 4, \$1 was worth:

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WESTIN WELCOMES BACK JEJU AIR CREW



WELCOME: The Westin Resort Guam welcomed back Jeju Air flight crews for the first time since the pandemic began almost two years ago. Hotel General Manager Nick Song and his team greeted the crews with the *Hafa Adai* spirit with welcome gifts and refreshments. From left: Sheena Tiamzon-Bocatiya, assistant director of sales and marketing, Westin; the Jeju Air flight crew; and, from third from right, Nick Song, general manager, Westin; Yoshi Otani, director of sales and marketing, Westin; and Abner Acosta, director of rooms, Westin. Photo courtesy of Westin Resort Guam

GVB forecasts 52% more air seats for Guam

By Haidee Eugenio Gilbert
haidee@postguam.com

Guam Visitors Bureau officials on Tuesday said total air seats to Guam could reach 806,285 in fiscal year 2022, which is nearly 52% more than the prior-year numbers.

Arrivals also could jump by about 62% this fiscal year compared to last year.

Preliminary arrivals for the first half of the fiscal year, from October 2021 to March 2022, were at 50,352, which was updated from an earlier GVB report of 48,576.

In six months, Guam welcomed 8,091 visitors from South Korea and 2,928 from Japan.

Arrivals from the U.S./Hawaii, including those related to the military, reached 29,782 during the first half of the year.

These are based on data presented during a meeting of the GVB Air Services Development Committee on Tuesday.

If the monthly arrivals rate from October to March remains the same for April to September, Guam could see around 100,000 total fiscal year 2022 arrivals, based on GVB data. The arrivals report for April is not yet available.

Guam hit a staggeringly low 61,607 arrivals in fiscal 2021, which also saw the deadly delta surge of the coronavirus.

While fiscal 2022 could be much better than 2021, it's still far worse than the pre-pandemic and record-breaking arrivals of 1.6 million in 2019 and 757,385 in 2020, when the pandemic first hit.

Tourism officials said they expect 233,675 air seats from Korea this fiscal year, 45% more than the prior year numbers.

Seats from Japan are projected at 201,294, more than the 139,321 in fiscal 2021.

GVB board Chair Milton Morinaga welcomed the projection of more air seats for the current fiscal year, and also noted the May 3 lifting of the indoor face mask mandate for Guam after recording much-improved COVID-19 numbers over the past few months.

Members of a GVB delegation that recently returned from Japan also reported that "many companies are considering Guam as a new destination."

More airlines, in the next few weeks, will be resuming flights and flight frequency not seen since before the pandemic, GVB said.

GVB also reported that it's processing this month the more than \$1 million in financial support to five airlines that took advantage of the bureau's regular air service incentives program for April.

No airline has availed itself of GVB's charter flight incentive program.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Guam Code Annotated, Title XI, Chapter III, Section 3315, notice is hereby given that:

ANNIE LEE DBA: NEW MTM MARKET

has applied for a Class: 5 (Five) (Takeover) General Off Sale Alcoholic Beverage License said premises being marked as Lot: 1117-4-R1, 375 E. O'Brien Dr. Maite/Toto/Mongmong



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DESCRIPTION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INTEGRATION ASSESSMENT AND DESIGN

RFP NO:	PROJECT NO:	GRANT NO:	DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS:	TIME:	PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE:	TIME:
RFP-001-FY22	GIAA-FY22-01-6	DOI-TAP-2021	4/22/22	5:00PM	5/12/22	4:00PM

For additional information, contact Mr. Henry M. Cruz, the Single Point of Contact, via email at: giaarpf122@guamairport.net

A complete RFP package is available for download from GIAA's website at www.guamairport.com. A copy of the RFP is available for inspection at the GIAA Administration Office, 3rd Floor, Main Terminal Building, Chalan Pasaheru, Tamuning, Guam, anytime from Monday through Friday, excluding holidays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. A non-refundable payment of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in cash, certified check, or cashier's check is required for electronic file (.pdf format) on a USB flash drive, which can be obtained at the GIAA Administration Office. All prospective offerors must register by submitting to GIAA the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form included as part of this RFP. GIAA shall not be liable for failure to provide notice(s) or addenda to any prospective offeror who does not submit an Acknowledgement of Receipt Form. GIAA shall have the right to reject, in whole or in part, proposals or offers which have been submitted in response to this RFP, pursuant to 2 GAR Div. 4, § 3115(e)(2), and/or cancel this RFP if it is determined to be in the best interest of GIAA and/or for whatever reason as allowed by the Guam Procurement Law or Regulations.



