

*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
268-37 (COR)	Telo T. Taitague Joanne M. Brown	AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 67111, 67112, AND 67113 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 67 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.	4/12/24 12:37 p.m.	4/16/24	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Request: 4/16/24  4/29/24			



## COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

April 29, 2024

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

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

**Subject:** **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 268-37 (COR)**

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*Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!*

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

**Bill No. 268-37 (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. 268-37 (COR)**

**AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 67111, 67112, AND 67113 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 67 OF TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Department/Agency Appropriation Information**

Dept./Agency Affected: Office of Veterans Affairs	Dept./Agency Head: Jose San Agustin, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$1,224,345
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	\$0
<b>Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:</b>	<b>\$1,224,345</b>

**Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation**

	General Fund:	Special Fund:	Total:
FY 2023 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**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	\$0	\$340,000	1/	1/	1/	1/
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$340,000</b>	<b>1/</b>	<b>1/</b>	<b>1/</b>	<b>1/</b>

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

// Other:

Analyst: <u>Jah</u> Jasmine C. Tereas, BMA I	Date: <u>04/26/24</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr.</u> Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director	Date: <u>APR 26 2024</u>
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Notes:  
1/ See attached comments.

**BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH  
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 268-37 (COR)**

The proposed legislation seeks to add new sections 67111, 67112, and 67113 to Article 1 of Chapter 67 of the Guam Code Annotated relative to the services provided by the Office of Veterans Affairs. The purpose of these added sections is to establish a Veterans Healthcare Assistance Program within the Office of Veterans Affairs for the operation of veterans' medical support services. These services include providing information on various programs available to veterans in the area of healthcare and providing non-emergency transportation for eligible veterans to and from medical appointments and pharmacies. The subject Bill also appropriates \$340,000 from the General Fund (GF) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 excess revenues as initial funding for the implementation of this veteran's medical support services. The Bill further provides the Director to include needed funding in the Office's annual budget requests.

Per the March 2024 Consolidated Revenue and Expenditure Report (CRER), the projected unobligated FY 2024 GF Revenue is \$21,530,077. However, the Bureau notes that there are several competing legislative measures seeking to utilize the FY 2024 GF net unobligated revenues to include: 1) Bill No. 221-37 (\$350,000); 2) Bill No. 225-37 (\$5,000,000); 3) Bill No. 231-37 (\$1,500,000); 4) Bill No. 234-37 (\$15,000,000) 5) Bill No. 251-37 (\$11,300,000); 6) Bill No. 264-37 (\$5,100,000); 7) Bill No. 268-37 (\$340,000); 8) Bill No. 277-37 (\$15,828,000); and 9) Bill No. 280-37 (\$400,000). The subtotal of these competing measures amounts to \$54,818,000, or \$33,287,923 more than the cited projected unobligated GF revenues for FY 2024.

<b>March 2024 CRER Net Unobligated Projected FY24 GF Revenue (A)</b>	<b>\$21,530,077.00</b>
Bill No. 221-37	\$350,000.00
Bill No. 225-37	\$5,000,000.00
Bill No. 231-37	\$1,500,000.00
Bill No. 234-37	\$15,000,000.00
Bill No. 251-37	\$11,300,000.00
Bill No. 264-37	\$5,100,000.00
Bill No. 268-37	\$340,000.00
Bill No. 277-37	\$15,828,000.00
Bill No. 280-37	\$400,000.00
<b>Competing Measures Total Appropriation (B)</b>	<b>\$54,818,000.00</b>
<b>Variance (A-B)</b>	<b>(\$33,287,923.00)</b>

As such, the proposed appropriation of \$340,000 in Bill No. 268-37 (COR) will likely be dependent on the legislative action taken on the measures introduced that are seeking to tap into the same funding source. The Bureau further notes that communications were electronically requested to the Office of Veterans Affairs for input on 04/16/2024 and 04/22/2024 but has not received any official comments as of the date of this fiscal note.