

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
69-38 (COR)	Committee on Rules	Relative to amending Section 1.02(d)(12) of <i>I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan</i> to maintain focus and decorum during official proceedings by discouraging distractions from personal devices while on the Session floor.	7/7/25 8:57 a.m.		7/16/25 12:17 p.m.					

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

Resolution No. 69-38 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Rules.

Introduced by:

Committee on Rules

Relative to amending Section 1.02(d)(12) of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Otden Areklamento* (the Thirty-Eight Guam Legislature Standing Rules) to maintain focus and decorum during official proceedings by discouraging distractions from personal devices while on the Session floor.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Otden Areklamento***
4 **(the Thirty-Eight Guam Legislature Standing Rules) establishes the rules and**
5 **procedures of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and was duly adopted by**
6 **lawmakers on January 6, 2025; and**

7 **WHEREAS, Section 1.02(d)(12) of the Standing Rules of *the I Mina'trentai***
8 ***Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* is intended to keep order and focus during official**
9 **meetings in the Session Hall and further prohibits audio disturbances from electronic**
10 **devices to ensure that discussions and decisions can happen without distractions; and**

11 **WHEREAS, the unregulated use of personal electronic devices during sessions**
12 **leads to unnecessary distractions, reduced attentiveness, and possible breaches of**
13 **confidentiality; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to implement reasonable restrictions to ensure that
2 members remain engaged in deliberate processes while preserving the ability to
3 communicate when appropriate; and

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby amends the Standing Rules - Section 1.02(d)(12) to read:

6 **(12) Cell Phones and Electronic Devices.** Cell phones and other
7 electronic devices used in the Session Hall shall not cause any audio disturbance
8 during the Session. Persons receiving or making calls *shall* remove themselves
9 from the Session Hall. The Presiding Officer shall order the removal from the
10 Session Hall of any electronic device that does not conform to these Rules or
11 which interferes with the Session.

12 **(A) Use of Personal Electronic Devices During Session**

13 **(i) Restriction on Personal Use.** No member of *I*
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* shall review, respond to, or engage in
15 discussion of personal messages or communications via mobile
16 phones or other electronic devices while present on the Session floor
17 during legislative proceedings. A member shall leave the Session
18 floor to use personal electronic devices.

19 **(ii) Permitted Legislative Use.** Electronic devices may be
20 utilized solely for official legislative purposes, including but not
21 limited to accessing Session materials, or legislative measures,
22 provided such use does not disrupt the decorum of the Session.

23 **Authority and Enforcement.** The Presiding Officer shall maintain
24 order and decorum and is permitted to enforce this rule; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
26 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

- 1 the same be thereafter transmitted to all the Members of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
- 2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*; to Edward, Jr. S. Pocaigue, Sgt-at-Arms; to Rennae V. C. Meno,
- 3 Clerk of the Legislature; and to Attorney Darleen Hiton, Legislative Counsel.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14TH DAY
OF JULY 2025.**



Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker



V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson	COMMITTEE MEETING	7/14/25	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	COMMITTEE MEETING	7/14/25	✓		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	7/14/25	✓		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	7/14/25	✓		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member					
Senator Shelly V. Calvo Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	7/14/25	✓		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	7/14/25	✓		
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	7/14/25	✓		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	7/14/25		✓	
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Minority Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	7/14/25	✓		
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Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: Kamarin Nelson					
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8 Certified _____ Returned _____					
Name: Zada Hernandez-Padilla					
Date: July 16, 2025 at 12:17 p.m.					
Notes:					