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**BILL STATUS**

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**2026 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 337-38 (COR)**

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GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR  
JUROR COMPENSATION.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Finding and Intent** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that  
3 jury service is one of the highest civic responsibilities entrusted to the people of  
4 Guam. Jurors safeguard the constitutional right to trial by an impartial jury and play  
5 an indispensable role in ensuring the fair administration of justice.

6 *I Liheslaturan* further finds that Guam's current juror compensation of Thirty  
7 Dollars (\$30.00) per day has remained largely unchanged despite the island's rising  
8 cost of living and no longer reflects fair compensation for many residents who are  
9 called upon to fulfill this civic duty.

10 *I Liheslatura* recognizes that Government of Guam employees are afforded  
11 paid leave while serving on jury duty pursuant to the Government of Guam  
12 Personnel Rules and Regulations. Government employees continue to receive their  
13 regular salary without charge to annual leave or sick leave while serving as jurors  
14 and therefore generally do not experience a loss of wages during this period of jury

1 service. In contrast, many private-sector employees, self-employed individuals, and  
2 hourly wage earners are not guaranteed paid leave while serving on a jury.  
3 Depending upon their employer’s policies, these citizens may experience a partial  
4 or complete loss of income while fulfilling their civic obligation. This disparity  
5 places a disproportionate financial in jury service by those least able to absorb the  
6 loss of income.

7 *I Liheslatura* further recognizes the Judiciary of Guam's ongoing efforts to  
8 improve the jury experience through juror exit surveys and modernization of jury  
9 operations. Testimony presented before the legislature reflects that, in addition to  
10 concerns regarding parking and courthouse amenities, the amount of juror  
11 compensation is consistently identified by jurors as one of the primary concerns  
12 expressed through these surveys. These findings demonstrate that the current  
13 compensation rate no longer adequately reflects the economic realities faced by  
14 many citizens called to serve.

15 Accordingly, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to increase juror  
16 compensation to better reflect Guam's current economic conditions, reduce the  
17 financial hardship associated with jury service, encourage broad participation in the  
18 jury system, and provide additional compensation for those required to serve on  
19 extended trials lasting more than thirty (30) days.

20 **Section 2.** § 22109 of Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated is hereby  
21 *amended*, to read:

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23 **“§ 22109. Fees.**

24 Jurors in the courts of Guam shall receive the following fees, except as  
25 otherwise expressly provided by law:

26 For actual attendance at the place of trial or hearing and for the time  
27 necessarily occupied in going to and from such place at the beginning and end

1 of such service or at any time during the same, ~~Thirty Dollars (\$30.00)~~ Sixty  
2 Dollars (\$60.00) per day, except that any juror required to attend more than  
3 thirty (30) days in hearing one case may be paid in the discretion and upon the  
4 certification of the judge a per diem fee not exceeding ~~Forty Dollars (\$40.00)~~  
5 Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for each day in excess of thirty (30) days he is  
6 required to hear each case.

7 Whenever in any case the jury is ordered to be kept together and not to  
8 separate, the cost of subsistence during such period shall be paid upon the order of  
9 the court. Jury fees provided by this section shall be paid on the certificate of the  
10 clerk of the court, and in the case of jury fees in excess of ~~Thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~  
11 Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per diem, when allowed as hereinabove provided, on the  
12 certificate of the trial judge.”

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