


I MINA' TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 142-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

William A. Parkinson 

**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 8502(c)(2)(B) OF ARTICLE 5,
CHAPTER 8, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO NET METERING.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 and declares that recovery after Typhoon Mawar has shown that, despite
4 improvements, Guam still relies heavily on traditional power-generation systems.

5 Nearly twenty years ago, *I Liheslatura* recognized that photovoltaic, solar
6 technology and other alternative energy-generation systems could help expand and
7 safeguard the island's electric supply by the enactment of Public Law 27-123.

8 *I Liheslatura* finds that the one hundred (100) kilowatt generating capacity
9 limit for Guam Power Authority non-residential class customers was set over
10 thirteen (13) years ago by the enactment of Public Law 30-141.

11 *I Liheslatura* further finds that, since then, technology for renewable energy
12 generation and storage has advanced significantly and will only continue to improve.

13 *I Liheslatura* further finds that increasing the limit for non-residential class
14 customers to five hundred (500) kilowatts would create an opportunity for entities
15 that provide critical services to our island community to be less reliant on fossil fuels
16 and continue operations during a power outage and or fuel shortages.

17 *I Liheslatura* further finds that increasing the ability of businesses to
18 maximize the use of solar energy technology aligns with the mandates of Public Law
19 35-46, which requires the Guam Power Authority (GPA) to "establish a preliminary

1 renewables portfolio standard goal of one hundred percent (100%) of its net
2 electricity sales by December 31, 2045.”

3 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to promote the use of
4 renewable energy sources and permit businesses to maximize the use of solar energy
5 technology in a manner that provides environmental and economic benefits.

6 **Section 2.** Section 8502(c)(2)(b) of Article 5, Chapter 8, Title 12, Guam
7 Code Annotated, Title 7 GCA is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

8 “(2) has a generating capacity limited to the following, provided,
9 however, that the rated capacity of the renewable energy generation *does not exceed*
10 the customer-generator capacity:

11 (b) not to exceed ~~one hundred (100)~~ five hundred (500)
12 kilowatts for Guam Power Authority non-residential class
13 customers;

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