

*I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

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**2026 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 296-38 (LS)**

Introduced by:

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FORMER PUBLIC HEALTH MANGILAO FACILITY**

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

2 **Section 1. Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the  
3 United States Government faced a shutdown in late 2025 due to an impasse that  
4 prevented the Fiscal Year 2026 budget from being passed. As a result, social welfare  
5 programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and  
6 the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, were at risk. This placed many  
7 vulnerable individuals at risk of not having access to essential food.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that to ensure the well-being of our community,  
9 particularly those reliant on SNAP and WIC, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* enacted Public  
10 Law 38-75, which appropriated Thirteen Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars  
11 (\$13,100,000) to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) to  
12 fund SNAP and WIC for the month of November 2025.

1            *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that government services resumed on November  
2 12, 2025, after the budget was signed, releasing federal funding for public welfare  
3 programs such as SNAP and WIC.

4            *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that, according to testimony from the Department  
5 of Administration on March 26, 2026, about \$7,000,000 of the \$13,100,000  
6 appropriation remains unexpended due to the end of the government shutdown  
7 remains available for “reappropriation”.

8            *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Department of Public Works expended  
9 nearly one million dollars for a conditional assessment of the Mangilao Public  
10 Health building “to identify all repair and renovation requires needed to utilize and  
11 operate the building for administrative, medical, and dental clinic purposes”. That  
12 assessment recommended restoring “the facility to proper function and operation  
13 and to allow for re-use and preservation of existing structures” which is estimated to  
14 cost \$27.8 million.

15            *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that following relocation from the Mangilao site,  
16 annual encounters fell by 49 percent (from 8,331 in 2018 to 4,281 in 2023). Services  
17 for women decreased by 46 percent, and child health visits plummeted by 73 percent.  
18 Such reductions undermine preventive care, jeopardize maternal and child health,  
19 and risk long-term adverse outcomes for vulnerable populations.

20            Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to reappropriate the  
21 unexpended balance of funds appropriated under Public Law 38-75 to the  
22 Department of Public Health and Social Services for the refurbishment of the former  
23 Mangilao Public Health facility in order to restore critical health services in central  
24 Guam,

25            **Section 2. Reappropriation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
26 sum of Seven Million Dollars (**\$7,000,000**) is hereby reappropriated from the

- 1 appropriation made in P.L. 38-75 for the refurbishment of the former public health
- 2 Mangilao facility.”.
- 3 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.