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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
225-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR THE 6-STEP BASE PAY INCREASE FOR NURSES.	12/27/23 1:59 p.m.	12/29/23	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Request: 12/29/23 1/4/24			



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

January 4, 2024

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 225-37 (COR)**

Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 225-37 (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. 225-37 (COR)

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR THE 6-STEP BASE PAY INCREASE FOR NURSES.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Memorial Hospital Authority	Dept./Agency Head: Lillian Perez-Posadas, Administrator
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$8,491,370
Department's Other Fund (GMHA Pharmaceuticals Fund) appropriation(s) to date:	\$21,714,329
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$30,205,699

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2023 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2024 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2024 Appro. (P.L. 37-42)	\$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 2024 (if applicable)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Fund	1/	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Analyst: <u>Joquin A.J. Guerrero II</u>	Date: <u>1/3/24</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr.</u>	Date: <u>JAN 04 2024</u>
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Notes:
 1/ See attached comments.

Bureau of Budget and Management Research
Comments on Bill No. 225-37 (COR)

The proposed legislation intends to appropriate the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 General Fund (GF) revenues collected in excess of the adopted levels indicated in Public Law 37-42 for the purposes of funding the 6-step base pay for nurses.

The Bureau notes that the projected unobligated GF revenues for FY 2024, per the November 2023 Consolidated Revenue and Expenditure Report, amounts to \$13,087,742. However, the Bureau also notes that the passage of Bill No. 1 (5-S), now Public Law 37-58, which appropriates \$7,823,735 from the same fund source, reduces the projected unobligated GF revenues for FY 2024 to now be \$5,264,007. Additionally, there are several proposed legislative measures seeking to tap into this same funding source, namely: Bill No. 208-37 (\$15,828,000), Bill No. 221-37 (\$350,000), and subject Bill (\$5,000,000). The total amount of the competing measures combined is approximately \$21,178,000, or \$15,913,993 more than the cited projected unobligated GF revenues for FY 2024 after the passage of Public Law 37-58. As such, the proposed appropriation of \$5,000,000 in Bill No. 225-37 will likely be dependent on the legislative action taken on the measures introduced that utilize the same funding source.

Further, in a written letter to BBMR Director Lester L. Carlson, Jr. from Speaker Therese M. Terlaje on December 27, 2023, an alternative proposal was suggested that any remaining amount of the \$30,000,000 appropriated to GMHA through Public Law 37-43 be reprioritized to nursing salaries. The Bureau notes the Speaker's suggestion would be a prudent approach.