

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 30-186(c.v.p.)

Introduced by:

Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.



AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE UP TO FOUR MILLION
DOLLARS (\$4,000,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL
BUS SHELTERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010.

2009 JUN 22 AM 10:43 W

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. Since the passage of Public Law
3 29-13, Section 6, which mandated the Director of DPW to conduct and complete an
4 island-wide inventory of school bus shelters, *I Liheslatura* finds that forty-two thousand
5 (42,000) school children take the school bus as their primary means of transportation to
6 and from school. *I Liheslatura* finds that out of seven hundred and eight (708) pickup
7 points, five hundred and seventy nine (579) school bus shelters are available for use.
8 However, there also exists one hundred and thirty (130) pickup points without school bus
9 shelters. Children taking the bus at these points are exposed to inclement weather and
10 hazards of the roadways of Guam. Furthermore, *I Liheslatura* finds that out of the five
11 hundred and seventy nine (579) school bus shelters available, there are forty-one (41)
12 shelters that either needs to be replaced or relocated because of deterioration or easement
13 issues. Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to appropriate monies and to identify a
14 viable funding source for the purpose of constructing and installing school bus shelters.
15 With the recent successful bond financing of the Government of Guam, the taxes
16 withheld from the COLA payments resulted in new revenues which are not committed

1 for any program yet. The bonds and the revenue of taxes infused into the economy
2 provide additional funding currently not reflected in the FY 2010 budget projection.

3 *I Liheslatura* finds that while some concrete type school bus shelters are no longer
4 being used due to new roads and street constructions, these concrete type school bus
5 shelters cannot be relocated or transferred to another site. Likewise, wooden shelters are
6 not feasible because the island experiences numerous typhoons as well as termite
7 infestation. *I Liheslatura* finds that an aluminum bus shelter is the most feasible and cost
8 effective shelter which is recommended by DPW. Because of population shift, *I*
9 *Liheslatura* plans for an alternative type bus shelter that is non-stationary made of
10 durable materials that are either low maintenance or maintenance free and can withstand
11 typhoon winds from 150 mph to 200 mph. These shelters can be movable and
12 transferrable to other locations where needed. The dimensions of this bus shelter are 6' x
13 12' x 8' with two openings for entry or exit. The shelter is also equipped with clear
14 plexi-glass that does not turn yellow with age. Each aluminum bus shelter shall cost
15 approximately seventeen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$17,500.00). The total cost for
16 one hundred and ninety-seven (197) aluminum bus shelters recommended by the DPW
17 survey is approximately three million, four hundred forty seven thousand, and five
18 hundred dollars. (\$3,447,500.00).

19 Therefore it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to provide the necessary funding for the
20 construction and installation of school bus shelters in conjunction with the Department of
21 Public Works pursuant to the survey by DPW as mandated in Public Law 29-13, Section
22 6.

1 **Section 2. Appropriation.** The sum of up to Four million dollars
2 (\$4,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
3 Public Works Bus Operations for the sole purpose of constructing and installing school
4 bus shelters in Fiscal Year 2010. Such appropriation shall not lapse and shall remain
5 available pursuant to this act until fully expended.