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**Bill Log Sheet**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
<b>385-32 (COR)</b>	FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO FULFILL LOCAL MATCHING FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THREE SEPARATE VETERANS CEMETERY GRANTS.	7/25/14 4:42 p.m.	07/28/14	Committee on Appropriations, Public Debt, Legal Affairs, Retirement, Public Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation, and Land	Public Hearing Wavied 8/12/14 2:01 p.m.		<b>Fiscal Note Request 7/29/14</b>



**OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER  
JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**

CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, PUBLIC LIBRARY & WOMEN'S AFFAIRS  
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN | 32<sup>nd</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE

August 12, 2014

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Rory Respicio  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

From: Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Subject: Waiver of Public Hearing-Bill 385-32(COR)

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After carefully evaluating the request to waive the requirement of a public hearing on- Bill No. 385-32(COR) An act to appropriate funds to the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs to fulfill local matching funding requirements for three separate veterans cemetery grants.

I certify that Bill No. 385-32 (COR) meets one of the requirements set forth in §2103(a) of Title 2 Guam Code Annotated and the requirement for a public hearing is hereby waived.

Sincerely,

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Office of Senator Rory J. Respicio	
Name	<i>JD</i>
Date/Time:	8/11/14
<i>15:00pm -</i>	



OFFICE OF SENATOR  
**FRANK B. AGUON, JR.**



CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON  
 GUAM U.S. MILITARY RELOCATION | HOMELAND SECURITY | VETERANS' AFFAIRS | JUDICIARY

12 August 2014

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Speaker Judith T. Won Pat  
**From:** Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.  
**Subject:** Wavier of Public Hearing for Bill No. 385-32 (COR)

Office of the Speaker  
 Judith T. Won Pat  
 Date 8-12-14  
 Time 1:32 pm  
 Received by [Signature]

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

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In order to submit this grant application to meet the August 13, 2014 deadline, a copy of the bill signed into law must accompany this application. Your consideration to waive the public hearing for Bill No. 385-32 (COR) would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, I am also requesting that you consider adding this bill to today's Session Agenda *Un Dangkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'*.

Respectfully,

SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON, JR.  
 Chairman, Committee on Guam U.S. Military Relocation, Homeland Security, Veterans' Affairs, and the Judiciary  
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CC: Vice Speaker Benjamin Cruz  
 Mr. John Unpingco, Administrator, Office of Veterans Affairs  
 Attachment: Bill No. 385-32 (COR)

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11 August 2014

**MEMORANDUM**

Office of the Speaker  
 Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. B  
 Date 8.11.14  
 Time 4:24pm  
 Received by [Signature]

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**From:** Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.  
**Subject:** Wavier of Public Hearing for Bill No. 385-32 (COR)


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**Fwd:**

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**Office of Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr.** <committee@frankaguonjr.com>  
To: Krystal Agustin <media@frankaguonjr.com>

Fri, Jul 25, 2014 at 10:41 AM

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From: **Frank Aguon, Jr.** <aguon4guam@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Jul 25, 2014 at 10:32 AM  
Subject: Fwd:  
To: "Fred R. \"Ricol\" Taitague, III" <committee@frankaguonjr.com>

Please prepare for intro TODAY. Thanks

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From: "John Unpingco" <john.unpingco@gvao.guam.gov>  
Date: Jul 25, 2014 9:36 AM  
Subject:  
To: <aguon4guam@gmail.com>  
Cc: "Office of Senator Frank Aguon, Jr. Admin" <admin@frankaguonjr.com>

Senator,

Our application for a grant for next year for the cemetery has all been turned in. This is called the pre-application process. It then goes to the approval process. But, our grant needs a certification of 10% of the funds. We must get this to Washington by August 13, 2014. Enclosed is the form which the Governor has to sign. A copy of the Bill, signed into law, has to accompany this form.

The folks in Washington tell me that our pre-application is complete, but, we must submit the approval of the 10% before they can award to us. They will return all of the 10% matching funds when we get the contract.

Your help is requested in getting the bill for the 10% matching funds enacted.

If you should have any questions, please call me and I will be glad to answer them.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
John

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**Thanks!**

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## Bill 385-32

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Thu, Jul 31, 2014 at 11:50 AM

To: "Office of Senator Frank Aguon, Jr. Admin" <admin@frankaguonjr.com>



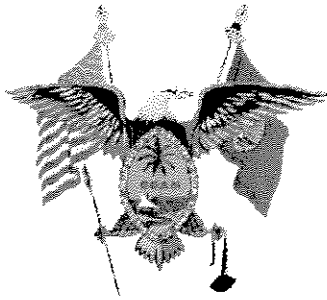
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**TESTIMONY ON  
BILL 385-32  
BY  
JOHN S. UNPINGCO**

IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO TESTIFY BEFORE YOU TODAY.

BILL 385-32 IS QUITE IMPORTANT FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS:

FIRST, IT IS DENOTED AS BEING MATCHING FUNDS FOR IT IS THAT. BUT, WHAT IS DIFFERENT IS THAT AS PART OF A GRANT FROM NATIONAL CEMETERY GRANT SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IT IS RETURNED TO US AT THE END OF THE CONTRACT. ALL OF IT IS 100% RETURNED TO US.

