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The Honorable Mark Forbes Speaker Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 87 (EC), "AN ACT TO RESERVE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,785,000) FROM THE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS RESULTING FROM THE PAYOFF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S 1995 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH PURPOSES" which I signed into law on June 30, 2005, as **Public Law 28-49.** 

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO

I Maga'låhen Guåhan Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached of signed bill

cc: The Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo

Senator and Legislative Secretary

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo SECRETARY OF THE LEGISLATURE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT

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Office of the Speaker

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### MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

TWENTY-EIGHTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hessler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

June 20, 2005

The Honorable Felix P. Camacho I Maga'lahen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'lahi Hagåtña, Guam 96910



Dear Maga'lahi Camacho:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 97(EC) & 103(LS); and Substitute Bill Nos. 41(EC), 46(EC), 59(EC), 61(EC), 69(EC), 77(EC), 87(LS), 100(EC), 112(EC), 119(EC), 122(EC), 128(EC) and 137(EC) which were passed by *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on June 17, 2005.

Sincerely,

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

Enclosures (15)

### I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

# CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 87 (LS), "AN ACT TO RESERVE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,785,000) FROM THE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS RESULTING FROM THE PAYOFF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S 1995 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH PURPOSES," was on the 17th day of June, 2005, duly and regularly passed.

on the 17" day of June, 2005, duly and regu	larly passed.
Attested:	Mark Forbes Speaker
Edward J.B. Calvo	<u></u>
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature	
This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this _at o'clockPM.	Munatastao
APPROVED;	∨Assistant Staff Officer <i>Maga'lahi's</i> Office
FELIX P. CAMACHO	
I Maga'lahen Guåhan  Date: 6/30/05	
Public Law No. 28-49	

### I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 87 (LS)

As substituted by the Committee on Finance, Taxation and Commerce, and further substituted on the Floor .

Introduced by:

L. F. Kasperbauer
Ray Tenorio
Edward J.B. Calvo
F. B. Aguon, Jr.
J. M.S. Brown
B. J.F. Cruz
Mike Cruz
Mark Forbes
R. Klitzkie
L. A. Leon Guerrero
J. A. Lujan
A. B. Palacios
R. J. Respicio
A. R. Unpingco
J. T. Won Pat

AN ACT TO RESERVE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,785,000) FROM THE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS RESULTING FROM THE PAYOFF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S 1995 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH PURPOSES.

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

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan
- 3 finds that the Government of Guam's average debt service on the 1995
- 4 General Obligation Bond is approximately Seventeen Million Nine Hundred

1 Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$17,995,000) per year. I Liheslaturan Guåhan

2 further finds that the bond will be paid off in Fiscal Year 2006 and will have a

3 balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2005 of a little more than Two Million Two

4 Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$2,210,000). Therefore, approximately

5 Fifteen Million Seven Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$15,785,000)

6 that was appropriated for annual debt service since 1995 will no longer be

7 needed for debt service in FY 2006 and can be used for priority areas such as

8 education, public safety and healthcare.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to reserve, through advance reservation of FY2006 revenues, the sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) from the General Fund for educational purposes and the reservation of Two Million Two Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,285,000) from the Territorial Education Facilities Fund for public safety and healthcare.

Section 2. Advance Continuing Reservation of Funds for Public Education. The sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) is hereby reserved within the General Fund beginning with Fiscal Year 2006 revenues and continuing annually thereafter for public education from the funds used for debt service on the 1995 Government of Guam General Obligation Bond. The reservation is allocated for the following purposes:

(a) Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Department of Education for its general operations and for the implementation of the Compensation study provided for in Public Law 28-36.

1	(b) Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) to the University of Guam for
2	its general operations.
3	(c) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Guam Community
4	College for its general operations.

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- (d) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to the Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps for Educator Recertification as provided by Article 5 of Title 17, GCA, Chapter 18.
- (e) One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to the Guam Public Library for the purpose of operating branch libraries.
- (f) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (KGTF) for PBS (Public Broadcasting System) programming cost increases.
- 13 The allocated reservations shall be annually appropriated by ILiheslaturan Guåhan, with amendments and modifications, in meeting the 14 15 purposes of this Section.

16 Reservation of Funds for Public Safety and Healthcare. Section 3. The balance of the funds currently used for debt service on the 1995 17 Government of Guam General Obligation Bond that is not reserved under 18 Section 2 of this Act, amounting to Two Million Two Hundred Eighty Five 19 Thousand Dollars (\$2,285,000), is hereby reserved within the Territorial 20 Education Facilities Fund starting in Fiscal Year 2006 and continuing each 21 22 fiscal year thereafter for public safety and healthcare. For purposes of this Section, public safety and healthcare agencies shall include the Guam Police 23 Department, the Guam Fire Department, the Department of Law (Attorney 24 General), the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the 25

- 1 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Department of Youth
- 2 Affairs, the Department of Corrections, the Support Services Division of the
- 3 Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, the
- 4 Medically Indigent Program and the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.
- 5 The reserved balance shall be apportioned by appropriation with
- 6 amendments and modifications as determined by I Liheslaturan Guåhan for the
- 7 general operations of public safety and healthcare agencies identified within
- 8 this Section.
- 9 Section 4. BBMR and DOA to Assure Integrity of Fund Reservation.
- 10 The Bureau of Budget and Management Research shall establish a fund
- 11 reservation schedule prorating amounts reserved within Sections 2 and 3 of
- 12 this Act and the Department of Administration shall implement, subject to
- 13 appropriations by I Liheslaturan Guåhan, such schedule in conformance with
- 14 the provisions and intent of this Act.



# MINA'I E OCHO NA LIHESLATUKA GUÅHAN TWENTY-EIGHTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

#### Senator Edward J.B. Calvo SECRETARY OF THE LEGISLATURE

### Chairman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, TAXATION & COMMERCE

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May 06, 2005

The Honorable Mark Forbes
Speaker
Mina Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hessler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Håfa adai, Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce, to which Bill No. 87 (LS): "An Act To Reserve The Sum Of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) From The Debt Service Savings Resulting From The Payoff Of The Government Of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond For Public Education", was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations TO PASS Bill No. 87 (LS), as substituted by the Committee.

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The voting record for Bill No. 87 (LS) is as follows:

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Copies of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are attached. Thank you for your attention in this matter. Si Xu'os Ma'åse!

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo

Chairman



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May 06, 2005

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Committee Members

From:

Chairman, Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce

Subject:

Committee report on Bill 87 (LS) as substituted by the Committee

This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

- 1. Committee voting sheet
- 2. Public Hearing sign-in sheet
- 3. Notice of Public Hearing
- 4. Testimonies submitted

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact my office at 475-8801.

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo

Chairman



#### **Committee Voting Sheet**

#### Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce Office of Finance and Budget

Sinadot Edward J.B. Calvo, Ge'Hilo'

**Bill No. 87 (LS):** "An Act To Reserve The Sum Of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) From The Debt Service Savings Resulting From The Payoff Of The Government Of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond For Public Education", as substituted by the Committee.

