



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Refer to
Legislative Secretary
AUG 13 1998


The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
Mina'Bente Kuåttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
Guam Legislature Temporary Building
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Unpingco:


Enclosed please find Bill No. 523 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK AND FENCING AROUND BLOCK NO. 13 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGAT, GUAM", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-234**.

This is an appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Public Works for the planning, design and construction of a sidewalk and fencing around Block Number 13 in the village of Agat. This area is commonly used by runners and joggers as an exercise path, and is located in front of the Church. The improvement is intended to make this much-used area safe for those using it.

Very truly yours,



Carl T. C. Gutierrez
I Maga'láhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY	
ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT	
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Date	8.13.98

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original attached for vetoed bill

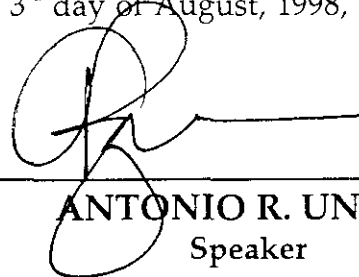
cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown
Legislative Secretary

Office of the Speaker
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Date: 8/13/98
Time: 2:00pm
Rec'd by: 
Print Name: Janice Nya


MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN

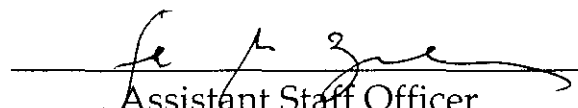
This is to certify that Bill No. 523 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK AND FENCING AROUND BLOCK NO. 13 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGAT, GUAM," was on the 3rd day of August, 1998, duly and regularly passed.


ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:


JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* this 5th day of August, 1998,
at 3:40 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:


CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahaen Guahan

Date: 8-13-98

Public Law No. 24-234

MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 523 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

L. F. Kasperbauer
A. C. Blaz
J. C. Salas
E. J. Cruz
T. C. Ada
F. B. Aguon, Jr.
J. M.S. Brown
Felix P. Camacho
Francisco P. Camacho
M. C. Charfauros
W. B.S.M. Flores
Mark Forbes
A. C. Lamorena, V
C. A. Leon Guerrero
L. A. Leon Guerrero
V. C. Pangelinan
A. L.G. Santos
F. E. Santos
A. R. Unpingco
J. Won Pat-Borja

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE
HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
(\$150,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE
PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF
A SIDEWALK AND FENCING AROUND BLOCK
NO. 13 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGAT, GUAM.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan*

3 finds that Block Number 13 in Agat (the lot in front of the Church) has been a
4 favorite spot for avid joggers, walkers and bicyclists for many years now.
5 Since no sidewalk exists around this favorite jogging path, there is a great risk
6 to runners and walkers of an auto-pedestrian accident. Additionally, runners
7 also face the possibility of injury from running on an uneven surface.

8 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to fund the construction of a
9 sidewalk and fencing around Block Number 13 in the Village of Agat, so that
10 Southern residents may avail themselves of a safe jogging and walking
11 facility.

12 **Section 2. Appropriation.** The sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand
13 Dollars (\$150,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the
14 Department of Public Works for the planning, design and construction of a
15 sidewalk and fencing around Block Number 13 in the Municipality of Agat,
16 Guam.

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NA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHES. TURAN GUAHAN

Office of the Vice Speaker

ANTHONY C. BLAZ

Chairman,
Finance & Taxation

Chairman,
Ethics & Standards

Vice-Chairman,
Committee on Rules

Member,
Judiciary, Public Safety &
Consumer Protection

Member,
Natural Resources

Member,
Tourism, Economic
Development, & Cultural
Affairs

Member,
Transportation,
Telecommunications &
Micronesian Affairs

Member,
Guam Finance
Commission

Member,
Commission on Self
Determination

July 13, 1998

The Honorable Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco
Mina'Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan
155 Hesler Street
Hagatna, Guahan 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to which was referred *Bill No. 622, "An Act to Appropriate One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to KPRG-FM 89.3 Public Radio for Guam for Fiscal Year 1998"*, herein reports back with the recommendation **TO DO PASS**

Votes of the committee members are as follows:

10 To Pass
____ Not to Pass
____ To Place in Inactive File
____ Abstain
____ Off-Island
____ Not Available

A copy of the committee's report and other pertinent documents are enclosed for your reference and information.


