

*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
286-37 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO AMEND §6105 (B) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 GCA RELATIVE TO PROVIDING FREE BUS PASSES VALID FOR 30 DAYS TO THOSE WHO LACK ACCESS TO RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION.	4/29/24 10:12 a.m.	4/30/24	Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance	Request: 4/30/24 5/10/24			



## COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

May 10, 2024

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

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

**Subject:** **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 286-37 (LS)**

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*Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!*

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

**Bill No. 286-37 (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. 286-37 (LS)**

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**Department/Agency Appropriation Information**

<b>Dept./Agency Affected:</b> Guam Regional Transit Authority	<b>Dept./Agency Head:</b> Linda Ibanez, Interim Executive Manager
<b>Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:</b>	\$2,418,659
<b>Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:</b> Public Transit Fund	\$238,902
<b>Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:</b>	\$2,657,561

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

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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? \$ _____  | /X/ N/A   | // 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    | // Yes | /X/ No |
| 4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities?   | /X/ 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    | // Yes | /X/ No |
|   | // Other: |        |        |

<b>Analyst:</b> <u>Jasmine C. Tereas</u>	<b>Date:</b> <u>05/09/24</u>	<b>Director:</b> <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr.</u>	<b>Date:</b> <u>MAY 10 2024</u>
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**Notes:**  
 1/ See attached comments.

**BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH  
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 286-37 (LS)**

The proposed legislation seeks to provide free bus passes valid for 30 days to avail of transit services by the Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA) for those who lack access to reliable transportation. The bus passes may be distributed by the GRTA and requested for distribution by the Child Protection Services, Guam Department of Education, Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority, Judiciary of Guam or the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center.

The Bureau notes that there will be a negative impact on revenue collections contingent on the amount of passes distributed. The table below provides estimated non-generated revenues should there be 1, 5, or 10 of the types of passes not purchased by availing of the provisions in the proposed legislation.

<b>Non-Generated Revenue Item</b>	<b>\$ / pass</b>	<b># of passes per month</b>	<b>\$ per month</b>	<b>\$ per year</b>
Single Ride Pass	\$1.50	1	\$1.50	\$18.00
		5	\$7.50	\$90.00
		10	\$15.00	\$180.00
One-Day Pass	\$4.00	1	\$4.00	\$48.00
		5	\$20.00	\$240.00
		10	\$40.00	\$480.00
One-Week Pass	\$20.00	1	\$20.00	\$240.00
		5	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
		10	\$200.00	\$2,400.00
One-Month Pass	\$65.00	1	\$65.00	\$780.00
		5	\$325.00	\$3,900.00
		10	\$650.00	\$7,800.00
<b>Total Estimated Non-Generated Revenue Items Combined</b>		1	<b>\$90.50</b>	<b>\$1,086.00</b>
		5	<b>\$452.50</b>	<b>\$5,430.00</b>
		10	<b>\$905.00</b>	<b>\$10,860.00</b>

Current law mandates that all bus fare fees collected are deposited into the Public Transit Fund (PTF) which was intended to be used for the operations of the mass transit system. Based on overall collections per the Bureau's Special Fund Revenue Report from the last four years, the PTF averaged an estimated \$2,952 in total revenues collected.

**Public Transit Fund - Bus Fares (GMTA)**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Total Revenues</b>
FY 2020	\$2,625
FY 2021	\$2,923
FY 2022	\$3,394
FY 2023	\$2,867

Should Bill No. 286-37 (LS) become law, the Bureau anticipates a decrease in revenues for the PTF. It should be noted that the Bureau had sought input on the proposed Bill No. 286-37 (LS) from the GRTA on 04/30/24 and on 05/06/24 but has not received any official comments as of the date of this fiscal note. Absent pertinent information from the GRTA relative to the estimated personnel and administrative costs associated with the mandates set out in the proposed legislation, the Bureau is unable to provide an estimated fiscal impact in this regard.