<b>Committee Members</b>	To Pass	Not to Pass	Report Out	Abstain	Inactive File
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Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer Vice Chairperson	$\searrow$		<del></del>		
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POF-3 MINA BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GU€ HAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 87 (LS)
As Substituted by the Committee on Finance, Taxation and Commerce

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer

AN ACT TO RESERVE THE SUM OF THIRTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND **DOLLARS** (\$15,785,000) FROM THE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS RESULTING **FROM** THE **PAYOFF** OF **GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S** 1995 **GENERAL** OBLIGATION BOND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

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

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the Government of Guam's average debt service on the 1995 General Obligation Bond is approximately \$17,995,000 per year. I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the bond will be paid off in Fiscal year 2006 and will have a balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2005 of a little more than \$2,210,000. Therefore approximately \$15,785,000 that was appropriated for annual debt service since 1995 will no longer be needed for debt service in FY 2006 and can be used for priority areas such as Education, Public Safety and Healthcare.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to reserve, through advance appropriation of FY2006 revenues, the sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) for education and reserve the balance for Public Safety and Healthcare.

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### I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

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AUTHOR OF AMENDMENT	
Concur (initial)	
Clerk of Legislature Speaker	
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Engrossment Staff

- Section 2. Advance Continuing Appropriation for Public Education. The sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund beginning with Fiscal Year 2006 revenues and continuing annually thereafter for Public Education to be allocated as follows:
- (a) Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Department of Education for its general operations. implementation of the recommendations of the Compensation Study provided for in Section 4 of this Act.
  - (b) Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) appropriated for <u>its general operations</u>. debt service on the Government of Guam's 1993 General Obligation Bond in consideration of the forgiveness of the University of Guam's debt service payments on said Bond as provided for by Section 5 of this Act. Such appropriation shall continue until such obligation is repaid.
  - (c) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Guam Community College for its general operations.
  - (d) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to the Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps for Educator Recertification as provided by Article 5 of 17GCA: Chapter 18.
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- Section 3. Reservation of the funds for Public Safety and Healthcare. The balance of the funds currently used for debt service on the 1995 Government of Guam General Obligation Bond that is not appropriated under Section 2 of this Act amounting Two Million Two

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Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$2,285,000) is hereby reserved within the Territorial Education Facilities Fund starting Fiscal Year 2006 and continuing each fiscal year thereafter for Public Safety and Healthcare. For purposes of this Section, Public Safety and Healthcare agencies shall include the Guam Police Department, The Guam Fire Department, The Department of Law (Attorney General), The Department of Public Health and Social Services, The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Support Services Division of the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, the Medically Indigent Program and the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority. The reserved balance shall be apportioned by appropriation with amendments and modifications as determined by I Liheslaturan Guåhan for the general operations of authorized Public Safety and Healthcare agencies.

Service Commission shall conduct a compensation study for educators employed by the Department of Education. For purposes of this Section, educators shall be defined as teachers, health and guidance counselors, and librarians. The cost of the study shall be the responsibility of the Department of Education. Notwithstanding any provision of law, the Superintendent may transfer such funds necessary to the Civil Service Commission to conduct such study. The cost of such study shall not exceed the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) unless approved by the Guam Education Policy Board. The compensation study shall be completed prior to August 31, 2005.

Section 5. Forgiveness of the Debt Service Obligations of the University of Guam on 1993 General Obligation Bond. Subsection (k) of

§22425 of Chapter 22 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated is hereby repealed in its entirety.



# MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHA Introduced 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 87 (LS)

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer

AN ACT TO RESERVE THE SUM OF THIRTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,500,000) FROM THE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS RESULTING FROM THE PAYOFF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S 1995 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

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Authority.

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Section 5. Forgiveness of the Debt Service Obligations of the University of Guam on 1993 General Obligation Bond. Subsection (k) of §22425 of Chapter 22 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Bill Title (Preamble): AN ACT TO RESERVE THE SUM OF THIRTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,500,000) FROM THE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS RESULTING FROM THE PAYOFF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S 1995 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

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FY 2005 Adopted	Revenues			\$447,441,000	\$100,502,170	\$547,943,17
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Footnotes: Debt Service payments for General Obligation Bonds (GOB) 1993 & 1995 Series A are both funded from Real Property tax revenues. When Real Property tax collections for a given year do not meet the debt service obligation, General Fund subsidizes the shortfall. During the last four fiscal years, the General Fund has subsidized an average of \$13M in debt service payments for the GOB 1993 & 1995. Maturity of the GOB 1995 in Fiscal Year 2006 does not create savings, but rather offsets the General Fund deficit. The General Fund also currently funds two other debt service payments - Limited Obligation Bonds 2001 Series A and the \$10M Short Term Loan, which amounts to about \$11.1M in annual interest and principal payments. The committee on Finance and Taxation is currently engaged in the FY06 budget process and the bill proposes to appropriate from FY06 General Fund revenues. As such any appropriations of FY06 General Fund revenues should be as a result of the overall FY06 budget process so that all critical areas to include health, safety and education are considered in allocating the FY06 resources.

Director: (

Date:

Date:

Carlos P. Bordaflo, Acting

Analyst:\_



# MINA'B E OCHO NA LIHESLATURA GUÅHAN TWENTY-EIGHTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

# Senator Edward J.B. Calvo SECRETARY OF THE LEGISLATURE

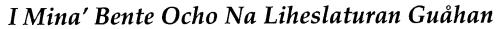
### Chairman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, TAXATION & COMMERCE

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# **Committee Report on**

Bill No. 87 (LS): "An Act To Reserve The Sum Of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) From The Debt Service Savings Resulting From The Payoff Of The Government Of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond For Public Education", as substituted by the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce.



#### Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce

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#### I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, 9:30 a.m. at *I Liheslaturan Guahan's* Public Hearing Room on Bill no. 87 (LS), "An Act To Reserve The Sum Of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) From The Debt Service Savings Resulting From The Payoff Of The Government Of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond For Public Education". Notices of this public hearing were disseminated throughout all local media via facsimile and are attached herein.

#### a. Senators present:

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo, Chairman Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Vice-Chairman Senator Adolpho B. Palacios, Member Senator Robert Klitzkie Senator Lou Leon Guerrero

#### b. Appearing before the Committee:

Mr. Andy Jordanou, Chief Financial Advisor to the Governor of Guam

Ms. Jacqueline Ronan, General Manager, KGTF

Ms. Tina Garcia, Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority

Dr. John Rider, Academic Affairs Vice-President, Guam Community College

Mr. Michael Cruz, Chairperson, Guam Public Library System Board (FY05)

Ms. Cristina Watson, Acting Director, Guam Public Library System

Dr. Jeff Barcinas, Acting Vice-President of University and Community Engagement Affairs, University of Guam

Mr. David O'Brien, Vice-President of Finance, University of Guam

Ms. Mary Okada, Comptroller, Department of Education

#### II. SUMMARY OF VERBAL TESTIMONIES:

Following introductory remarks by Chairman Edward J.B. Calvo, Senator Lawrence Kasperbauer expressed his excitement in anticipation of millions of dollars that will be available from the debt service savings resulting with the payoff of the government of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond in Fiscal Year 2006. Senator Kasperbauer concluded his introductory remarks by mentioning the different agencies and programs that will be appropriated certain amounts of money such as the Department of Education, University of Guam, Guam Community College, Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps, and other government entities in the areas of public safety and healthcare.

Mr. Andy Jordanou, the Governor's Chief Financial Advisor, provided comments relative to Bill No. 87 (LS). Mr. Jordanou emphasized the importance of understanding the overall expense levels and how the government of Guam will eventually handle this and other appropriation methods in order to prevent further reductions of its cash flow stream. Mr. Jordanou suggested that the \$13.5 million should not be over the approved appropriations given to the educational system when the budget review process is completed for Fiscal Year 2006.

