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BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent and Purpose. *I Liheslaturan*

Guåhan finds that access to affordable housing is a fundamental need and that the
Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (“GHURA”) plays a vital role in
assisting low- and moderate-income families, the elderly, and individuals with
disabilities.

However, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that current waiting
times for GHURA's Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
Programs often exceed several years, leaving many families without adequate
housing or in unstable living conditions. Excessive wait times hinder community

1 stability, strain family well-being, and exacerbate Guam’s growing housing crisis.

2 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to ensure greater
3 transparency, accountability, and efficiency within GHURA’s housing assistance
4 programs. This Act seeks to improve how GHURA manages, reports, and reduces
5 waiting list times for housing assistance by requiring enhanced reporting, public
6 tracking systems, and process audits.

7 The purpose of this Act is to promote fair and efficient access to affordable
8 housing opportunities for all qualified residents of Guam while supporting GHURA
9 in addressing administrative delays and housing shortages.

10 **Section 2.** A new § 5136 is hereby *added* to Chapter 5, Title 12, Guam Code
11 Annotated, to read as follows:

12 **“§ 5136. GHURA Waiting List Transparency and Efficiency**
13 **Requirements.**

14 (a) Quarterly Public Reporting. GHURA shall publish on its official
15 website, on a quarterly basis, a public report detailing:

16 (1) The total number of applicants on the waiting list for each
17 housing program administered by GHURA;

18 (2) The average waiting time for each program, calculated
19 from the date of application to the date of placement or assistance;

20 (3) The number of applicants housed or assisted within the
21 quarter; and

22 (4) Any changes or updates to the status of program funding,
23 housing availability, or federal allocations.

24 (b) Online Waiting List Tracker. GHURA shall develop and
25 maintain a secure, public-facing online tracking system that allows applicants
26 to anonymously check their position on the waiting list using a unique
27 applicant identification code.

28 (c) Administrative Review. GHURA shall conduct a comprehensive

1 review of its application and placement process at least once every two (2)
2 years to identify inefficiencies or barriers contributing to extended waiting
3 times. Findings shall be submitted to *I Maga 'hågan/Maga 'låhen Guåhan* and
4 Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

5 (d) Collaboration and Funding. GHURA may collaborate with
6 public and private entities to expand affordable housing development and
7 rehabilitation projects that directly reduce waiting list numbers.

8 (e) Oversight. The Committee on Housing of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
9 shall conduct annual oversight hearings on GHURA's progress in reducing
10 waiting times and implanting this Section."

11 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
12 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
13 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
15 severable.

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