ANTHONY C. BLAZ

attachments

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & TAXATION

MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

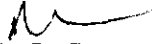











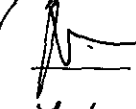





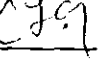



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Chairman: Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz Vice Chairman: Senator Mark Forbes

Ex-Officio Member: Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco

VOTING SHEET ON:

Bill No.622 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM 89.3 PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998.

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>INITIAL</u>	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE</u>
Sen. Anthony C. Blaz <i>Chairman</i>					
Sen. Mark Forbes <i>Vice-Chairman</i>					
Spkr. Antonio R. Unpingco <i>Ex-Officio Member</i>					
Sen. Thomas C. Ada <i>Member</i>					
Sen. Joanne M.S. Brown <i>Member</i>					
Sen. Mark Charfauros <i>Member</i>					
Sen. Edwardo J. Cruz <i>Member</i>					
Sen. Felix P. Camacho <i>Member</i>					
Sen. William B.S.M. Flores <i>Member</i>					
Sen. Lawrence F. Kasperbauer <i>Member</i>					
Sen. Alberto A.C. Lamorena, V <i>Member</i>					
Sen. Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero <i>Member</i>					
Sen. John C. Salas <i>Member</i>					
Sen. Francis E. Santos <i>Member</i>					



24th Guam Legislature
Committee on Rules, Government
Reform and Federal Affairs
Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman

APR 24 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman
Committee on Finance and Taxation ✓

FROM: Chairman *M*
Committee on Rules, Government Reform and Federal Affairs

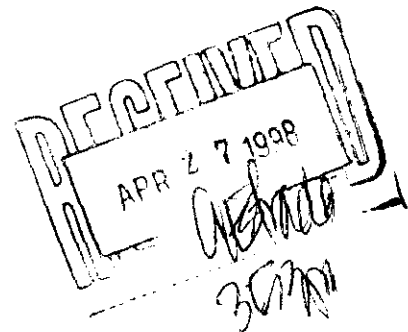
SUBJECT: Referral- Bill No. 622

The above Bill is referred to your Committee as the principal committee. It is recommended you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

MARK FORBES

Attachment



Committee on Finance and Taxation

Report on Bill No. 622 (COR)

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM 89.3 PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 24-139, notice of the public hearing on Bill No. 622 (COR) was published in the Pacific Daily News on 26, April 1998, and on 30, April 1998.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation conducted a public hearing on 1, May 1998 at 10:00 A.M. in the Vice Speaker's Conference Room to hear testimonies on Bill No. 622 (COR).

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The hearing was called to order by the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz. The following Committee members were present:

Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco
Senator Mark Charfauros
Senator William B.S.N. Flores
Senator Tom Ada

Other Senators present were:
Senator Frank B. Aguon

BACKGROUND:

Written & Oral Testimony:

Mr. Darryl A. Borja Taggerty, General Manager, KPRG-FM, supports Bill No. 622 (COR). He emphasized the significance of the \$120,000.00 appropriation citing their revenue shortfall for FY '98. Bill No. 622 (COR) will address this operational shortage.

Mr. Michael C. Wilkins, Chairman, GUAM EDUCATIONAL RADIO FOUNDATION, KPRG-FM supports Bill No. 622 (COR). Mr. Wilkins testified that the \$120,000.00 is an investment to support the arts, humanities and culture of Guam.

Support in Attendance:

Mrs. Edith Sablan, Guam Police Department, and Mr. Art Borja, Guam Police Department also supported Bill No. 622 (COR).