Additionally, the Governor's Chief Financial Advisor recommended for the Legislature to ensure that the remaining funds identified in Section 3 of Bill No. 87 (LS), should be applied within the appropriations for those agencies when the budget process for FY 2006 is completed. Mr. Jordanou concluded his remarks with reference to Section 5 of Bill No. 87 (LS), which would authorize the forgiveness of debt service obligations of the University of Guam (UOG) on its 1993 Obligation Bond. Should this forgiveness be authorized, Mr. Jordanou expects that the government of Guam will become responsible for appropriating additional funds that will not be derived from the UOG. Should the government need to assist UOG in paying this particular bond in the future, should a shortfall occur following a debt forgiveness authorized as a result of

this measure, the Legislature may choose to reduce UOG's annual appropriations to reflect such costs.

Following Mr. Jordanou's presentation, Ms. Jacqueline Q. Ronan, General Manager of the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (KGTF), provided testimony in support of Bill No. 87 (LS). Ms. Ronan mentioned the need for KGTF to raise a minimum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00) in order to remain eligible to receive grant funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. According to Ms. Ronan, the \$100,000.00 appropriation identified in Bill No. 87 (LS) will help KGTF in its attempt to meet the funding requirement of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a requirement that has not been met for the past three (3) consecutive years.

Mrs. Tina Garcia, representing the Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority (GEDCA), read the written testimony provided by Mr. Gerald Perez, administrator of GEDCA. Although GEDCA agrees with the sponsoring senator's desire to support Public Education, the agency does not believe the approach being taken is financially prudent given the following considerations:

- The FY 06 budget already takes into account the reduced debt service payments, and even with the reduced debt service, the level of funds available for appropriation does not increase because of the accumulated cash deficit that the government must still pay down.
- The details of the appropriations mentioned in Bill No. 87 (LS) will be decided by the Legislature's Budget Committee with Public Education Officials during the upcoming budget hearings.
- Forgiving UOG of their fair share of the debt service for the \$28 million dollars
  worth of improvements made with the proceeds from the 1993 Bond Issuance
  may help the institution, which is the direct beneficiary of this amount. However,
  it does not solve the government's financial difficulty. It will merely shift and
  exacerbate the burden to all line agencies now already under funded such as the

Guam Police and Fire Departments, Department of Public Works, and the Department of Parks and Recreation. The effect of assigning this debt burden to an already stressed General Fund Account will not be viewed positively by the market at a time when the local government attempts to rebuild its credit worthiness.

Dr. John Rider, Vice-President of Academic Affairs at the Guam Community College (GCC), provided brief comments in support of Bill No. 87 (LS). Dr. Rider explained that the proposed measure is good-timing because it recognizes the College's need to further expand a variety of different career preparatory programs for its students. Dr. Rider concluded by proposing that the funds identified for GCC in Bill No. 87 (LS) will be used to support individual departments in their struggle to meet the growing needs of our island community.

Mr. Michael Cruz, FY 2005 Chairperson of the Guam Public Library Board, provided following with comments in support of Bill No. 87 (LS). With the \$150,000 appropriation identified in this measure, Mr. Cruz suggested that some of the branch libraries located throughout the island may be reopened so that patrons can be afforded the opportunity to sit, read, and access resources available at these locations. Mr. Cruz encouraged the Committee and the rest of the Legislature to support the passage of Bill 87 (LS).

Ms. Cristina Watson, Acting Director of the Guam Public Library System, shared similar comments in support of Bill No. 87 (LS). Ms. Watson specifically stated that the appropriation identified in the proposed measure would be sufficient to fund the operations of at least one fully staffed branch library, and will enable the Public Library System to service under serviced communities in Guam.

Dr. Jeff Barcinas, Acting Vice-President of University and Community Engagement Affairs at the University of Guam, presented himself along with Mr. David O'Brien, Vice-President of Administration and Finance, for any questions or concerns panel members may have with the written testimony submitted by UOG's President,

Dr. Harold Allen. Mr. O'Brien followed with comments supporting the proposed measure, citing the need for UOG to fill teaching vacancies and improve its facilities.

Chairman Calvo informed the public and members of the Committee that written testimonies were also submitted by Mr. Rick Castro from the University of Guam, Mr. George Pereda, Director of the Dr. Antonio Yamashita Educator Corps, and from Ms. Sam Souza from the Guam Public Library System Board.

Following this notice by the Committee Chairman, Ms. Mary Okada, Comptroller at the Department of Education, respectfully informed the Committee that her agency will be submitting written testimony in support of Bill No. 87 (LS). Ms. Okada summarized her comments by encouraging the Legislature to pass the proposed legislation as it will provide the education department the opportunity to addresses serious concerns regarding the salaries of teachers and the recruitment and retention of personnel, including elementary and secondary teachers, librarians, and guidance counselors.

Subsequent to Ms. Okada's remarks, Senator Adolpho Palacios inquired about the number of employees who are unable to retire from the education department because of the agency's inability to submit its share to the Government of Guam Retirement Fund over the past few years.

Ms. Okada mentioned that she was unable to provide the Committee with an accurate number because the department is unaware of those employees who may have wanted to retire in recent years, but when informed that they are unable to do so, choose to return back to their place of work without informing appropriate officials of their intent. Ms. Okada informed the Committee that a survey will be conducted in order to clarify the actual number of employees who still wish to retire from government service.

Senator Palacios also asked Mr. Andy Jordanou whether the funds identified in Bill No. 87 (LS) should be used to address other urgent issues such as the payments that need to be made from DOE and GMH to the Retirement Fund. Mr. Jordanou stated that

although there are a variety of important and urgent issues that need to be addressed throughout the government of Guam, he recommended that members of the Legislature utilize the upcoming budget process in order to ensure that funds that may become available, such as the amount identified in Bill No. 87 (LS), are appropriated wherever appropriate, without jeopardizing the government's overall financial stability.

Following comments made by the Governor's Chief Financial Advisor, Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, author of Bill No. 87 (LS), entered into the record the submission of written testimonies from other agencies and organizations in support of the proposed legislation such as from the Department of Integrated Services for People with Disabilities and from its Division of Support Services. Senator Kasperbauer then commented on the need for the government to use the money identified in his bill for its priorities such as education, public safety, and healthcare. Senator Kasperbauer concluded his remarks by extending his appreciation to the Committee Chairman for including Bill No. 87 (LS) as part of this public hearing.

Chairman Edward J.B. Calvo concluded by extending his appreciation to those in attendance for presenting their testimony on Bill No. 87 (LS). The Chairman informed the public that an additional ten (10) working days is provided for individuals wanting to submit written testimony on said legislation adjourned this Public Hearing of the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce.

