

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 305-32 (COR)

Introduced By:

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B.J.F. CRUZ

**AN ACT TO ADD SECTION 19 TO CHAPTER X OF PUBLIC
LAW 32-068 (GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2014)
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE TOURIST
ATTRACTION FUND (TAF) TO GVB FOR HURAO
ACADEMY, INC.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Chamoru language and culture has
4 been and is under immediate threat of extinction, and that the only “proficient”
5 speakers of the Chamoru language are now 50 years and older. Furthermore, with
6 the average life expectancy of Guam’s Chamoru people at 65-70 years, it is
7 conceivable that the language will be extinct by 2025.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the Huråo Academy, Inc.
9 established in 2005, is a non-profit organization that was created in an effort to
10 address the need for a “stable” and “successful” Chamoru language program on
11 Guam. Additionally, Hurao Academy, Inc. is the first “full-immersion” Chamoru
12 language program to meet the needs of a community struggling to preserve their
13 language.

14 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the Huråo Academy has grown its
15 language immersion program serving over 4,000 students. Furthermore, the Huråo

1 Academy also added parent, adult and corporate class programs serving over 2,000
2 students, parents, and adults in the community-at-large and have begun cultural
3 apprenticeship classes in blacksmithing and weaving, providing translation
4 services, ChagiChamoru, a television language program and a cultural preservation
5 program.

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7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that revenue estimates for the Tourist
8 Attraction Fund (TAF) for Fiscal Year 2014 are tracking at Twenty-Nine Million
9 Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (**\$29,880,944**),
10 of which Twenty-Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$28,500,000**) is
11 appropriated.

12 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the TAF revenues for Fiscal Year
13 2014 are projected to exceed appropriations by One Million Three Hundred Eighty
14 Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (**\$1,380,944**) and is available for
15 appropriation.

16 **Section 2. A New Section 19 of Chapter X (Guam Visitors Bureau) of**
17 **Public Law 32-068 is added to read:**

18 **Section 19. Appropriation to Hurao Academy, Inc.** The sum of
19 Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$50,000**) is hereby appropriated from the Tourist
20 Attraction Fund (TAF) to Hurao Academy, Inc. for the purposes of
21 continuing their mission to promote and perpetuate the Chamoru language
22 and culture. Notwithstanding the general provisions of § 30107.1, of
23 Chapter 30, Title 11 GCA and this Act, this appropriation *shall*
24 continue to be available until expended. The provisions contained in
25 Section 15 (Service and Reporting Requirements) of Chapter X of Public
26 Law 32-068 *shall* be applicable.”

1 **Section 3. Effective Date.** The provisions contained herein shall take
2 effect immediately upon the enactment of this Act.