FINDINGS:

BILL No. 622 (COR)

- ◆ Public Radio on Guam has enjoyed public support since P.L. 21-128 was signed into law on July 28, 1992. This support has included KPRG's construction costs and subsequent annual operations;
- ◆ Public Radio is a worthwhile investment in our arts, humanities, and culture;
- ◆ Although KPRG's budget also enjoys federal assistance, corporate support, listener contributions and service contracts as additional sources for their funding base, Bill No. 622 (COR) is needed to address FY '98 shortfalls.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee, having conducted a sufficient hearing, does hereby recommend to the Liheslaturan Guåhan to do pass Bill No. 622(COR) AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM 89.3 PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998.

KPRG-FM 89.3 Public Radio For Guam

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Guam Educational Radio Foundation

"Something New, Something Different, Something For Everyone"

May 1, 1998

The Honorable Anthony C. Blaz
Chairman, Committee on Finance & Taxation
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
Agana, Guam 96910

Re: Bill 622

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your sponsorship of Bill 622 (COR) "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998" and for scheduling today's hearing. Please accept these comments as testimony in favor of the subject bill.

Public Radio for Guam has enjoyed public support since Public Law 21-128 was signed into law on July 28, 1992. From construction funds to annual operational assistance, the government of Guam has made possible Guam's only 24-hour FM broadcast source for diverse programming high-quality non-commercial news, commentary and entertainment to Guam residents. KPRG features news programming renown for journalistic excellence, as well as various musical forms selected for artistic achievement and cultural relevance. Local appropriations join federal grants, corporate underwriting, listener contributions and service contracts as a funding base. Bill 622 represents about one-third of our total fiscal year 1998 revenue requirements of \$423,440. KPRG will not survive without favorable consideration of Bill 622 by this Committee, the Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature, and this Administration.

From among KPRG operational costs, we can defer about \$12,445 to next year, leaving roughly \$411,000 as a working figure. Bill 622's \$120,000 plus the fiscal year 1997 allotment carryover of \$20,969 is 34% of our cash needs. Other FY1998 revenue totals include \$102,288 in federal Corporation for Public Broadcasting funds (25%), corporate underwriting (non-commercial radio's equivalent of advertising) for \$55,696 (14%), service contracts worth \$59,700 (15%), and \$47,300 in listener contributions (12%). In addition, KPRG is supported with various in-kind donations, such as rent-free facilities at the University of Guam, engineering consultancies, generator maintenance,

cellular service, printing services, and banquet facilities for our membership meetings. These are valuable in reducing our costs.

KPRG operates on a strict austerity basis. Our largest expense category is personnel. To remain eligible for federal funds, we must employ at least five persons with demonstrated professional experience in general management and grant administration, technical operations, and production of local programming (one each), and two for private source fundraising. Personnel costs account for \$225,423 of our FY98 expenses, or 52%. Operational and administrative expenses are 43% of the total. \$21,938 in FY97 accounts payable represent the remaining 5%. Our most significant operational expense is for network program delivery via leased satellite circuit (\$81,035, with another \$10,080 deferred until FY99). We have no travel budget, expense account or other such discretionary funds. We segregate revenues by source using fund accounting, and are audited each year in accordance with local appropriation and Corporation for Public Broadcasting requirements.

Most important for our purposes here today, is our projection of revenues and expenses over the next five months. The following is a summary of KPRG's revenues and expenses over the period May to September 1998:

KPRG's **accounts payable**, as of April 30, total **\$80,110**. These include \$23,727 in personnel costs (payroll and pension accounts), \$24,370 in NPR and PRI network programming broadcast rights fees, \$27,012 in satellite circuit costs, and \$5000 in attorney and auditor fees.

KPRG's **expense projection** for the period of May through September is **\$142,135**. Major categories are \$87,920 in personnel costs, \$33,765 in satellite circuit costs, \$7,300 for network fees, \$6,650 in broadcast tower lease payments, and \$6,500 in other administrative, operational and promotional expenses.

