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<b>317-33 (COR)</b>	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Brant T. McCreddie T. R. Muña Barnes R. J. Respicio	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE UP TO SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$72,500) FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 GENERAL FUND REVENUES FOR GUAM'S MEMBERSHIP INTO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (WICHE) RELATIVE TO PROVIDING AFFORDABLE TUITION RATES FOR GUAM'S UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT OVER 150 INSTITUTIONS WHO ARE PART OF THE WICHE NETWORK.	05/13/16 1:06 p.m.	05/13/16	Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication	09/29/16 5:04 p.m.	11/22/16 10:24 a.m.	<b>Fiscal Note Request</b> 05/16/16 <b>Fiscal Note</b> 06/09/16
	<b>DATE PASSED</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE AND TIME TRANSMITTED</b>		<b>DUE DATE</b>	<small>DATE SIGNED BY I MAGA'LÀ HEN GU'À HAN</small>	<b>PUBLIC LAW NO.</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
	12/02/16	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE I MAGA'LÀHEN GU'ÀHAN TO TRANSFER UP TO SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$72,500) FROM ANY GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN PART IV OF CHAPTER II, PARTS II, III, AND IV OF CHAPTER III, AND CHAPTER V, OF PUBLIC LAW 33-185 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO FUND GUAM'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ITS ANNUAL DUES TO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017.	12/05/16	4:50 p.m.	12/16/16			



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***I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
THIRTY THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE  
155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

December 5, 2016

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo  
*I Maga'låhen Guåhan*  
*Ufisinan I Maga'låhi*  
*Hagåtña, Guam*

Dear *Maga'låhi* Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 201-33 (COR), 224-33 (COR), 285-33 (COR), 317-33 (COR), 335-33 (COR), 343-33 (COR), 344-33 (COR), 347-33 (COR), 348-33 (COR), 354-33 (COR), 360-33 (COR), 361-33 (COR), 362-33 (COR), 365-33 (COR), 369-33 (COR), 370-33 (COR), 371-33 (COR), 373-33 (COR), 374-33 (COR), 375-33 (COR), 378-33 (COR), 384-33 (COR), 386-33 (COR), 387-33 (COR), 393-33 (COR), 394-33 (COR), and 400-33 (COR); and Substitute Bill Nos. 168-33 (COR), 187-33 (COR), 221-33 (COR), 351-33 (COR), and 367-33 (COR), which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on December 2, 2016.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary

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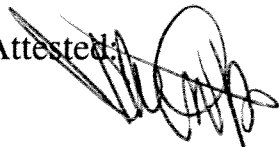
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that Bill No. 317-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN* TO TRANSFER UP TO SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$72,500) FROM ANY GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN PART IV OF CHAPTER II, PARTS II, III, AND IV OF CHAPTER III, AND CHAPTER V, OF PUBLIC LAW 33-185 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO FUND GUAM'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ITS ANNUAL DUES TO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017," was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2016, duly and regularly passed.



Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker

Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Dec, 2016, at 4:50 o'clock P.M.

  
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APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
*I Maga'låhen Guåhan*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

**Bill No. 317-33 (COR)**

As amended by the Committee on Appropriations  
and Adjudication.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN* TO  
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PARTS II, III, AND IV OF CHAPTER III, AND CHAPTER  
V, OF PUBLIC LAW 33-185 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATION TO FUND GUAM'S  
PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ITS ANNUAL DUES TO  
THE WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR  
HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017.**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that for six (6) decades the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

1 (WICHE), a regional non-profit organization created by the Western Regional  
2 Education Compact, has facilitated resource sharing among the higher education  
3 systems of western states to increase the accessibility of educational opportunities for  
4 students living in WICHE member states and territories. Guam has the opportunity  
5 to join New Mexico, Montana, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho,  
6 Alaska, Washington, California, Nevada, Hawaii, North Dakota, South Dakota, and  
7 the CNMI, most of whom have been members since the 1950s, to further these  
8 endeavors. Under the Compact, each state commits to support WICHE's operation  
9 through annual dues established by the Commission. Member states will be able to  
10 benefit by providing undergraduate student residents access to the Western  
11 Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program. The WUE Program provides a reduced  
12 tuition at no more than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the resident tuition rate  
13 at over one hundred fifty (150) participating two (2) and four (4) year public  
14 institutions to all residents of member states. The normal tuition rates for out of state  
15 residents of these institutions are at least double or more the resident tuition rates.  
16 Graduate students are eligible for resident tuition for numerous educational programs  
17 through the WICHE consortium. As a member, our community will have access to  
18 the following Student Exchange Programs: the Western Undergraduate Exchange  
19 (WUE), the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP), the Professional Student  
20 Exchange (PSEP), and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education  
21 Internet Course Exchange (WICHE ICE).