#### III. WRITTEN TESTIMONIES:

The following is a list of individuals who submitted written testimony before the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce in support of Bill No. 87 (LS) and are attached herein for review. Testimonies from Mr. Andy Jordanou, Chief Financial Advisor to the Governor and Mr. Gerald Perez, Administrator of the Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority, however, provide specific concerns regarding overall expense levels and how the government of Guam will eventually handle this and other appropriation methods in order to prevent further reductions of its cash flow

stream. Their testimonies raised concerns over Section 5 of the proposed legislation, which would authorize the forgiveness of debt service obligations of the University of Guam (UOG) on its 1993 Obligation Bond. Should this forgiveness be authorized, both testimonies, as discussed in the beginning of this report, suggest that this forgiveness would shift and exacerbate the burden to all line agencies now already under funded. According to the GEDCA Administrator, the effect of assigning this debt burden to an already stressed General Fund Account will not be viewed positively by the market at a time when the local government attempts to rebuild its credit worthiness:

- 1. Mr. Andy Jordanou, Chief Financial Advisor to the Governor of Guam
- 2. Ms. Jacqueline Q. Ronan, General Manager, Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (KGTF)
- 3. Mr. Gerald Perez, Administrator, Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority
- 4. Mr. Michael S. Cruz, Chairperson, Guam Public Library System Board (FY 2005)
- 5. Ms. Cristina Watson, Acting Director, Guam Public Library System
- 6. Mr. Rick Castro, Member, Guam Public Library System Board
- 7. Ms. Debra O. Ahillen, Member, Guam Public Library System Board
- 8. Dr. Harold Allen, President, University of Guam
- 9. Mr. George Pereda, Director, Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita Educator Corps
- 10. Ms. Sam Mabini Souza, Member Guam Public Library System Board
- 11. Mrs. Rosanne S. Ada, Director, Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities
- 12. Ms. Julie B. Laurente, Social Worker, Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities' Division of Support Services
- 13. Ms. Rose Marie Genese, Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities' Division of Support Services
- 14. Mr. Juan Flores, Superintendent, Department of Education

#### IV. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce finds that the Government of Guam's average debt service on the 1995 General Obligation Bond is approximately \$17,995,000 per year. The Committee finds that the bond will be paid off in Fiscal year 2006 and will have a balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2005 of a little more than \$2,210,000. Therefore, approximately \$15,785,000 that was appropriated for annual debt service since 1995 will no longer be needed for debt service in FY 2006 and can be used for priority areas such as Education, Public Safety, and Healthcare. It is the intent of this Committee and of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to reserve, through appropriation of FY 2006 revenues, the sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$13,500,000) for education and reserve the balance for Public Safety and Healthcare.

Concerns regarding Section 5 of Bill No. 87 (LS), which would authorize the forgiveness of the Debt Service Obligations of the University of Guam (UOG) have also been taken into consideration by members of this Committee. This forgiveness will not solve the government of Guam's financial challenges, however, it will shift this responsibility to an already stressed General Fund Account.

The Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce, to which Bill No. 87 (LS) "An Act To Reserve The Sum Of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) From The Debt Service Savings Resulting From The Payoff Of The Government Of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond For Public Education", was referred, does hereby submit its findings and recommendations to I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan TO PASS Bill No. 87 (LS), as substituted. by the Committee.



# MINA TE OCHO NA LIHESLATU GUÅHAN WENTY-EIGHTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

# Senator Edward J.B. Calvo SECRETARY OF THE LEGISLATURE

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March 29, 2005

# **Public Hearing Agenda:**

- Bill 63 (EC): "An Act To Appropriate Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) From The Safe Street, Safe Homes Fund To The Guam Legal Services Corporation For Legal Services For Victims Of Family Violence."
- 2. <u>Bill 67 (EC)</u>: "An Act Relative To Authorizing The Department Of Administration To Close Government Of Guam Financial Accounts Which It Considers No Longer Necessary And In Which Have Been Inactive Or Have Had No Transaction Activity For No Less Than One Year; Requiring That Any Fund Balances Identified In These Accounts Be Deposited Into The General Fund; And Further Requiring A Written Comprehensive Report On The Closure Of Such Accounts To I Maga'lahon Guåhan." POSTPONED
- 3. <u>Bill 73 (EC)</u>: "An Act To Authorize The Attorney General Notwithstanding Any Other Provision Of Law And Including The Guam Procurement Law To Directly Negotiate An Office Lease For The Office Of The Attorney General's Operations."
- 4. <u>Bill 87 (LS)</u>: "An Act To Reserve The Sum Of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) From The Debt Service Savings Resulting From The Payoff Of The Government Of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond For Public Education."
- 5. <u>Bill 81 (EC)</u>: "An Act To Appropriate The Sum Of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) From The Safe Streets Fund To The Mayor's Council Of Guam For The Purpose Of Resurfacing The Multi-Purpose Sports Court At The Sinajana Community Center For Safety."

Individuals wishing to submit verbal/written testimonies, please sign your name on the sign-in sheet available at the Legislative Staff Table.

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Senator Edward J.B. Calvo, Chairman

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#### **Bill 87**

Mr. Chairman, honored Senators I am Andy Jordanou, Commissioner of Banking and Insurance and Chief Financial Advisor to the Governor. My testimony is for Bill 87 and that in theory I support except for certain additions that must be incorporated within the language before the Bill becomes Law.

As we move into the process of reviewing our Government's budget for 2006, I cannot emphasize the importance of understanding our overall expense levels and how we eventual handle our appropriation methods in order not to dilute our cash flow stream.

While I support our Educational system we must be careful how we appropriate. Section 2, suggests the amount of \$13.5 Million which consists of cash flow funds that is used to pay the 1995 General Obligation Bond will be repaid in 2006 should go towards education. May I suggest at this time that the \$13.5 million should not be over the approved appropriations given to the educational system when the Budget review process is completed for 2006.

Likewise, under Section 3, the remaining funds that are payments going towards the repayment of the 1995 General Obligation Bond of \$4.495 Million references that these funds be earmarked for other Agencies. Again these funds should be applied within the appropriations for those Agencies when the Budget process has been completed for 2006.

In addition, Section 5 discusses debt forgiveness of the debt service obligation of the University of Guam on the Government's 1993 General Obligation Bond. For background purposes, in 1993 the Government of Guam issued \$175 Million General Obligation Bonds to fund the construction of certain educational facilities with \$28 Million being earmarked for certain construction projects at the University of Guam. Under Public Law 22-19 and amended by Public Law 23-14 established a Bond fund and deposits from tuition revenues in the fund. On a monthly basis remittances are transferred by the University of Guam to the Government of Guam's General Fund to cover the University's proportionate share of principal and

interest for the payment of those Bonds. Total yearly payments are \$2.027 Million or until 2018.

If the debt service is forgiven then the Government of Guam must come up with the additional funds that will not be derived from the University. I don't believe at this time we should forgive debt service that was originally used to construct certain projects. We have to be reminded that the Government continues to experience debt service shortfalls, thus every dollar means a great deal, especially in the Bond market.

If you still foresee assistance, we could however, create an offset for the University by reducing their future appropriations in like amounts. Or we can look at this after the Government's overall financial analysis.

Keep in mind our schools need maintenance and as we look into the future, possible assistance can be achieved through these educational appropriations.

We must continue our efforts in controlling expenditures and maximizing our revenues. Cash flow is a necessity in retiring our Government's debts.

Thank you



**Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation** 

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo
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GENERAL MANAG	ER, KGTF/TV 12
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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF BILL 87(LS): "An Act To Reserve The Sum Of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) From The Dept Service Savings Resulting From The Payoff Of The Government Of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond For Public Education."

Good Morning, Honorable Senators, I want to begin first by thanking the Chairman on the Committee on Finance, Taxation & Commerce, Senator Eddie Calvo for inviting KGTF to speak in favor of Bill 87(LS) and to Senator Larry Kasperbauer, Chairman, on the Committee on Education for introducing this legislation that supports Public Education and the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation, KGTF/TV12.

By voting in favor of this legislation, you and your colleagues are helping the station meet its financial requirements to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The outcome of which means that all our family educational programming i.e. "Sesame Street", "Barney", "Elmo and Friends" as well as "Austin City Limits", "Great Performances", "Nova", "Antique Road Show", "Masterpiece Theater" and all our PBS documentaries remain on the air.

As you may or may not know, in order for KGTF to maintain its eligibility for grant funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the station needs to raise a minimum of \$800,000 every year in Non-Federal Financial Support (NFFS). Through local legislative appropriation, the Government of Guam contributes an average of \$500,000 annually to KGTF's operations. The remaining funds, then needs to be raised yearly from outside production services, corporate underwriting support and fund-raising events, in order to accomplish KGTF's mission.