To address the \$222,244 in payables and cost of continued operation over the remainder of FY98, pre-Bill 622 **revenues** are projected to be **\$88,195**. We expect to receive \$51,145 from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, \$17,650 in contracted services income, \$10,000 in program underwriting, and \$9,400 in individual listener contributions. KPRG's **revenue shortfall** for this fiscal year is about **\$134,050**. Clearly, we need the appropriation of \$120,000 contained in Bill 622.

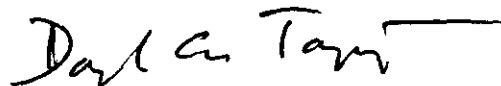
KPRG has the support of the community, and is making every effort to generate income from private sources. Since October 1997, we have received **over \$106,600 from non-government sources**. These include \$37,315 in cash contributions from our listeners, \$42,296 from corporate sponsors of our programs, and \$27,000 from firms for whom we provide services under contract. From the previous fiscal year we carried over positive balances of \$25,969 in several accounts. Our FY97 audit has been recently completed by Deloitte & Touche LLP. Copies will be forwarded to the University of Guam, Legislature, and BBMR as soon as the final report is received.

Following Supertyphoon Paka, it became clear that Public Radio for Guam would be hampered in its plans to reduce its dependence on appropriated funds. Our broadcast antenna was damaged, requiring us to reduce our broadcast power to just 450 watts, or one-seventh of our normal service level. We endured this impediment until just ten days ago, when a factory representative completed the installation and tuning of the repaired antenna sections. Because the equipment is leased, repairs were made at no cost to KPRG. In addition, the economic malaise that has deepened since last summer discouraged forward movement on developing potential private sources of income.

It was never intended that Public Radio for Guam would be a perennial factor in the government of Guam budget. Indeed, we are encouraged by our success in establishing and maintaining a solid membership base, attracting corporate underwriting, and performing competitive non-broadcast services. While KPRG on 89.3 FM cannot compete aggressively as a singular broadcast medium without incurring sharp increases in costs, we possess distinct advantages in the Guam and regional markets for telecommunications and quality of life opportunities. We look forward to contracting out our unused earth station capacity, addressing the broadcast needs of Guam residents underserved by commercial stations, and promoting improvement in the quality of cultural life on Guam. Business plans designed to mitigate future reliance on appropriated funds are currently under review by members of our governing Board and other interested business leaders. With passage of Bill 622 and release of allotments over the next five months, we will have a secure base from which to launch our new ventures.

Thank you again for your interest in our continued operation. With your support, and the support of many others in their respective capacities, public radio programming will remain available in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Darryl A. Taggerty", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

DARRYL A. BORJA TAGGERTY
General Manager

Enclosure

Guam Educational Radio Foundation

Revenue/Expenditure Comparison: Fiscal Years 1996 through 1998

	FY1996	FY1997	FY1998
REVENUES	483,882	363,773	385,027
Federal Funds	140,866	136,836	102,289
Government of Guam Appropriation	100,000	136,100	120,000
Private Fundraising	243,016	132,003	162,740
Underwriting	74,291	49,840	55,670
Membership	43,165	25,164	47,300
Saipan Public Radio			22,450
In-Kind Donations	76,312	63,500	65,000
EXPENSES	464,560	390,288	411,000
Personnel	205,245	218,508	225,425
Network Program Fees	51,454	59,232	51,500
Operating Expenses	128,725	95,721	121,775
Promotions	14,665	5,290	3,260
Administration	20,971	11,537	11,215
Cash on Hand 9/30/9X, less payables	-9,315	2,842	-12,145

"Operating expenses": tower lease, satellite circuit lease, remote facility lease, engineering services power, telephone, toll charges, equipment and equipment insurance

"Promotions": membership drive premiums, expenses for special events, and printing of program guides

"Administration": loan repayment, cleaning, supplies, postage, petty cash, liability insurance, management transition contract, legal fees, bookkeeping and audit.