SECOND, IT ENABLES US TO COMPETE FOR AND GET FREE FEDERAL MONEY. THERE IS NO GRANT IN KIND REQUIREMENTS NOR IS THERE A PAYBACK REQUIREMENT. WITHOUT THE MATCHING FUNDS, WE CANNOT RECEIVE A GRANT. WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO HAVE IT.

THIRD, AS OFF-ISLAND MONEY, IT IN TURN GENERATES ABOUT A HUNDRED JOBS FOR CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WHO ALL PAY TAXES. IN ADDITION, THE COMPANIES THAT ARE THE CONTRACTORS AND THEIR SUBCONTRACTORS ALSO PAY TAXES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM. THEY PURCHASE THE MATERIALS WITH WHICH THEY PERFORM THE CONTRACT LOCALLY. THUS, LOCAL VENDORS GET A SHARE OF THE GRANT FROM THE CONTRACTORS. THEY, TOO, PAY TAXES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

FOURTH, THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO UPGRADE AND BEAUTIFY THE EAST AGANA CEMETERY AFTER YEARS OF NEGLECT AND HELP MAKE IT AS PLEASING OASIS THAT VISITORS HOPEFULLY WILL FIND AN ATTRACTIVE SPOT TO VISIT. WITH ITS HISTORY DATING FROM SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR TO THE KOREAN WAR, IT HAS A WONDERFUL STORY TO TELL WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE PATRIOTISM OF

OUR PEOPLE THROUGH HARD TIMES. AND, IT WOULD CURE AN EYESORE OF THE AGANA RIVER ERODING THE CEMETERY INTO THE PHILIPPINE SEA.

FIFTH, IT WOULD COMPLETE THE WORK AT THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY WITH THE ADDITION OF A MUCH NEEDED MAINTENANCE SHOP WHERE WE COULD STORE OUR EQUIPMENT WITHOUT FEAR OF IT BEING STOLEN. AND IT WOULD COMPLETE THE ADDITION OF THE UNDERGROUND CRYPTS SO THAT THIS CEMETERY CAN ACCOMMODATE OUR VETERANS FOR A GOOD TWENTY (20) YEARS FROM NOW.


FINALLY, IT IS THE INTENT TO DEVELOP BOTH THE EAST AGANA CEMETERY AND THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY INTO TOURIST ATTRACTIONS MUCH LIKE HAWAII'S PUNCHBOWL CEMETERY WHERE VISITORS BY THE BUSLOAD STOP TO TAKE PICTURES OF A SOMBRE YET BEAUTIFUL ATTRACTION. YET, THEY ARE REMINDED THAT WARS RESULT IN TRAGIC DEATHS AND SHOULD BE CONTINUOUSLY AVERTED. ALSO IT WOULD INCORPORATE THE BEACH AREA AT EAST AGANA AS PART OF ITS CHARM.



**I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN  
2014 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION**

**Bill No. 385-32 (corz)**

Introduced by:

**FRANK B. AGUON, JR.** 

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE GUAM  
OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO FULFILL  
LOCAL MATCHING FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
THREE SEPARATE VETERANS CEMETERY GRANTS.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

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Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Two Hundred Sixty  
Thousand Dollars (\$260,000) is appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2014 General  
Fund to the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs to fulfill the ten percent (10%) local  
matching funding requirements for three separate Veterans Cemetery Grants,  
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to code; to add air conditioners in the administration building; to add  
solar power to the administration building and to the lights of the  
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10 Said funds *shall* continue to be available until fully expended for the purpose stated  
11 herein.

12           **Section 2. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application  
13 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not  
14 affect any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect  
15 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
16 Act are severable.



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July 29, 2014

VIA E-MAIL

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**RE: Request for Fiscal Notes– Bill Nos. 385-32 (COR) and 386-32(COR)**

*Hafa Adai* Mr. Calvo:

Transmitted herewith is a listing of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan's* most recently introduced bills. Pursuant to 2 GCA §9103, I respectfully request the preparation of fiscal notes for the referenced bills.

*Si Yu'os ma'åse'* for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

**Senator Rory J. Respicio**  
*Chairperson of the Committee on Rules*

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

<b>Bill Nos.</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>385-32 (COR)</b>	FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO FULFILL LOCAL MATCHING FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THREE SEPARATE VETERANS CEMETERY GRANTS.
<b>386-32 (COR)</b>	B.J.F. CRUZ	AN ACT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (C) OF TITLE 4 GCA §4405.



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July 28, 2014

### MEMORANDUM

**To: Rennae Meno**  
*Clerk of the Legislature*

**Attorney Therese M. Terlaje**  
*Legislative Legal Counsel*

**From: Senator Rory J. Respicio**  
*Chairperson of the Committee on Rules*

**Subject: Referral of Bill No. 385-32(COR)**

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 385-32(COR)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.


*Si Yu'os Ma'åse!*

Attachment


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