It's important to mention that in recent years, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting requirements of what is eligible and not eligible for NFFS has changed. For example, with regard to fundraising events, figures previously accepted were gross revenue dollars, whereas now the CPB only accepts net profits dollars from our events. The same pattern permeates throughout production and underwriting station revenues numbers as well. In addition, what was previously accepted as in-kind donations for fundraising i.e. plane tickets for raffles, are no longer accepted, as these fund-raising trade sponsors are



#### **Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation**

compensated through the promotion of the events. KGTF now more than ever, needs support from all areas of the community, from the Legislature for Appropriations, the Administration for Production Support, Corporate Support for Underwriting and Sponsorships, and the Community for Individual Donations and Fund-Raising Events.

The \$100,000 appropriation from Bill 87(LS) toward PBS (Public Broadcasting System) programming costs is a godsend to the station. Senators, KGTF has not met its fund-raising requirement, its NFFS commitments to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for the three (3) consecutive years. We have to do things differently in order to expect a different result. The station has beefed up it production capabilities, we have revamped our development department, and we will be launching new programming in the coming months.

We certainly could use your support in passing this much needed legislation.

Thank you for your attention today.

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**Lieutenant Governor** Kaleo S. Moylan

**Governor** Felix P. Camacho

Bill No. 87 (LS)

An Act to reserve the sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) from the Debt Service Savings resulting from the payoff of the Government of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond for Public Education.

Public Hearing Testimony of Gerald S.A. Perez, Administrator Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority (GEDCA) March 29, 2005

Good morning, Senator Calvo, and members of the Committee on Finance, Taxation and Commerce, Ladies and Gentlemen. My name is Gerald Perez, Administrator of the Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority. Thank you for inviting GEDCA to provide testimony on Bill No. 87 (LS), An Act to reserve the sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) from the Debt Service Savings resulting from the payoff of the Government of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond for Public Education.

We are in agreement with the sponsoring senator's desire to support Public Education. However, we do not believe this approach is financially prudent given the following considerations:

- Governor Felix Camacho's FY2006 Executive Budget proposal to the Guam Legislature already
  takes into account the reduced debt service payments. Even with the reduced debt service, the level
  of funds available for appropriation does not increase because of the accumulated cash deficit that
  the government must still pay down.
- The details of the appropriations above will be decided by this committee's discussion during next month's budget hearing scheduled with Public Education officials.
- Forgiving the University of Guam of their fair share of the debt service for the \$28.0 M of improvements made with the proceeds from the 1993 Bond Issuance may help UOG, the direct beneficiary of this amount. However, it does not solve the government's financial difficulty. It will merely shift and exacerbate the burden to all line agencies now already under funded, i.e. the Police Department, the Fire Department, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, etc. The effect of assigning this debt burden to an already stressed General Fund Account will be not be viewed positively by the market at a time when we are trying hard to rebuild Guam's credit worthiness.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Gerald S.A. Perez Administrator Senator Edward J.B. Calv

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## MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 87 (LS) Introduced by: L.F. Kasperbauer

AN ACT TO RESERVE THE SUM OF THIRTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,500,000) FROM THE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS RESULTING FROM THE PAYOFF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S 1995 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

#### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

In Support of Bill No. 87 (LS)
From
Michael S. Cruz
Guam Public Library System
FY2005 Board Chairperson

March 29, 2005

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo
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**Legislative Findings and Intent** 

\$17,995,000

Debt Service for 1995 General Obligation Bond.

\$ 2,210,000

Balance at end of FY 2005.

Paid off

FY 2006.

\$15,785,000

Appropriated for Debt Service since 1995.

No longer needed

FY 2006.

\$13,500,000

Advance appropriation for Education, Public Safety, Healthcare.

#### Section 2. Advance Continuing Appropriation for Public Education.

The Sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund beginning with Fiscal Year 2006 revenues and continuing annually thereafter for Public Education to be allocated as follows:

(e) One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to the Guam Public Library for the purpose of operating branch libraries.

The Honorable Senator Edward J. B. Calvo, Chairman.

Committee on Finance, Taxation and Commerce; and Office of Finance and Budget.

Members of the Committee.

Buenas dias and good morning.

My name is Michael Cruz, and I am the FY2005 chairperson for the Guam Public Library.

First I want to thank Senator Larry Kasperbauer for introducing this Bill 87, and considering the Guam Public Library to be a recipient of a portion of these funds that we may be able to operate branch libraries.

We have five branch libraries: Dededo, Barrigada, Yona, Merizo, and Agat. At the present time, we can only afford to open a single branch library, at Dededo, primarily for our patrons at the northern part of Guam.

Although the Hagatna Main library is open and available for everyone, including the community to the south, it would benefit our people if a branch library was opened for them in their vicinity.

The Bookmobile is responding to and servicing the areas where a branch library is not available. At this time, I want to thank our private sponsors for helping us bring life back to the bookmobile.

Our patrons must be afforded the opportunity to sit, read, study, and access resources that can be provided for them at a branch library.

When I was in elementary school in the late 50s and early 60s, there was a public library in the village of Asan. I still remember it very clearly. I spent many hours in that small library, sitting on the floor at the children's book section, and looking at pictures in the books, and eventually reading as much as I could. I know that this has had an impact on my life today.

\$150,000 has been identified in Bill 87 for the operation of branch libraries. At our regular board meeting last night, the members agreed that this an unexpected and very rare opportunity. We wish to reopen the Agat branch library.

On behalf of the Board, I respectfully ask for your support of this Bill.

This is an opportunity for you to help our people.

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I am also submitting written testimony from Sam Mabini Souza, a member of the Board. She too is asking for your support.



# GUAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM Sisteman Laibirihan Pupbleko Guåhan Government of Guam



## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, TAXATION, AND COMMERCE TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL 87

March 28, 2005

Mr. Chairperson and Committee Members:

As Acting Director of the Guam Public Library System, I am strongly in favor of Bill 87. The proposed sum of money to be allotted to GPLS in this bill, \$150,000, will be enough to open one branch library fully-staffed, enabling us to extend critical library services to under-serviced communities on Guam.

Thank you.

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## WRITTEN TESTIMONY Submitted by Rick L. Castro, Guam Public Library System Board member, in support of Legislative Bill 087

#### March 27, 2005

I would like to speak in favor of supporting Bill 087, particularly regarding Section One, Item E, with its provision of \$150K for the operation of Guam Public Library System branch libraries.

It is a hard reality our island has had to come to terms with, in that years of dwindling government budget and funding levels have steadily infringed upon, reduced, or cut back on essential public programs, offerings and services for Guam's community members. While it is true that money alone will not ensure a successful agency or program, adequate fiscal support channeled through an efficient, well thought-out and well planned program will maximize investment of funds and effort and energy for the best benefit of the recipients of the service.

The investment of \$150K into the Guam Public Library System for the operation of branch libraries is an effort towards maximizing a vital community support service for community members of all ages. A public library offers crucial information, literacy, recreation, research, and self enhancement possibilities, among others, that no other single community service can offer within the relatively compact space that houses a library or one of its branches. Over the past ten years that I have served as a member of the GPLS board, I have seen the Guam Public Library System steadily improve, focus and refine its objectives in services, programs, and access, so I feel confident that the \$150K will be very well invested, with excellent returns. The positive investment of lives in a given community cannot be easily, readily measured, or assigned a dollar value to. But the quality and ability of community members to make informed decisions, about their individual lives and the directions these will take, as well as decisions regarding the collective wellbeing of the community, are in part a direct result of the quality of opportunities for education and information, whether of self, community, or world, that a given community has made available for its members. A public library system is an essential link in the circle of community education and information.