CASH PROJECTIONS - FISCAL 1998
GUAM EDUCATIONAL RADIO FOUNDATION
ESTIMATED REVENUES, EXPENSES FY 1998 Actual to 4/28/97

	FY97	Balance	OCT. 1997	NOV. 1997	DEC. 1997	JAN. 1998	FEB. 1998	MAR. 1998	APR. 1998	May-98	JUN. 1998	JUL. 1998	AUG. 1998	SEP. 1998	PAYABLE	TOTALS
ACCOUNT BALANCES, TRANSFERS																
TO PAYROLL FROM UNRESTRICTED FUND			0	9,500	17,000	8,500	18,450	9,950	19,900	9,950	0	0	0	0		93,250
TO PAYROLL FROM APPROPRIATED FUNDS										24,000	20,500	17,275	17,300	17,250		
END OF MONTH U.O.G. PAYROLL ACCOUNT	20,669	-3,994	-10,984	-10,473	-18,462	-16,501	-20,953	-15,484	-3,212	12	11	34	8			
END OF MONTH UNRESTRICTED FUND CASH	3,788	17,370	7,885	3,337	2,572	20,287	25,511	15,068	4,515	1,199	759	96	301			
REVENUE																
GOVGUAM APPROPRIATIONS / RELEASES	20669	0				0	0	0	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000			120,000
CPB COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT	1512	0		51,144					51,144							102,288
UNDERWRITING		4,160	606	0	9,000	21,230	11,300	0	2,000	3,000	2,400	1,000	1,000	0	0	55,696
MEMBERSHIP	3788	8,223	11,248	3,187	2,442	2,086	2,348	7,781	4,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	0	0	0	47,315
64KB CIRCUIT CONTRACT		4,000	0	4,000	4,750	4,750	4,750	4,750	4,750	4,750	0	0	0			36,500
SPECIAL EVENTS		0	0													
SAIPAN PUBLIC RADIO		0	0	0	0	11,288	1,881	1,881	1,881	1,881	1,213	1,213	1,213			22,451
ISLAND AUCTION		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
SALE OF PREMIUM ITEMS/MISC.		0					26		750							776
TOTAL REVENUE	25,969	16,383	11,854	58,331	16,192	39,354	20,306	14,412	68,525	36,631	29,613	27,213	26,213			385,027
SALARY / BENEFITS EXPENSES																
SALARIES		21,998	14,665	14,665	14,665	14,665	12,800	12,800	19,200	15,493	15,493	15,493	15,493			187,430
MATCH FOR SOCIAL SECURITY 7.65%		1,656	1,104	1,104	1,104	1,104	994	1,024	1,469	1,063	1,063	1,063	1,063			13,811
HEALTH (4.7%) and LIFE BENEFITS		866	577	577	577	577	464	464	866	577	577	577	577			7,276
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION 7.5%	-3763	0	0	0	4,872	0	0	0	0	8,984	0	1,500	1,550			18,906
TOTAL SALARY/BENEFITS EXPENSE		24,520	16,346	16,346	21,218	16,346	14,258	14,288	21,535	26,117	17,133	18,633	18,683			225,423
NON-SALARY OPERATING EXPENSES																
GUAM BROADCAST PARTNERS		1,330	1,330	1,330	1,330	887	887	887	1,330	1,330	1,330	1,330	1,330			14,631
U.S. ELECTRODYNAMICS, INC.	-10080	0	20,160				0	0	25,200	5,040	0	5,040	5,040	10,080		60,480
COMSAT	-3425	0	5,138	0	0	0	0	0	8,565	1,713	1,713	1,713	0	1,713		18,842
SMARTS BROADCAST MAINT. CONTRACT	0	252		752			252				252	0	0			1,508
NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO PROGRAMMING			0	14,620					12,382							27,002
PUBLIC RADIO INT'L PROGRAMMING	-2358		4,716			0		0	11,988	0	7,174	0	0	0	0	23,878
INDEPENDENT PRODUCER PROGRAMMING	-250					0	375	125		0	125	0	0			625
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE ACCOUNTS	-142	0			379	0	107	140	140	140	140	140	140			1,326
POSTAGE/FREIGHT		100	56	0	0	107	106							0	0	369
PRINTING	0			382	443				83		500	60	164			1,632
GUAM POWER AUTHORITY	-3071	0	3,071					3,246	0	1,300	650	650	0	650		8,917
GTA FOR XMTR SITE TELEPHONE	-47	95			152	0	0	162	47	47	0	0	141			644
(UOG PAID) TELEPHONE EXPENSE		143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143	143			1,719
AUDIT								0	2,500		0		0			2,500
LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT	-1587		1,621	0	25	0	548	0	2,500			0	0			4,694
EQUIPMENT/LIABILITY INSURANCE						1,297	1,297									2,594
STAFF DEVELOPMENT									0							0
TRAVEL			100	0	0				0	0			0			100
PETTY CASH/SUPPLIES/MISCELLANEOUS		570	802	231	422		897	0	250	250	250	0	250			3,922
SPECIAL EVENTS & PROMOTION	0	311		0	0	312	0		0	500	500	0				1,623
EQUIPMENT/REPAIR/SOFTWARE	-978			4,257		0	771					0	0			5,028
NON-SALARY OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	-21938	2,801	11,839	45,879	3,585	3,189	5,131	4,955	65,129	10,463	12,777	9,076	7,208			182,033
Net		13,582	9,515	-4,548	4,107	17,715	5,225	-10,443	13,447	26,168	16,836	18,137	19,005			