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Thu, May 5, 2022 at 9:40 AM

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Google Drive Folder Link: Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

1 message

Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org> Fri, May 6, 2022 at 1:41 PM

To: "Hon. Therese M. Terlaje" <senatorterlajegum@gmail.com>, Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes <senatormunabarnes@guamlegislature.org>, "Hon. Amanda L. Shelton" <officeofsenatorshelton@guamlegislature.org>, Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>, Senator Sabina Perez <office@senatorperez.org>, "Senator Clynton E. Ridgell" <clyntridgell@guamlegislature.org>, "Hon. Joe S. San Agustin" <senatorjoessanagustin@gmail.com>, Senator Jose Pedro Terlaje <senatorpedo@senatorjpterlaje.com>, "Senator Mary C. Torres" <senatormary@guamlegislature.org>, "Senator Joanne M. Brown" <office@senatorjoannebrown.com>, "Senator Telo T. Taitague" <senatortelot@gmail.com>, Office of Senator Moylan Guam Legislature <officeofsenatormoylan@guamlegislature.org>, "Senator V. Anthony Ada" <senatorvanthonnyada@gmail.com>, "Honorable Senator Frank Blas, Jr." <office@senatorfrankblas.com>, "Senator Christopher M. Dueñas" <senatorchrisduenas@gmail.com>

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Håfa Ådai:

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Public Hearing

Monday, May 9, 2022
5:00 P.M.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order at 5:00 P.M.
- II. Opening Remarks by Senator Telena C. Nelson, Author
- III. Items for discussion
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- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Adjournment

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Res. No. 315-36 (LS) Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
Monday, May 9, 2022 • 2:00 PM

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION (IF ANY)	SUPPORT? OPPOSE?	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	ORAL TESTIMONY	CONTACT NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
<i>Perez, Lucia</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>support</i>		<i>✓</i>		



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 7, 2022

Nelson Advocates for the Independent VA Audit Act

Hagåtña, Guam – Today, Senator Nelson introduced Resolution No. 315-36 (LS) in support of H.R. 6675, the "Independent VA Audit Act" introduced by Representative Paul A. Gosar. The Act seeks to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire a non-governmental entity to conduct an audit of the Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare system. The third-party auditor will provide increased transparency and use a thorough plan to address delays Veterans experience in obtaining proper healthcare services.

If enacted, H.R. 6675 would greatly benefit Guam's Veterans and the Guam Veterans Affairs Office (GVAO) by improving the overall Veterans Affairs Healthcare System.

"For far too long, our Veterans have experienced countless delays and roadblocks when obtaining healthcare services and processing claims," said Senator Nelson.

"Having a third party Audit the GVAO's healthcare system will create transparency and provide them with a better plan to combat these issues. Our Veterans have sacrificed so much for our freedoms. We need to ensure that they obtain the healthcare they have earned and deserve," said Senator Nelson.

For more information, please contact Auriann Camacho at the Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson at (671) 989-7696 or senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org

- END OF STATEMENT -



Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Request FAQs: H.R. 6675 "Independent VA Audit Act"

2 messages

Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 10:21 AM

To: az04.requests@mail.house.gov

Cc: tom.vanflein@mail.house.gov, rory.burke@mail.house.gov

Hafa adai (Greetings from Guam) Congressman Paul Gosar:

I hope this email finds you well. Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Majority Leader of the 36th Guam Legislature continues to advocate for our local veterans.

Senator Nelson is aware of the limited services provided to veterans living within U.S. territories. She is strongly interested in being informed on the proposed legislation, all pertinent information related to the above will assist in ensuring that veterans residing on Guam and U.S. territories are afforded the same opportunities and other needed benefits and services.

With your proposed legislation of H.R. 6675, will it extend to Guam and other U.S. territories that serve veterans? If not, is it possible to include veterans residing on Guam and other U.S. territories?

Si Yu'os Ma'ase' (Thank you),
Michelle Manibusan
Policy Analyst

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Van Flein, Tom <Tom.VanFlein@mail.house.gov>

Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 10:56 AM

To: Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>

Cc: "Burke, Rory" <Rory.Burke@mail.house.gov>, "MacMullan, Troy" <Troy.MacMullan@mail.house.gov>

Hafa adai—

I recall my time in Guam quite fondly.

Our bill is not limited to just the states but should apply to all VA facilities and programs operated by the VA in every state and territory.

I will make sure Troy, copied here, keeps you informed of this bill and any updates.

Always feel free to reach out and thank you.

