

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Lihelaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

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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 the *Prugråman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program first established
4 and funded through the enactment of Public Law 36-106 and was further extended
5 and funded through the enactment of Public Law 36-123 and Public Law 37-16.

6 The *Prugråman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program provided
7 residential, master-metered, and commercial customers with a Five Hundred Dollars
8 (\$500) credit toward their account with the Guam Power Authority, disbursed at
9 \$100 dollars each month for the months of July, August, September, October, and
10 November 2022, and then extended the program for the months of December 2022,

1 January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, April 2023, May 2023, June 2023, July
2 2023, August 2023, and September 2023.

3 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to extended relief to power ratepayers
4 on Guam who continue to experience price increases in various commodities and
5 services, particularly the many vulnerable individuals and families who are
6 struggling and most impacted by the effects of the global pandemic, inflation and
7 Typhoon *Mawar*. This extended relief would go for October 2023 to December
8 2023.

9 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

10 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Fifteen
11 Million Eight Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (**\$15,828,000**) is
12 hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund revenues collected
13 in excess of the adopted levels enumerated in Public Law 36-107, as amended,
14 to the Guam Power Authority for a three (3)-month extension to the
15 *Prugrãman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program which was
16 established by Public Law 36-106.

17 (b) The *Prugrãman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit
18 Program is to provide each of the Guam Power Authority's fifty-two
19 thousand seven hundred sixty-two (52,762) residential, master-metered, and
20 commercial customers with Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) credit toward
21 their account, to be disbursed One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each month for
22 the months of October 2023, November 2023, and December 2023, and shall
23 only be credited to the current billing of such months. The sum of Fifteen
24 Million Eight Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$15,828,000) shall
25 be disbursed to the Guam Power Authority in three (3) equal monthly
26 installments for the purposes of this Section. The Guam Power Authority
27 shall reflect the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) energy credit on each

1 customer's billing statement pursuant to this Section. The Department of
2 Administration shall equally disburse this appropriation to the Guam Power
3 Authority for each of the three (3) months of October 2023, November 2023,
4 and December 2023.

5 (1) Validation of Master-Metered Accounts. The Guam
6 Power Authority shall, from all Master-Metered Accountholders,
7 obtain a notarized list of the number of active residential utility power
8 sub-accounts under that Master Meter to ensure the proper application
9 of the credit to the Master-Metered Account.

10 (d) Credits received from the *Prugrãman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta*
11 Energy Credit Program shall be tax-exempt.

12 **Section 3. Transfer Authority.** The Governor may use general fund
13 transfer authority pursuant to P.L. 37-41 as amended, to ensure funding for this
14 program.

15 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.