

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
157-37 (COR)	Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas	AN ACT TO AMEND § 6101 OF CHAPTER 6, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SENATORS OF I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN TO TWENTY-ONE.	7/31/23 10:57 a.m.	8/1/23	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Request: 8/1/23 8/10/23			



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Chris Barnett, Chairperson
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature

August 10, 2023

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 157-37 (COR)**

Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 157-37 (COR).

I also request that the same be sent to the respective Chairperson of the Standing Committee, to which this bill has been referred. Kindly forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.



**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 157-37 (COR)**

AN ACT TO AMEND § 6101 OF CHAPTER 6, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SENATORS OF I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN TO TWENTY-ONE

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: I Liheslaturan Guáhan (The Guam Legislature)	Dept./Agency Head: Joseph R. San Agustin, Executive Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Operations	\$8,593,736
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	\$0
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$8,593,736

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	Special Fund:	Total:
FY 2022 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2023 Adopted Revenues	\$0	0	0
FY 2023 Appro. (P.L. 36-107)	\$0	0	0
Sub-total:	\$0	0	0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	0	0
Total:	\$0	0	0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill

	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2023 (if applicable)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Fund	\$1,771,902	\$0	\$1,771,902	\$1,771,902	\$1,771,902	\$1,771,902
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,771,902	\$0	\$1,771,902	\$1,771,902	\$1,771,902	\$1,771,902

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| 1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions?
If Yes, see attachment | // N/A | // Yes | /X/ No |
| 2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation?
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ 1,771,902 PA (Approx.) | // N/A | // Yes | /X/ No |
| 3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency?
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies?
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? | // N/A | // Yes | /X/ No |
| 4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? | /X/ N/A | // Yes | // No |
| 5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason:
/X/ Requested agency comments not received by due date | // N/A | // Yes | /X/ No |
| | // Other: | | |

Analyst: <u>Katherine Parkinson-Borja</u>	Date: <u>8/19/23</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr.</u>	Date: <u>AUG 10 2023</u>
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See attachment

**BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS FOR BILL NO. 157-37 (COR)**

Legislative Bill No. 157-37 (COR) seeks to amend § 6101 of Chapter 6, Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated relative to increasing the number of senators elected into the Guam Legislature from fifteen (15) to twenty-one (21). The proposed legislation shall become effective upon the following election subsequent to the enactment of this Act.

The cost impact for six (6) additional senators for one term in FY 23 is estimated to be \$875,784, inclusive of fringe benefits. The cost impact uses the 37th Guam Legislature's 4th Quarter Staffing Pattern and averages the Government Contributions for fourteen (14) senators (excludes the Speaker's salary and fringe benefits).

Additionally, the cost impact for the personnel of six (6) additional senators with five (5) staff members each is estimated to be \$2,668,020. The cost impact uses the 37th Guam Legislature's 4th Quarter Staffing Pattern and averages the salary and Government Contributions of Senatorial staff and the assumption that each additional senator will have at least five staff members. This estimated cost impact does not include the operational costs of each additional senator's office, such as rent, equipment, and supplies.

The Bureau notes that data used in this fiscal note was obtained from the 37th Guam Legislature's 4th Quarter Staffing Pattern because the Guam Legislature did not respond to the Bureau's request for comment relative to Bill No. 157-37 (COR). Absent additional information from the Guam Legislature, the Bureau is unable to determine the full fiscal impact should this Bill pass. Lastly, it should be noted that no fund source was identified in the subject legislation.

Cost Impact of Six (6) Additional Senators for One Term	
Salary (\$55,307 X 6 Senators)	\$ 331,842
Benefits (\$17,675 x 6 Senators)	\$ 106,050
Total Cost for Six Senators (One Year)	\$ 437,892
Total Cost for One Senator (One Term)	\$ 875,784

Total Estimate Cost of Senators' Staff (5 Staff * 6 Senators)	
Salary (\$37,086 x 5 Staff x 6 Senators)	\$ 1,112,580
Benefits (\$7,381 x 5 Staff x 6 Senators)	\$ 221,430
Total Cost for 5 Staff Per Senator (One Year)	\$ 1,334,010
Total Cost for 5 Staff Per Senator (One Term)	\$ 2,668,020