Tom Van Flein
Chief of Staff
Sent from my iPhone

5/10/22, 2:22 PM

Guam Legislature Mail - Request FAQs: H.R. 6675 "Independent VA Audit Act"

On Feb 23, 2022, at 5:22 PM, Office of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org> wrote:

[Quoted text hidden]

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6675

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a nongovernmental entity to conduct an audit of the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Mr. GOSAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a nongovernmental entity to conduct an audit of the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Independent VA Audit
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUDIT OF HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF THE DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

3 (a) **AUDIT.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
4 seek to enter into an agreement with a nongovernmental
5 entity to conduct an audit of the health care system of
6 the Department of Veterans Affairs, including with re-
7 spect to the timeliness of available appointments for vet-
8 erans to receive hospital care and medical services.

9 (b) **SUBMISSION.**—Not later than December 31,
10 2023, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on
11 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
12 Senate the audit conducted under subsection (a).

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AUTHOR'S REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Resolution No. 315-36 (LS) was introduced on Thursday, April 7, 2022 by Senator Telena Cruz Nelson and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author, on Thursday, April 7, 2022. The Author convened a Public Hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., in *I Liheslaturan Guahan* Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on Monday, May 2, 2022, and the second notice on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Notice of today's hearing was also available on the Guam Legislature's website.

Senators Present

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author
Senator V. Anthony Ada

Appearing before the Panel

Lucia Perez, GVAO Special Projects Coordinator

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The Public Hearing was called-to-order at 5:03 P.M.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: *Buenas yan Håfa Adai!* Thank you, Senator (Ada) for being with us. Today is Monday, May 9, 2022 and it is currently 17:03 in the afternoon.

For the record and in accordance with the Open Government Law, public notices were sent out via email to all senators, stakeholders, and the Guam Daily Post on Monday, May 2, 2022, and the second notice on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Notice of today's hearing was also available on the Guam Legislature's website.

I'd like to thank Senator Tony Anda for joining us this evening or this afternoon. Today we are here to discuss the Resolution No. 315-36 (LS), which is relative to expressing the utmost support of *I Mina'Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guāhan* (the 36th Guam Legislature) for the passage of H.R. 6675, the "Independent VA Audit Act", which seeks to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a nongovernmental entity to conduct an audit of the healthcare system of the Department of Veterans Affairs."

Pursuant to Guam Public Law 17-25, the Guam Veterans Affairs Office was established and through its inception, GVAO is responsible for the administration of all local laws representing all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and works collaboratively with the United States Veterans Affairs Administration on all matters relating to local veterans.

Thank you for joining us, Ms. Lucia Perez.

Guam would greatly benefit from H.R. 6675, the “Independent VA Audit Act”, due to Guam Veterans Affairs Office disabling healthcare issues with the backlogs of their outpatient clinic, would alleviate potential barriers to their earned benefits and services, particularly healthcare. If enacted, GVAO will continue to focus on striving to earn the trust and confidence of Guam veterans and their families in continuing efforts in the processing of their claims.

I’d like to thank Senator Tony Ada for joining me this evening and also Ms. Lucia Perez, who is a representative from the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. Essentially this will also impact the community. This will also perform an audit on the Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) and so, this will assist in the assessment of the operations and the funding measures and services being provided through that clinic.

Ms. Lucia Perez, would you like to give any comments or testimony on this resolution?

Lucia Perez, Special Projects Coordinator of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office: Yes, Senator (Nelson), thank you very much. For the record, my name is Lucia Perez and I am a representative of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs. My capacity as a Special Projects Coordinator.

On the first page of the bill, where has line numbers 9 and 10. And I understand it says have served an active military: Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy and Space Force. There is another group of Veterans that I’d like to bring to your attention and I can provide more information later if necessary but they are categorized as the Korean Vietnam Veterans and as recently as in September of last year (2021), I know there was H.R. provided that recognized these veterans and so, I wanted to make sure that that group was also included in this group of individuals to ensure that we cover the full gamut of Veterans that we have out here on the island.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: Okay.

Lucia Perez, Special Projects Coordinator of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office: Other than that, our office (GVAO) is in support of this resolution and pending any other questions or comments.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: No questions. Do you have any questions or comments [referring to Senator Tony Ada]?

Senator V. Anthony Ada: No, questions. Thank you.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: Okay, just to add on just so the public is aware. The Veteran's Affairs Office is taking the following proactive steps to help the reduction in backlog which is by hiring and training 2,000 new personnel to assist in claims processing. That is the Veterans Affairs Office nationwide. Utilize ARP funds for overtime to ensure timely claims processing, deploy FY22 resources to support Agent Orange presumptive processing as well as for general Compensation and Pension claims processing.