Thank you.

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo
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The Honorable Senator Edward J.B. Calvo Chairman Committee on Finance, Taxation and Commerce and Office of Finance and Budget I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan 155 Hessler Place Hagatna, Guam 96910

March 29, 2005

#### Dear Senator,

It is with great enthusiasm that I encourage the appropriation of excess revenues from the General Obligation Bond to be utilized for public Education. Guam Public Libraries specifically, has experienced significant financial decline and would benefit greatly from the proposed appropriation. This amount would allow us to open a fully staffed and subsidized branch, enabling citizens of the southern regions of Guam access to Library services within their home community. The educational benefits to our community are far reaching. I encourage you to support this funding to enhance the Guam community, and enable the Guam Public Library System to continue fulfilling its responsibility to the Guam constituents.

Sincerely, Jelia Q. A Villen

Debra O. Ahillen Board Member

**Guam Public Library** 



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March 24, 2005

The Honorable Senator Larry Kasperbauer Chairman, Committee on Education and Community Development 28<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Place Hagatna, Guam 96910

Sen	ator Edward J.B.
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Dear Senator Kasperbauer:

I would like to thank you, Speaker Forbes, and members of the  $28^{\rm th}$  Guam Legislature for the opportunity to offer testimony on Bill 87.

If approved by the Legislature, as written, and signed into law by Governor Camacho, Bill 87 would annually appropriate \$2 million for the University of Guam. The \$2 million annual appropriation would remain in place until such time as the Government of Guam's 1993 General Obligation Bond is retired in 2018.

Currently, the University of Guam is paying 2 million in annual debt service out of student tuition. Not only has this \$2 million annual payment has been the subject of review and discussion by WASC site visitors but it is a recognized fact that paying \$2 million annually out of funds generated by the University further weakens the institution's financial stability. These funds are badly needed to support general operations and specific goals embodied in the University's strategic plan. Without a doubt, making a \$2 million annual payment out of revenue the University generates has contributed to our capacity building problems and our not having sufficient full-time faculty and student services support to meet the needs of our students.

As you know from our recent meeting, the University is facing a serious budget shortfall in FY06 and beyond, largely the result of unfunded mandates, reduced credithour production in the face of a stronger island economy, and the loss of funds from the Tobacco Settlement Account.

Un-encumbering \$2 million from our tuition receivables would assist the University community in an important way. We would urge you and members of the 28<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature who are committed to maintaining a strong University of Guam to approve this legislation.

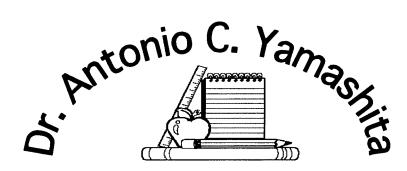
Thank you for your leadership and continuing support of the University of Guam. The University's students and faculty will be the beneficiaries if this Bill is approved and signed into law.

Sincerely,

7fm am Harold L. Allen

President

CC: Members, 28<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature
University of Guam Board of Regents
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Chair, Administrative Council
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Written Testimony given at the Public Hearing on March 29, 2005 before the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan

Buenas yan Hafa Adai Mr. Chairman, and other members of I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan. I have had a chance to look over Bill 87(LS) which is the focus of the public hearing today and I would like to enter my verbal and written testimony in support of its passage. As you can see from the YEC Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2006, funding for one hundred recipients under the provisions of PL28-002 (Educator Recertification) was included to the tune of \$173,500 (\$1735 per recipient). With an appropriation of \$250,000 [under Section 2(d) of the bill] entitlements can be made available to at least 144 recipients.

It should also be noted that with the advance appropriation of FY 2006 revenues, the Yamashita Educator Corps Council can move to initiate coverage under PL28-002 for the upcoming Summer 2005 semester rather than having to wait until after the budget law for FY 2006 is effectuated. I would like to reserve comment on the other provisions of Bill 87(LS) but thank you and your colleagues for your continued support of our public school system and for our island's effort at teacher recruitment and support.

Sincerely,

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo

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Dear Senator Calvo:

I am writing to ask you to support Bill 87. This bill will soon come to a vote, which will help support the funding for the operation of the various branches of the Guam Public Library System. As you all may know, the branch libraries have been non-operational for several years. Hence, constituents are at a disadvantage, essentially due to the lack of access to literature and the multitude of written and electronic resources.

We live in an era where information and access to information is vital to the social, education, and economic development of any society. Socio-economic development hinges on the level of support for literacy. We hinder progress when constituents are afforded limited access to sources of literature and information - fundamental information that advances society. Research consistently reflects how the degree of literacy and reading at all age levels is linked to socioeconomic status and opportunities. Lifelong learning through reading and the practice of inquiry promotes more civically engaged and informed citizens.

I strongly believe that this is an important bill. It will benefit the community at large. All children and adults on island will have equal and easy access to the benefits of the public libraries. I urge you to reflect on how you and all successful leaders and citizens of Guam are outcomes of the wonderful world of public libraries, whether on Guam or abroad.

Please support Bill No. 87, particularly Section 2, Item (e), which will provide \$150,000 to the Guam Public Library for the purpose of operation branch libraries. Thank you for your kind attention, consideration, and support.

Sincerely,

Sam Mabini Souza Board Member, GPLS

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March 25, 2005



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**Proposed** 

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo Chairman Committee on Finance, Taxation & Commerce 155 Hesler Street Hagatna, Guam 96910

Reference: Bill 87 (LS) "An Act To Reserve The Sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500.00) From The Debt Service Savings Resulting From The Payoff Of The Government Of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond For Public Education."

Dear Senator Calvo,

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We are in support of Bill 87 to reserve the balance of funds currently used for debt service on the 1995 Gov. of Guam General Obligation Bond for Public Safety and Healthcare.

The Division of Support Service for Individuals with Disabilities is in critical need for increased funding for Service Contracts. The demand for services in the following areas have increased tremendously within the last five years.

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1. Respite Care	\$ 276,705	\$ 304,375
2. Independent Group	282,960	311,256
3. Comprehensive Case Management	157,609	173,369
4. Residential Program for MR/MI	670,000	800,000
5. Community Habilitation Program	203,177	223,494
6. Mary Clare Home	291,643	320,807
TOTAL:	\$1,882,094.	\$2,133,301.
Additional Staff	-0-	<b>\$</b> 166,689.

Staffing for the Division of Support Services and the Division of Evaluation, Enforcement and Compliance:

#### **Proposed Funding**

1. Program Coordinator II

**328,678** 

**Current Funding** 

2.	Planner II	28,678
3.	Social Worker III	35,848
4.	Quality Assurance Coordinator	28,678
<b>5.</b>	Administrative Assistant (Unclassified)	<u>44,807</u>

TOTAL:

\$ 166,689.

**GRAND TOTAL:** 

\$2,299,990.

President Bush's New Freedom Initiative calls for consumer driven, community based programs for individuals with disabilities, especially those that are coming out of mental health institutions and congregate living arrangements.

We trust that under your leadership DISID will be afforded the opportunity to provide support services and programs that will improve the quality of life for its consumers.

We thank you for your support and wisdom in our consumers' quest for self-determination.

