

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan  
BILL STATUS

| BILL NO.                                                                                                                                           | SPONSOR                                                                                                                                             | TITLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | DATE INTRODUCED     | DATE REFERRED        | CMTE REFERRED                                                                    | FISCAL NOTES                   | PUBLIC HEARING DATE  | DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED | NOTES |
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| 83-38 (COR)<br>As amended by the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure; and further amended on the Floor. | V. Anthony Ada<br>Sabina Flores Perez<br>William A. Parkinson<br>Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao<br>Frank F. Blas, Jr.<br>Shelly V. Calvo<br>Chris Barnett | AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 1203.1 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND § 45112 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 45, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS GUAM COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO EMPLOY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ATTORNEYS FOR THEIR EXCLUSIVE USE. | 3/6/25<br>9:46 a.m. | 3/14/25<br>4:23 p.m. | Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure. | Request: 3/14/25<br><br>5/2/25 | 3/31/25<br>2:00 p.m. | 5/6/25<br>As Amended.       |       |
|                                                                                                                                                    | SESSION DATE                                                                                                                                        | TITLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | DATE PASSED         | TRANSMITTED          | DUE DATE                                                                         | NOTES                          |                      |                             |       |
|                                                                                                                                                    | 5/27/25                                                                                                                                             | AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 1203.1 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND § 45112 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 45, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS GUAM COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO EMPLOY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ATTORNEYS FOR THEIR EXCLUSIVE USE. | 6/3/25              | 6/5/25               | 6/17/25                                                                          |                                |                      |                             |       |

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*I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN*  
Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislature

June 5, 2025

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
*Ufisinan I Maga'håga*  
*Hagåtña, Guam 96910*

Dear *Maga'håga* Leon Guerrero:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 6-38 (COR), 18-38 (COR), 20-38 (COR), 23-38 (COR), 27-38 (COR), 33-38 (COR), 50-38 (COR), 53-38 (COR), 54-38 (COR), 55-38 (COR), 59-38 (COR), 66-38 (COR), 67-38 (COR), 75-38 (COR), 78-38 (COR), 80-38 (COR), 83-38 (COR), 88-38 (COR), 89-38 (COR), 95-38 (COR), 109-38 (COR), 121-38 (COR), 129-38 (COR) and 130-38 (COR), and Substitute Bill Nos. 28-38 (COR) and 118-38 (COR) which were passed by *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan* on June 3, 2025.

Sincerely,

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane  
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (26)



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*I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 83-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 1203.1 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND § 45112 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 45, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS AND PLANS GUAM COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO EMPLOY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ATTORNEYS FOR THEIR EXCLUSIVE USE,"** was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2025, duly and regularly passed.



Frank F. Blas, Jr.  
Speaker

Attested:



Sabrina Salas Matanane  
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 5th day of June,  
2025, at 4:56 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'håga's Office*

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

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

Public Law No. \_\_\_\_\_

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***I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2025 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 83-38 (COR)**

As amended by the Committee on  
Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture,  
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Introduced by:

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

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds

that the enactment of Public Law 37-130 did not solve the needs of the Guam

1 Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) and the Guam Coastal Management  
2 Program (GCMP) to employ full-time attorneys for legal services. Both these entities  
3 are federally funded and grantor federal agencies both encourage use of federal funds  
4 for the hiring of a full-time attorney.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the main issues, in the past, was  
6 employment of attorneys with either local or federal funds but diverting the attorneys  
7 to provide legal services for agencies and programs that are unrelated to GEPA's and  
8 GCMP's missions.

9 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds Public Law 37-130 requires the obtain of  
10 legal services through the procurement process only and does not allow employment  
11 of classified employees. The enactment of Public Law 28-187 was intended  
12 specifically for federally funded employees. It allowed employees to be hired  
13 competitively though the merit system, provided grievance and adverse action  
14 appeals rights, protection from political activity but allowed for termination in the  
15 event that federal funds ceased to be available to fund their employment.

16 The proscription on the use of classified employees for legal services is  
17 inconsistent with the provisions of 48 U.S.C. § 1422c(a) and the expectations of  
18 federal grantors for personnel staffing of state and local grantee agencies.

19 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend the sections of law enacted  
20 by Public Law 37-130 to allow the GEPA and the GCMP to each employ a staff  
21 attorney.

22 **Section 2.** § 1203.1 of Article 2, Chapter 1, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated,  
23 is *amended* to read as follows:

24 **“§ 1203.1. Environmental Law Attorney for the Bureau of**  
25 **Statistics and Plans Coastal Management Program.**

26 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Guam Coastal  
27 Management Program of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans is authorized to

1 use its federal funds to hire an attorney for its exclusive use. The attorney shall  
2 be hired as a classified employee pursuant to the provisions of § 4103(g) and  
3 § 4103 (h) of Chapter 4, Title 4 Guam Code Annotated or to procure the  
4 services of an attorney pursuant to and in accordance with the Guam  
5 Procurement process for professional services.”

6 **Section 3.** § 45112 of Article 1, Chapter 45, Title 10, Guam Code  
7 Annotated, is *amended* to read as follows:

8 **“§ 45112. Environmental Law Attorney for the Guam**  
9 **Environmental Protection Agency.**

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Guam Environmental  
11 Protection Agency is authorized to use its federal funds to hire an attorney for  
12 its exclusive use. The attorney shall be hired as a classified employee pursuant  
13 to the provisions of § 4103(g) and § 4103 (h) of Chapter 4, Title 4 Guam Code  
14 Annotated or to procure the services of an attorney pursuant to and in  
15 accordance with the Guam Procurement process for professional services.”