- As of October 2021:
 - more than 204,000 backlog claims in an inventory of 603,000 total claims
 - VA identified 70,000 claims to review for additional Agent Orange and Parkinsonism, bladder cancer, and hypothyroidism presumptive
 - Backlogged in October 2021, projected 260,000 pending claims

The backlog has decreased by more than 14,000 claims since the end of August 2021. With continued improvement of VA's ability to obtain C&P examinations and Federal Records, and with all requested resources received, VBA plans to address the impending increase and then further reduce the current claims backlog to 100,000 claims by April 2024.

So, the backlog total of 222,027 claims and this will directly address those claims, finding a solution for the backlog and also the audit of the CBOC. So...

Lucia Perez, Special Projects Coordinator of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office: Yes, Senator (Nelson) and that was also brought up in our conference, when we had in February of this year (2022) in Virginia. Where the Secretary of the VA did recognize that and assured all the State Directors Veterans Affairs Office that it is something that they are actively looking at and ensuring that it is addressed with more presumptive cases coming up such as the burn pit cases and the blue water and all the other cases.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: Okay, thank you so much Ms. Perez. Senator Ada, do you have any questions?

Senator V. Anthony Ada: No, questions, Madam Chair. Just to thank Ms. Perez for coming down to testify in favor of Resolution No. 315-36 (LS) and to you, Madam Chair for introducing this resolution in support of H.R. 6675. It's important to know that these

are the types of resolutions that we need to introduce to support H.R. (House Resolutions) in the Senate.

So, that we can ensure that the healthcare of our Veterans here on our island is always foremost and up in front you know up front and center you know to ensure that we're also getting the care that we need. I mean everything from scheduling appointments to medication to whatever it may be and thank you for coming down to testify in favor of this resolution.

And we look forward, Madam Chair, for you to put this onto the session floor, so, that we may go ahead and vote on it and send it out as soon as possible. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: Thank you, Senator (Ada) and thank you, Ms. Lucia Perez for taking your time out of today. I know it probably was a bit rushed for you but thank you for managing to be here and we will work closely with your office (GVAO) to make the amendment to ensure that the category of the Korean Vietnam Veterans...

Lucia Perez, Special Projects Coordinator of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office: Korean Vietnam Veterans.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: Korean Vietnam Veterans are also included within this resolution.

Lucia Perez, Special Projects Coordinator of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office: Thank you.

Senator Telena Cruz Nelson, Author: Thank you very much. Seeing that we have exhausted all the items on the agenda. It is now 17:11 and this Public Hearing is adjourned. Thank you.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 17:11 P.M.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Public Hearing for Resolution No. 315-36 (LS) received unanimous support within the Guam's Veterans community, and most particularly within the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. Special Projects Coordinator, Ms. Lucia Perez, representative of GVAO, was present and provided oral testimony in favor of the resolution.

During the public hearing, Ms. Lucia Perez, advised the panel, of a conference she attended in February 2022, that the Secretary of the Veterans Affairs acknowledged the overwhelming backlogs and delays of the benefits and services provided within the VA

healthcare system and assured all the State Directors of the Veterans Affairs Office's including the Guam Veterans Affairs Office that the VA Administration is actively and continually ensures these concerns are properly addressed with a proactive approach.

Ms. Lucia Perez also suggested an amendment and were recommended to the Prime Author, Senator Telen Cruz Nelson. Recommendation included:

- Ms. Perez suggested within Resolution No. 315-36 (LS) to include verbiage “Korean Vietnam Veterans”, to lines 9 and 10 of page 1

Senator Telen Cruz Nelson hereby reports out Resolution No. 315-36 (LS) As amendedd by the Author, “Relative to expressing the utmost support of *I Mina'Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the 36th Guam Legislature) for the passage of H.R. 6675, the “Independent VA Audit Act”, which seeks to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a nongovernmental entity to conduct an audit of the healthcare system of the Department of Veterans Affairs,” with the recommendation **TO DO ADOPT.**

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7 enhance their quality of life; and

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9 granted if you have served in the active military: Army, Air Force, Coast Guard,
10 Marines, Navy, and Space Force. Other eligibility includes those who have served after
11 September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981; or a current or former
12 member of the Reserves; and

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10 pursuant to CFR Title 38 of the United States Code for Veterans Benefits, which assists
11 in the establishment of all claims and entitlements; and

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24 hinder full access to necessary resources of the VA's benefits and services; and

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27 Oftentimes, veterans live far from the nearest VA Medical Center, and the geographical

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10 geographical barriers that can arise on the basis of ethnicity, socioeconomic status,
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