22 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that WICHE has already undergone the  
23 process for approval and has approved membership for the Pacific island territories  
24 and the Freely Associated State governments. The Commonwealth of the Northern  
25 Mariana Islands (CNMI) government is the only island government to join under the  
26 Pacific island territories and has essentially paved the way for other territories such  
27 as Guam to gain approval and membership into WICHE. The annual dues for

1 membership for all Pacific island territories and Freely Associated State  
2 governments is One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000), which can  
3 be divided proportionately by governments as they join. As the only government to  
4 join as a Pacific island territory, the CNMI pays annual dues of One Hundred Forty-  
5 five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000). In its first year, the CNMI savings for nineteen  
6 (19) students was One Hundred Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000.) With  
7 Guam's potential membership into WICHE, the annual dues will be split with the  
8 CNMI, thereby requiring the government of Guam to annually commit no more than  
9 Seventy-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$72,500). It is estimated that Guam  
10 will potentially have more than the nineteen (19) students the CNMI has enrolled;  
11 and therefore, the savings to Guam students will outweigh the investment of Guam's  
12 annual dues. Moreover, for an additional of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) per  
13 member (split proportionally), Guam will be eligible for the benefits under the  
14 WICHE Mental Health Program, whose mission is (1) to assist its members in  
15 improving the systems of care for mental health consumers and their families; and  
16 (2) to advance the preparation of a qualified mental health workforce in the West.  
17 Guam has benefitted from WICHE training to support the objectives for federal  
18 system improvement grants and training in suicide prevention and mental health first  
19 aid, as well as consultation on accreditation options for inpatient/residential  
20 treatment in the past. Membership will permit our community to access WICHE's  
21 technical assistance and consultation services under its Mental Health Program.

22 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that on February 1, 2014, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam  
23 Legislature adopted Resolution No. 234-32 (COR), relative to supporting Guam's  
24 application for membership in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher  
25 Education. The unanimously adopted Resolution No. 234-32 (COR) resolved the  
26 people of Guam's support to become active members of WICHE, and further urged

1 the government of Guam to work with WICHE to cement Guam's status as a  
2 WICHE member.

3 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for Guam to become a  
4 member of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, beginning in  
5 School Year 2016-2017, in order to provide the opportunity for Guam's students to  
6 enroll in two (2) and four (4) year programs by paying no more than one hundred  
7 fifty percent (150%) of resident tuition rates at participating WICHE institutions,  
8 providing resident rate tuition for multiple graduate programs, and providing access  
9 under all of the Student Exchange Programs (WUE, WRGP, PSEP and WICHE ICE)  
10 provided to members under WICHE.

11 It is, further, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to join with the CNMI  
12 government in order to split the approximately One Hundred Forty-five Thousand  
13 Dollars (\$145,000) in annual dues, and to welcome other Pacific island territories  
14 and Freely Associated State governments to participate in subsequent school years.

15 **Section 2. Guam's Membership in the Western Interstate Commission**  
16 **for Higher Education.** The Director of the Department of Administration *shall*  
17 submit the necessary documents, no later than June 15, 2016, for Guam to join the  
18 Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, beginning in School Year  
19 2016-2017, as a co-member with the government of the Commonwealth of the  
20 Northern Mariana Islands. Guam's membership *shall* continue on an annual basis  
21 and its proportionate share will be adjusted downward with the eventual inclusion  
22 of other governments from the Pacific island territories and the Freely Associated  
23 States.

24 **Section 3. Funding Source.** *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* is authorized to transfer  
25 the sum not to exceed Seventy-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$72,500) from  
26 any General Fund appropriation in Part IV of Chapter II, Parts II, III, and IV of  
27 Chapter III, and Chapter V of Public Law 33-185 to the Department of

1 Administration to fund Guam's proportionate share of its annual dues to the Western  
2 Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) for School Year 2016-2017.  
3 Payments to WICHE *shall* be made no later than December 31, 2016 for Guam's  
4 first (1<sup>st</sup>) year membership. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2018, the Department of  
5 Administration *shall* submit, as a separate line item on its annual budget request, the  
6 funds necessary to continue Guam's membership in WICHE.

7 **Section 4. Statistics Report.** The Director of the Department of  
8 Administration *shall* formulate a report that provides statistics on the number of  
9 Guam students who enrolled in participating WICHE institutions, and the amount of  
10 savings each student saved as a result of the reduced tuition rate. The Statistics  
11 Report *shall* be transmitted to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on an annual  
12 basis.

13 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to  
14 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity  
15 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect  
16 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
17 Act are severable.