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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that  
 3 the Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF), established under § 26603(e) of Article 6,  
 4 Chapter 26, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, provides critical support for cancer  
 5 screening, diagnosis, treatment, research, patient support services, and community  
 6 outreach programs. These programs depend on timely availability of funds to

1 administer annual grant cycles and reimburse grantees, which directly affects the  
2 continuity and quality of cancer services provided to the people of Guam.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that although the GCTF receives annual  
4 appropriations through the General Appropriations Act, the timing of allotment  
5 releases from the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) and the  
6 Department of Administration (DOA) has historically been inconsistent. In several  
7 fiscal years, the GCTF received allotments sporadically or only toward the end of  
8 the fiscal year, resulting in delayed grant announcements, delayed reimbursements,  
9 and program disruptions. These delays are often tied to general cash-management  
10 practices and the allotment-control system established under § 1303 of Title 5, which  
11 allows BBMR to release appropriated funds based on revenue availability rather than  
12 statutory or programmatic need.

13 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes that § 1303.1 of Title 5 currently exempts  
14 certain agencies and instrumentalities, including the University of Guam, the  
15 administering authority of the GCTF, from BBMR’s allotment release control.  
16 Given the essential public-health purpose served by the GCTF, and the importance  
17 of ensuring predictable and uninterrupted funding for cancer-related programs and  
18 services, it is appropriate and necessary to similarly exempt the GCTF from  
19 BBMR’s allotment release control.

20 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend § 1303.1 to add  
21 the Guam Cancer Trust Fund to the list of exempt entities, thereby allowing the Fund  
22 to draw against its appropriations as needed pursuant to a drawdown schedule  
23 submitted annually to the Director of Administration, ensuring timely and stable  
24 funding for cancer programs.

25 **Section 2.** § 1303.1 of Chapter 1, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby  
26 amended, to read:

27 **“ § 1303.1. Exemption from BBMR Allotment Release Control.**

1           Section 1303 of this Chapter shall not apply to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
2 (including the Office of Finance and Budget), the Public Defender Service  
3 Corporation, the Unified Judiciary of Guam, the Mayors' Council of Guam,  
4 the Office of Public Accountability, the Office of the Attorney General, the  
5 Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, the Guam Visitors Bureau, the  
6 University of Guam (including the Guam Cancer Trust Fund, to be disbursed  
7 from the Health Futures Fund to the GCTF in monthly payments prior to the  
8 twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day following the fiscal month from which the funds were  
9 collected), the Guam Community College, and the Guam Election  
10 Commission, Guam Ancestral Lands Commission, and the Chamorro Land  
11 Trust Commission. Said entities may draw against their respective  
12 appropriations as needed to meet their obligations in accordance with a  
13 drawdown schedule that said entities shall submit to the Director of  
14 Administration no later than October 31 of each fiscal year. If an entity fails  
15 to submit such drawdown schedule by October 31 of each fiscal year the  
16 Director of Administration may withhold a drawdown request for the current  
17 fiscal year until such time the entity submits its drawdown schedule for the  
18 entire fiscal year. The Director of Administration shall not, for any reason,  
19 withhold any amount appropriated by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to the Guam  
20 Election Commission.”

21       **Section 3. Transitional Provision to Ensure Compliance with Drawdown**  
22 **Schedule Requirements Upon Enactment.** Notwithstanding the October 31  
23 deadline in § 1303.1 of Title 5, for the fiscal year in which this Act is enacted, the  
24 administering authority of the Guam Cancer Trust Fund shall submit a drawdown  
25 schedule to the Director of Administration within thirty (30) days following the  
26 effective date of this Act. The Director of Administration shall honor drawdown  
27 requests submitted pursuant to this transitional schedule and shall not withhold any

1 portion of the Fund's appropriation on the basis that the schedule was submitted after  
2 October 31.

3 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.