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Rosanne S. Ada

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## **D**epartment of **I**ntegrated **S**ervices for **I**ndividuals with **D**isabilities Division of Support Services

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Date: 3.29

Re: <u>BILL 87 (LS)</u> "An Act To Reserve The Sum Of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) From The Debt Service Savings Resulting From The Payoff Of The Government Of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond For Public Education."

Dear Senator Calvo,

I am in support of BILL 87 as described above. I am a social worker with DISID's Division of Support Services and personally see the needs of our disabled consumers everyday. There are several needs and gaps in services that exist and have not been met over the years. This in part is due to many different factors. The focus is to continue to push for these services through legislation such as this. It is already a familiar situation with the lack of funding for current programs and staffing with many of the departments, but hopefully with great consideration this can soon be addressed.

- \*The establishment of DISID in Public Law 24-16 enabled the Department to develop and create programs that would meet the needs of persons with disabilities. Due to the continuing decrease in staffing over the years, our Department still faces many of the same challenges from its inception.
- \* Disabled consumers who transition from children services into adult services lack the support to continue in the community without family and government assistance. With this concern, additional funding would assist us in developing the appropriate supports essential to smooth transitioning.
  - ➤ Personal Assistance Services (PAS) / Personal Care Attendant services (PCA) would help consumers who are trying to live independently in the community by having another individual supervise in their daily living needs or basically check in on them daily. The different levels of care would be determined through the individual's level of need.

> Transitional Living/Residential Programs which would assist individuals in various levels of need receive the most appropriate assistance toward the ultimate goal of living in their own home. Some individuals would require longer and more care prior to residing on their own, but some would unfortunately never live outside of a group home setting or without daily living assistance.

It is my belief that the aggressive attempts to fund these needs will alleviate most of the difficulty experienced by my colleagues in this field. That would be repeatedly having little to no other resolution to their requests time and time again. Of course, I would like to see all the needs of our consumers met. But the very basic needs listed above would be a great start at addressing all the gaps in services that this population faces.

Thank you for your continued support with our consumers and your valued interest with their growing critical needs.

Sincerely,

Julie B. Laurente

# Senator Edward J.B. Calvo ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT Rev'd by: Myole Print Name & Initial Time: A. A.S.

## Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

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March 28, 2005

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo Chairman Committee on Finance, Taxation & Commerce 155 Hesler Street Hagatna, Guam 96910

Re: Bill 87 (LS) "An Act To Reserve The Sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000.00) From The Debt Service Savings Resulting From The Payoff Of The Government Of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond For Public Eduaction."

#### Dear Senator Calvo,

I am writing to ask that you support the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities-Division of Support Services, in regards to the Bill 87 (LS) to increase fundings for our programs, office supplies, and more staff. This bill is vitally important on many levels of services in our agency DISID-Division of Support Services.

As a social worker I can see the great needs of services such as:

- Personal Care Attendant (PCA). Our consumers and families caring for the member or child needs this kind of services for long term disabilities.
   We have consumers requires 24-7 supervision due to their severity of disabilities.
- Transportation. I can see the needs of transportation for our consumers to be able to meet with their appointments, meetings, shopping and other activities. Most of the consumers were not pick up and stranded in certain places and ended up walking far distance.
- Medication and no Medical Insurance. Our consumers seeking for cash to purchase their medications and their welfare is not enough to cover or some consumers have no medical insurance. MIP also does not cover some of the medications which our consumers would not be able to afford to purchase it.
- Housing. Consumers having a problem to get in to housing which social
  worker tap in to any housing, group homes possibly for the consumers to
  live. Unfortunately, some consumers ended up homeless. Some of our
  consumers at the group homes (i.e. Mary Clare Group Home, Independent
  Group Home, CARIDAD I & II) are not moving and the consumers are

- aging in the group home because there is no place to live and these consumers has long term profound, severe disabilities.
- Residential Treatment Facility Off-Island. We have 8 children off-island receiving treatment. This is under Residential Treatment Funds which, to my understanding that this account is depleting its resources. Most of our payments were tapped to the General Fund.
- Just a thought that if your committee members may consider the funding off-island training for DISID-Social Workers so that may continually update our capabilities on behalf of our consumers and their families.

I am truly honored to submit this testimony as an encouragement of my Director, Mrs. Rosanne S. Ada. If there is any question needed to be provided, please do not hesitate to contact me at 642-0038/40. I appreciate your time into this matter. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Rose Marie Genese

DSSID-Social Worker



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JUAN P. FLORES
Superintendent of Education

March 31, 2005

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo
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Honorable Senator Edward J.B. Calvo Chairman, Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 28<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature #155 Hessler Street Hagatña Guam 96910

Ref: Bill No. 87

Buenas yan Saludos Honorable Senator Calvo and Members of the Committee:

During the public hearing on Bill 87 on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, the Department of Education through the Department's Comptroller provided a brief testimony in favor of Bill No. 87. This bill when enacted promises to help the Department of Education in its recruitment effort of fully certified teachers to fill each and every classroom in the Guam Public Schools.

The Department of Education has documented information that the Department is anticipating a total number of 362 vacant teaching positions for school year 2005-2006. Historically, the number increases before the beginning of the school year as a result of attrition because of retirement and resignation for relocation.

The funding to be made available in Bill No. 87, when finally enacted into law will make the salaries of teachers competitive to attract fully certified teachers especially in the areas that are hard to fill such as secondary mathematics, secondary science, secondary language arts, elementary and secondary special education, elementary and secondary guidance counselors and librarians, to name a few.

Though we support Bill No. 87, we would like to make a suggestion to consider an amendment of section 4 of the bill. Instead of the language, The compensation study shall be completed prior to August 31, 2005, we request to change to, The compensation study shall be completed on or before August 01, 2005. The reason for this request is because the Department not only needs to attract new teachers but also to ensure that we retain the current incumbent teachers through the anticipated additional compensation since the commencement of school year 2005-2006 will be on August 15, 2005.

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, once again I reiterate the full support of Bill No. 87.

If you should have any question regarding this testimony, please feel free to let me know.

Senseramente.

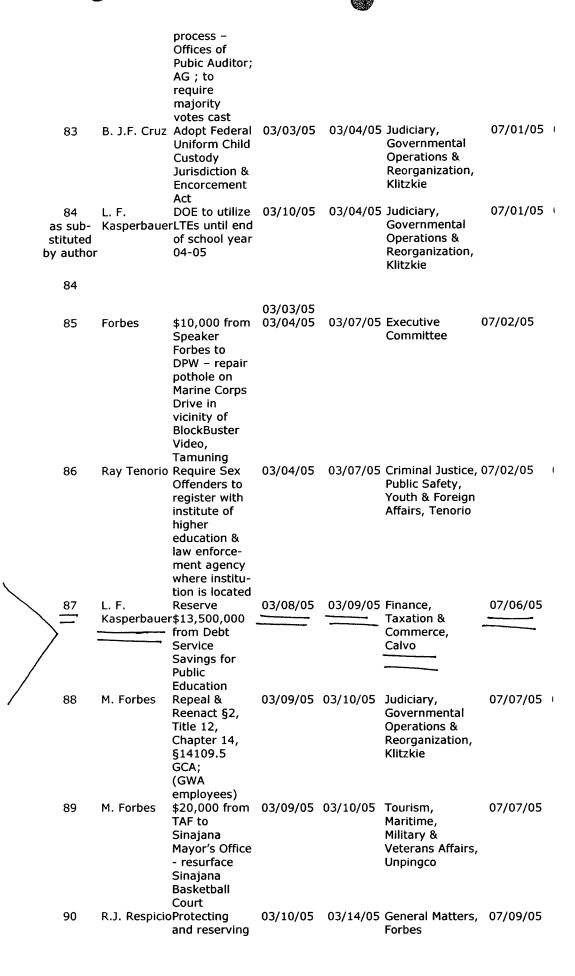
JUAN P. FLORES, Superintendent of Education