GUAM EDUCATIONAL RADIO FOUNDATION
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May 1, 1998

The Honorable Anthony C. Blaz
Chairman, Committee on Finance & Taxation
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
Agana, Guam 96910

RE: Bill 622

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Guam Educational Radio Foundation is grateful for the Legislatures' past and present support.

As a long standing advocate of Public Broadcasting on Guam, I am often asked why public funds should be used to support the operation of radio and television facilities that can be found in the private sector. My answer to this question is, "to support the arts, humanities and culture of our community."

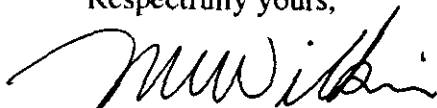
I offer for your consideration, one of my fundamental beliefs. To the extent that a society reinvests its surplus productivity, into its arts and culture, to that extent does it enrich itself and its future generations.

Guam Public Radio provides, through the medium of information, a platform for our arts, humanities and our culture. It is a two-way system for us to present our culture not only to the island of Guam, but also to the entire United States.

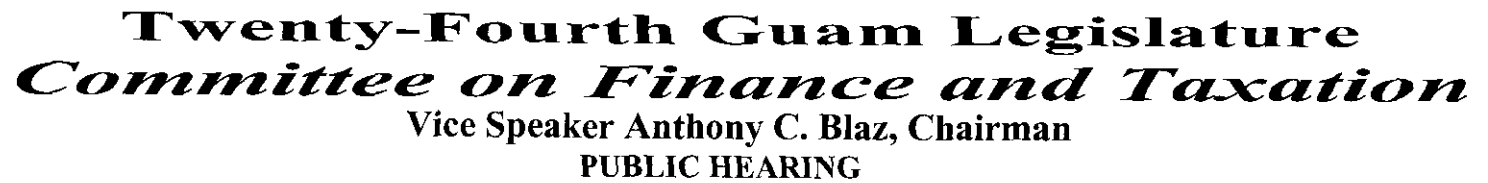
Although fiscal restraints have pressured the legislature to reduce the level of support, I recommend to this committee that some participation, however small, should continue as an investment in our arts and humanities, in our culture.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today.

Guam Educational Radio Foundation
Respectfully yours,



Michael C. Wilkins
Chairman



AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000.00) TO KPRG-FM 89.3 PUBLIC RADIO FOR GUAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998.

Sign-in Sheet: Friday, May 1, 1998 – 10:00 a.m. Conference Room, Office of the Vice Speaker

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