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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
285-37 (LS)	Joe S. San Agustin Tina Rose Miñia Barnes Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Roy A. B. Quinata	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RELATIVE TO INCREASING SERVICES AND OPERATIONS.	4/26/24 1:40 p.m.	4/29/24	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Request: 4/29/24 5/7/24			



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

May 7, 2024

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 285-37 (LS)**

Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 285-37 (LS).

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. 285-37 (LS)

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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
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$1,224,345

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
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	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>

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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? \$ _____ | // N/A
/X/ N/A | /X/ Yes | // 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
/X/ N/A | // Yes
// Yes
// Yes | /X/ No
/X/ No
/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/ Requested agency comments not received by due date | | /X/ Yes | // No |
| | / / Other: | | |

Analyst: <u>Jasmine C. Tereas, BMA II</u>	Date: <u>05/06/24</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director</u>	Date: <u>MAY 16 2024</u>
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Notes:
1/ See attached comments.

**BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 285-37 (LS)**

The proposed legislation appropriates \$1,000,000 from the Fiscal Year (FY) General Fund (GF) revenues collected in excess of the adopted levels enumerated in Public Law 37-42, as amended, to the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA) for the employment of 6 Veteran Service Representatives and 6 Veterans Cemetery Workers. The balance of the appropriation may be utilized for operational expenses only after each of the positions have been filled.

The estimated cost impact to fund the 12 identified positions is about \$614,515, inclusive of salaries and benefits. The remaining balance of about \$385,485 may be used for operations expenses such as office supplies and outreach efforts.

Position Title	Salary	Benefits ^{1/}	Total	Total x 6
Veterans Service Representative	\$32,355.00	\$20,274.13	\$52,629.13	\$315,774.80
Veterans Cemetery Worker	\$30,169.00	\$19,620.96	\$49,789.96	\$298,739.74
TOTAL:				\$614,514.55

^{1/} See attachments for estimated fringe benefits calculation.

It should be noted that communications were electronically requested to the OVA for input on 04/29/2024 and 05/03/2024 but has not received any official comments as of the date of this fiscal note. As such, the Bureau is unable to ascertain information as to the anticipated operating requirements and expenses of the noted remaining balance from the OVA.

Per the March 2024 Consolidated Revenue and Expenditure Report (CRER), the projected unobligated FY 2024 GF Revenue amounts to \$21,530,077. However, the Bureau notes that there are several competing legislative measures seeking to utilize the FY 2024 GF net unobligated revenues as shown in the table below. The subtotal of these competing measures amounts to \$55,718,000, or \$34,187,923 more than the cited projected unobligated GF revenues for FY 2024.

March 2024 CRER Net Unobligated Projected FY24 GF Revenue (A)	\$21,530,077.00
Bill No. 221-37 (GCC)	\$350,000.00
Bill No. 225-37 (GMHA)	\$5,000,000.00
Bill No. 231-37 (DCA)	\$1,500,000.00
Bill No. 234-37 (DOC)	\$15,000,000.00
Bill No. 251-37 (GPD)	\$11,300,000.00
Bill No. 264-37 (DPR)	\$5,000,000.00
Bill No. 268-37 (OVA)	\$340,000.00
Bill No. 277-37 (GPA)	\$15,828,000.00
Bill No. 280-37 (GEC)	\$400,000.00
Bill No. 285-37 (OVA) * Subject Bill	\$1,000,000.00
Competing Measures Total Appropriation (B)	\$55,718,000.00
Variance (A-B)	(\$34,187,923.00)

As such, the proposed appropriation of \$1,000,000 in Bill No. 285-37 (LS) will likely be dependent on the legislative action taken on the measures introduced that are seeking to tap into the same funding source.

Attachment to Comments on Bill No. 285-37 (LS)

Department: Office of Veterans Affairs
 Division: Administration
 Position Title: Veterans Service Representatives
 Pay Grade/Step: H-01

Estimated Effective Date	
Remaining Pay Periods	26
Position Salary Per Annum	\$32,355.00
Position Salary Per Hour	\$15.56

Estimated Salary	
Single Pay Period Cost (\$/hr * 80 hrs)	\$1,244.42
Total (Single PP Cost * Remain PPs)	\$32,355.00

Estimated Fringe Benefits	
Retirement (Est. Salary * 29.43%)	\$9,198.53
DDI (Remaining PPs * \$19.01)	\$494.26
Medicare (Est. Salary * 1.45%)	\$469.15
Life (Remaining PPs * \$7.20)	\$187.20
Medical (Medical PP Cost * Remaining PPs)	\$9,596.00
Dental (Dental PP Cost * Remaining PPs)	\$329.00
Total	\$20,274.13

Single Pay Period Cost (Fringe Benefits)	
Retirement	\$353.79
DDI	\$19.01
Medicare	\$18.04
Life	\$7.20
Medical	\$369.08
Dental	\$12.65
Total	\$779.77

FY 2023 Medical / Dental Rates			
Medical		Dental	
HSA 2000		Class 1	\$273
Class 1	\$3,994	Class 2	\$359
Class 2	\$6,929	Class 3	\$297
Class 3	\$5,709	Class 4	\$485
Class 4	\$9,340		
PPO 1500			
Class 1	\$6,117		
Class 2	\$11,231		
Class 3	\$9,596		
Class 4	\$15,670		

Medical Breakdown	
Insurance Plan Amount	\$9,596.00
PP Cost (Insurance Plan / 26 PPs)	\$369.08

Dental Breakdown	
Insurance Plan Amount	\$329.00
PP Cost (Insurance Plan / 26 PPs)	\$12.65

TOTAL	
Estimated Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$52,629.13

Department: Office of Veterans Affairs
 Division: Cemetery
 Position Title: Veterans Cemetery Worker
 Pay Grade/Step: G-01

Estimated Effective Date	
Remaining Pay Periods	26
Position Salary Per Annum	\$30,169.00
Position Salary Per Hour	\$14.50

Estimated Salary	
Single Pay Period Cost (\$/hr * 80 hrs)	\$1,160.35
Total (Single PP Cost * Remain PPs)	\$30,169.00

Estimated Fringe Benefits	
Retirement (Est. Salary * 29.43%)	\$8,577.05
DDI (Remaining PPs * \$19.01)	\$494.26
Medicare (Est. Salary * 1.45%)	\$437.45
Life (Remaining PPs * \$7.20)	\$187.20
Medical (Medical PP Cost * Remaining PPs)	\$9,596.00
Dental (Dental PP Cost * Remaining PPs)	\$329.00
Total	\$19,620.96

Single Pay Period Cost (Fringe Benefits)	
Retirement	\$329.89
DDI	\$19.01
Medicare	\$16.83
Life	\$7.20
Medical	\$369.08
Dental	\$12.65
Total	\$754.65

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HSA 2000		Class 1	\$273
Class 1	\$3,994	Class 2	\$359
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Insurance Plan Amount	\$329.00
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TOTAL	
Estimated Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$49,789.96