Cc: Legislative Committee Members on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce Chairman, Guam Education Policy Board Members, Guam Education Policy Board

Administrator, Personnel Services Division

Comptroller, Financial Affairs, DOE







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March 15, 2005

The Honorable Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Ph.D. Senator and Chairman Committee on Education and Community Development Mina' Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hessler Place Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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Reference:

Public Hearing for Bill No. 87 (LS):

Håfa adai, Senator Kasperbauer:

Please be advised that the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce has scheduled a public hearing on March 29, 2005, 9:30 a.m. at *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room. The *Committee* will receive written and verbal testimonies from the Public on the following measure, which you have authored:

• <u>Bill 87 (LS)</u>: "An Act To Reserve The Sum Of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) From The Debt Service Savings Resulting From The Payoff Of The Government Of Guam's 1995 General Obligation Bond For Public Education."

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact my office at 475-8801. I look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Mr. Carlos Bordallo, Acting Director

Bureau of Budget Management and Research

From: Chairman, Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce

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Bureau of Budget & Mgmt. Research.

Subject: REQUEST FOR FISCAL NOTES

Pursuant to 2 GCA §9102, I respectfully request BBMR to prepare fiscal notes for the following measures:

- Bill 28 (EC): "An Act To Earmark The Proceeds Of The Sale Of GTA To The Department Of Education."
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Attached are copies of the aforementioned bills for BBMR's analysis. The fiscal notes shall be provided to the Standing Committee within fourteen days from receipt of this request as required by 2 GCA §9105. Please call my office should you require additional information.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo



## MINA'BE FEOCHO NA LIHESLATU IN TWENTY-EIGHTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

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The Honorable Felix P. Camacho Maga'låhen Guåhan
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 2950
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Reference:

Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Commerce Public Hearings.

Håfa adai, Governor Camacho:

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The *Committee* encourages verbal testimony, however, written testimony is preferred and should be submitted to my office by 12 noon the day prior to the public hearing. I solicit any comments from any entity within the Executive Branch affected by Bill Nos. 28 (EC), 30 (EC), 41 (EC), 45 (LS), 46 (EC), 52 (EC), 63 (EC), 67 (EC), 73 (EC), 81 (EC), and 87 (EC). Please make the appropriate arrangements with your cabinet. Should you be unable to attend, please contact my office at 475-8801 as soon as possible.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo



#### MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATUR. N GUÅHAN TWENTY-EIGHTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

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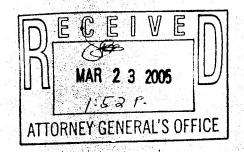


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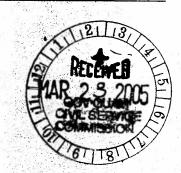


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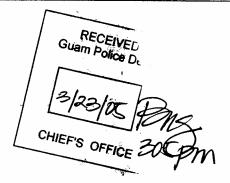
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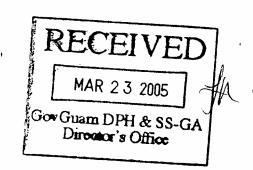


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March 29

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#### ON THE NET

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THORITY: 4 p.m. March 29, GWA conference room, main office, second floor. Everyone is invited. Call 646-7815.

GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY: 8:30 a.m. March 29, Health Professional Licensing Office, Suite 9, 651 Legacy Square Commercial Complex, Route 10, Mangilao. Agenda copies will be available. Call Jane Diego, 735-7406/11.

GUAM EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION: Rescheduled first advisory meeting 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 29, Hilton Guam Resort & Spa's The Gallery. For special accommodations, call Ruth Leon Guerrero, 735-2466.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND LAND SURVEYORS
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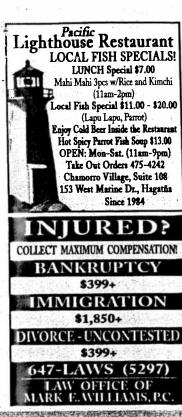
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GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD: 6 p.m. March 30, DOE conference room, Hogatña. Items include the privatization and hiring freeze of cafeteria and maintenance services, school calendar and construction of new schools. For more information or special accommodations, call 475-0415.

GUAM HOUSING CORP. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 3 p.m. March 30, fifth floor, Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority conference room, Tamuning. For special accommodations,

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# MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 87 (LS)

Introduced by:

L.F. Kasperbauer & M.

AN ACT TO RESERVE THE SUM OF THIRTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,500,000) FROM THE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS RESULTING FROM THE PAYOFF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S 1995 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

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

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the Government of Guam's average debt service on the 1995 General Obligation Bond is approximately \$17,995,000 per year. I Liheslatura further finds that the bond will be paid off in Fiscal year 2006 and will have a balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2005 of a little more than \$2,210,000. Therefore approximately \$15,785,000 that was appropriated for annual debt service since 1995 will no longer be needed for debt service in FY 2006 and can be used for priority areas such as Education, Public Safety and Healthcare.

It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to reserve, through advance appropriation of FY2006 revenues, the sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) for education and reserve the balance for Public Safety and Healthcare.

Section 2. Advance Continuing Appropriation for Public Education. The Sum of Thirteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,500,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund beginning with Fiscal Year 2006 revenues and continuing annually thereafter for Public Education to be allocated as follows:

1 (a) Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Department of Education for 2 implementation of the recommendations of the Compensation Study provided for in 3 Section 4 of this Act.

- (b) Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) appropriated for debt service on the Government of Guam's 1993 General Obligation Bond in consideration of the forgiveness of the University of Guam's debt service payments on said Bond as provided for by Section 5 of this Act. Such appropriation shall continue until such obligation is repaid.
- 9 (c) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Guam Community College for its general operations.
- 11 (d) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to the Dr. Antonio C.
  12 Yamashita Educator Corps for Educator Recertification as provided by Article 5 of
  13 17GCA: Chapter 18.
- 14 (e) One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to the Guam Public Library 15 for the purpose of operating branch libraries.
- (f) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (KGTF) for PBS (Public Broadcasting System) programming cost increases.

Section 3. Reservation of the funds for Public Safety and Healthcare. The balance of the funds currently used for debt service on the 1995 Government of Guam General Obligation Bond that is not appropriated under Section 2 of this Act is hereby reserved for Public Safety and Healthcare. For purposes of this Section, Public Safety and Healthcare agencies shall include the Guam Police Department, The Guam Fire Department, The Department of Law (Attorney General), The Department of Public Health and Social Services, The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse,

the Support Services Division of the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals

with Disabilities, the Medically Indigent Program and the Guam Memorial Hospital

3 Authority.

Section 4. Compensation Study for DOE Educators. The Civil Service Commission shall conduct a compensation study for educators employed by the Department of Education. For purposes of this Section, educators shall be defined as teachers, health and guidance counselors, and librarians. The cost of the study shall be the responsibility of the Department of Education. Notwithstanding any provision of law, the Superintendent may transfer such funds necessary to the Civil Service Commission to conduct such study. The cost of such study shall not exceed the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) unless approved by the Guam Education Policy

Section 5. Forgiveness of the Debt Service Obligations of the University of Guam on 1993 General Obligation Bond. Subsection (k) of §22425 of Chapter 22 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Board. The compensation study shall be completed prior to August 31, 2005.