

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Lihelaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
260-37 (COR)	William A. Parkinson	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 8108(7) OF DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 8, TITLE 11, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO LAWFUL OPERATION OF CANNABIS-RELATED FACILITIES.	3/13/24 12:13 p.m.	3/19/24	Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance	Request: 3/19/24 3/25/24	4/4/24 2:00 p.m.	5/13/24 3:41 p.m.	Additional Testimony 5/22/24  As amended by the Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance



## COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Chris Barnett, Chairperson  
*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

May 22, 2024

**To:** **Joaquin P. Taitague**  
Clerk of the Legislature

**Attorney Darleen Hiton**  
Legislative Legal Counsel

**From:** **Senator Chris Barnett**   
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Subject:** **Additional Testimony for Bill No. 260-37 (COR), As amended by the Committee for processing.**

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*Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!*

Attached is an **Additional Testimony for Bill No. 260-37 (COR), As amended by the Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance** to be processed and posted on the legislature website for public accessibility.





COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

April 3, 2024

LT2024-038

The Honorable William A. Parkinson  
Chairman  
Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities,  
Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance, and Universal Health Insurance  
I Mina Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan  
Guam Congress Building  
163 Chalan Santo Papa, Hagatna, Guam 96910

Re: Remarks on Bill No. 260-37

Hafa Adai Mr. Chairman:

As the Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, I wanted to take a moment to offer my support of Bill No. 260-37, which you introduced, the purpose of which, when enacted, will give the cannabis industry in Guam an interim green light to get off the ground.

I am a fierce advocate for any locally based and developed business by our aspiring entrepreneurs living in our beautiful islands. In that regard, I believe policymakers must support projects and business propositions that reach out to the sick and elderly, inclusive war veterans, some of whom stricken with various ailments, have access to medicinal cannabis. Your bill, in my opinion, will remove an identified barrier to get the Guam cannabis industry up and running. The cannabis industry in the CNMI is proving to be viable and it can too in Guam.

The cannabis industry changes and laws need to change to keep up with the industry. In the CNMI, the cannabis law has been amended once since the original law took effect on September 21, 2018. I stand ready to advocate any proposed amendment to the law at the findings of the Cannabis Commission, if such findings do in fact make sense. In my opinion, Bill No. 260-37 is an amendment the I Mina Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan should seriously consider as it will allow Guam to finally enable its cannabis industry to start. Testing is important but if there is no industry to test there is no point to testing to begin with. It is my understanding that Guam currently has no industry to test. Bill No. 267-37 will allow Guam's industry to start and eventually will still allow for testing when a certified lab finally opens for operation. It is an elegant solution to Guam's stalled cannabis industry. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this short comment on Bill No. 260-37.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DAVID M. APATANG".

DAVID M. APATANG

Lieutenant Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands