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BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
142-38 (COR)	Telo T. Taitague	AN ACT TO AMEND § 13108.1 OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE SPECIAL COST OF LIVING ECONOMIC TASK FORCE.	5/14/25 8:02 a.m.  5/20/25 12:42 p.m.	5/22/25	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request: 5/22/25  Waiver: 5/29/25	1/20/26 2:00 p.m.	3/6/26	



Office of Senator Christopher M. Dueñas

CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

March 2, 2026

The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker, I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan
163 W. Chalan Santo Papa
Hågatña, Guam 96910

Via Honorable Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada
Chairman, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 142-38 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai Speaker,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 142-38 (COR) – Telo T. Taitague – An Act To Amend § 13108A Of Chapter 13, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, Relative To Amending The Special Cost Of Living Economic Task Force.

Committee votes are as follows:

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Senseremente,

Senator Christopher M. Dueñas
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## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**BILL NO. 142-38 (COR)**

**INTRODUCED BY**

**Telo T. Taitague**

**“AN ACT TO AMEND § 13108A OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE SPECIAL COST OF LIVING ECONOMIC TASK FORCE.”**



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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

February 28, 2026

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Members  
Committee on Finance and Government Operations

**From:** Senator Christopher M. Dueñas  
Chairperson, Finance and Government Operations

**Subject:** Committee Report on Bill No. 142-38 (COR)

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 142-38 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Written Testimony
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 142-38 (COR), As Introduced
- Fiscal Note Waiver

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

  
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas  
Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Government Operations



# COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson  
*I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
38<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

May 22, 2025

**To:** **Rennae V. C. Meno**  
Clerk of the Legislature

**Attorney Darleen Hiton**  
Legislative Legal Counsel

**From:** **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada**   
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Subject:** **Referral of Bill No. 142-38 (COR)**

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*Håfa Adai,*

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to 6.01(d)(1), Rule VI of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Bill No. 142-38 (COR)** – Telo T. Taitague. – “AN ACT TO AMEND § 13108.1 OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE SPECIAL COST OF LIVING ECONOMIC TASK FORCE.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Finance and Government Operations chaired by Senator Christopher M. Dueñas. I also request that the same be copied to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill, to the Office of Finance and Budget (OFB) and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

A copy of the bill is available on our legislative website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.





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Senator Chris Duenas <senator.duenas@guamlegislature.gov>  
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Mon, Jan 12, 2026 at 8:00 AM

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 **Posted by:** Ashley Shinohara

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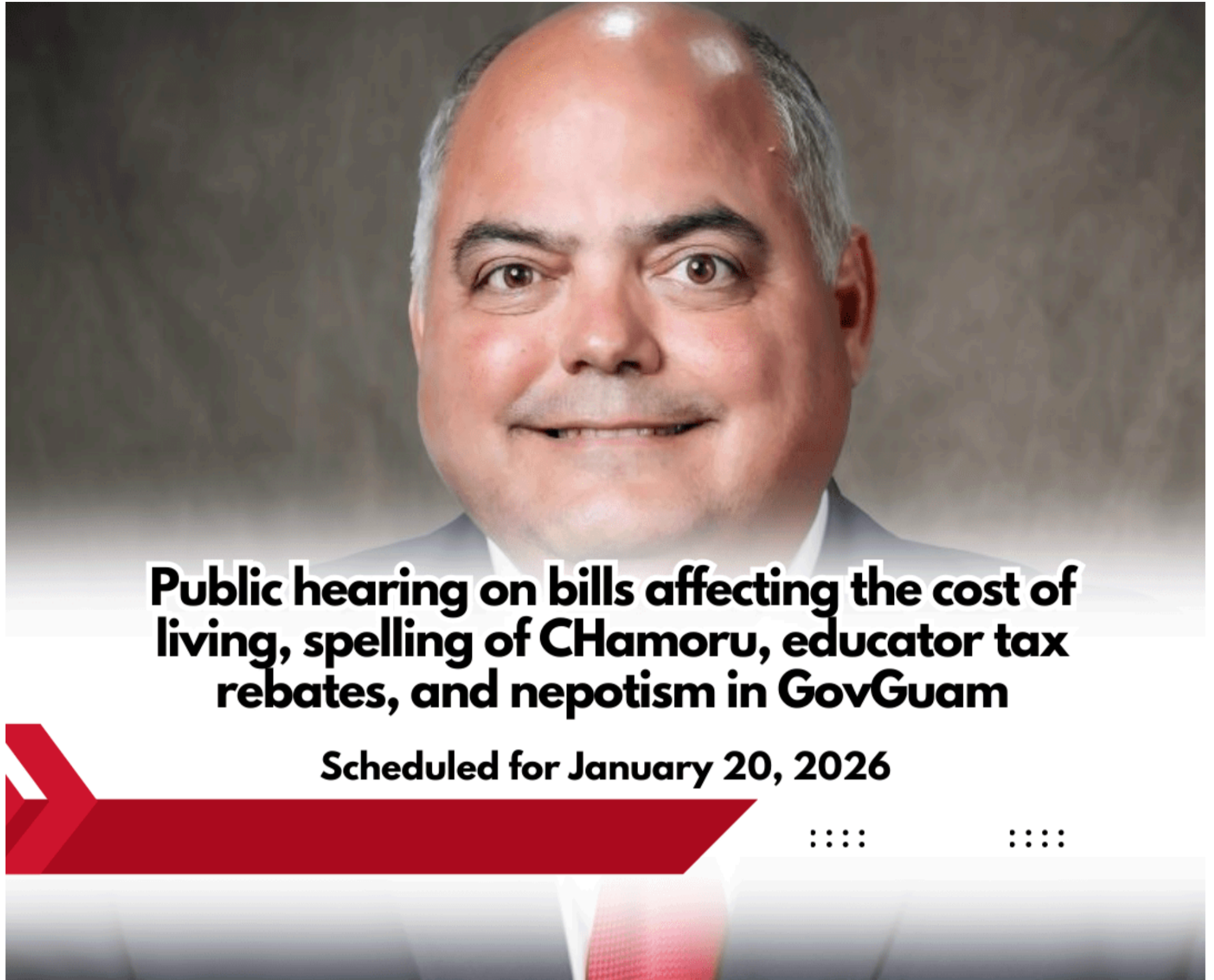
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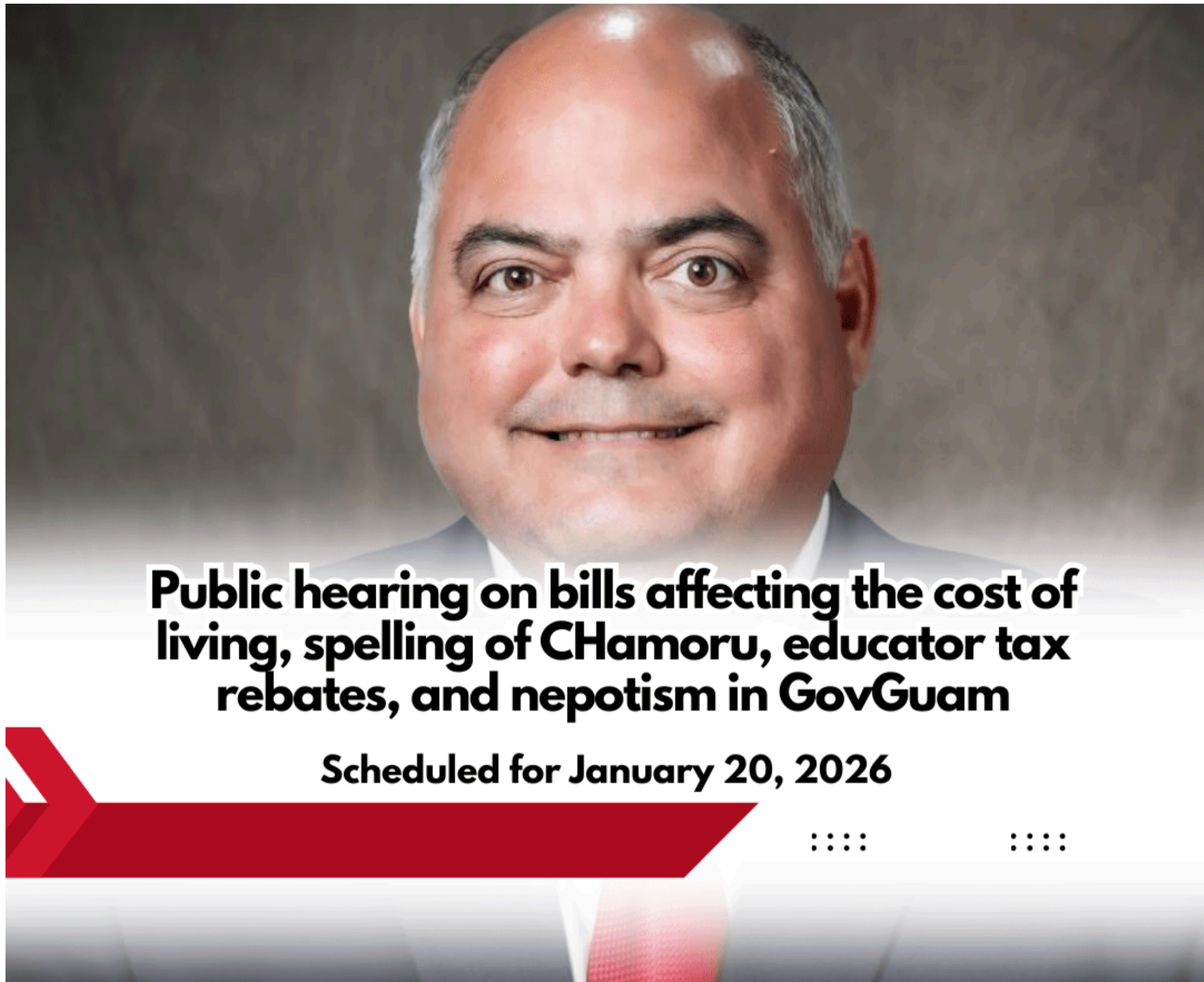
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- **Bill No. 142-38 (COR)** – Telo T. Taitague – AN ACT TO AMEND § 13108.1 OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE SPECIAL COST OF LIVING ECONOMIC TASK FORCE.
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Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

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Date: January 20, 2026

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**Re: Testimony on Bill 142-38**

Hafa Adai Senator Dueñas,

The Government of Guam Retirement Fund submits this testimony in its capacity as a neutral member of the Special Cost of Living Economic Task Force and does not oppose the amendments concerning the designation of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Task Force.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Senseramente,

  
PAULA M. BLAS



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**Bill No. 142-38 (COR)** - “An Act To Amend § 13108A Of Chapter 13, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, Relative To Amending The Special Cost Of Living Economic Task Force.”

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## **COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

*Committee on Finance and Government Operations*

Senator Christopher M. Duenas, Chairman

### **I. OVERVIEW**

Bill No. 142-38 (COR) was introduced by Tello T. Taitague on May 20, 2025 and referred to the Committee on Finance and Government Operations by the Committee on Rules on May 22, 2025. The Committee held a public hearing on January 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Guam Congress Building's Public Hearing Room.

Notices for the hearing were posted on the Government Public Notices Portal and distributed via email to all senators and major media outlets on January 12th, 2026 (5-day notice) and again on January 16, 2026 (48-hour notice).

### **SENATORS PRESENT**

Christopher M. Duenas, Chairman

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Vice Chairman

Shelly V. Calvo

Telo T. Taitague

### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY:**

Paula M. Blas Director, Government of Guam Retirement Fund

### **II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION**

The public hearing for Bill No. 142-38 (COR) was called to order at [2:00PM.](#)

**SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN:** Good afternoon and welcome to all of you. I'm very happy that you're all joining us at your house, the people's house, your 38th Guam Legislature, the Guam Congress Building. So now, let's get started on today's agenda. This afternoon's public hearing is

conducted by the Committee on Finance and Government Operations and is called to order at this time on time, 1400 or 2:00p.m. in the afternoon. First notice of this public hearing was disseminated to all senators and media outlets on January 12th, 2026 with its second notice disseminated on January 16, 2026. These hearing notices were also made available on the Guam Legislature's website, our Guam legislative calendar, and the government of Guam's public notice portal. The committee will hear testimony in the following bills that are on the agenda. Bill number 142-38 introduced by Telo T. Taitague. It's an act to amend §13108.1 of chapter 13, title 2 Guam Code Annotated relative to amending the special cost of living economic task force. The next bill will be bill number 218-38 (COR) introduced by Shelley V. Cavo. It is an act to add a new §421 to chapter 4 title 1 Guam Code Annotated relative to mandating the official use of the spelling of “*CHamoru*” in place of “Chamorro” in Guam law, policy, and public documents and to require implementation of this change by all government agencies and public education institutions. And finally, we will hear bill number 62-38 (COR) introduced by William A. Parkinson, an act to add a new chapter 18 to title 4 of Guam Code Annotated relative to ensuring fair employment practices in the Government of Guam and to cite this act as the “No More Pari Pari Act of 2025.” Please note members that have joined us and also the public earlier there was a notice that today we will hear bill number 203-38. However, that bill has been withdrawn at the request of the author. At this time I would like to welcome my colleagues who are joining me this afternoon. And to my right, I have Vice Speaker Tony Ada, who is also the vice chair of this committee, and also Senator Shelley Calvo, of course, who has a bill to be heard today, and Senator Telo Tatiague, who also has a bill that will be heard today. Thank you, senators, for being here in attendance. Before we begin, I'd like to remind everyone in attendance of the *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s general rules of conduct. Individuals testifying shall first be recognized by the chairperson before speaking and shall state their full name for recordkeeping purposes. Questions and testimony shall be confined to the substance and nature of the bill or nature of any item on the agenda. Personal inferences as to the character or motive of any senator or individual testifying is not permitted and is prohibited. The chairperson of the committee may order the removal from the hearing of any member of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* or the public audience who fails to observe proper decorum pursuant to the 38th Guam Legislature's standing rules. Any violation of this general rule of conduct will

result in immediate removal from the public hearing room. I don't expect that to happen today. With that, we will now proceed to hear testimony on bill number 142-38 (COR). Senator Taitague, you are recognized for your opening statement on the bill.

**SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, AUTHOR:** Thank you, Mr. Chair, and good afternoon to my colleagues and especially those who are here today to testify on legislation. Thank you for taking the time out to be here at the people's house as well as those who are listening on the legislative channel. Mr. Chair, I'd like to thank you most especially for convening this hearing and for my colleagues, my agency representatives, and members of the public who are here today taking the time to engage on this important issue. When I introduced bill 2-37 last term, the original legislation went further than what was ultimately enacted. What this bill originally did was if enacted, this particular bill would clarify its statutory leadership of a special cost of living economic task force by designating the chairman of the legislative committee oversight on retirement rather than going to the oversight chair on appropriations. This basically reduces ambiguity over responsibility to convene and act and aligns leadership with legislative oversight of the retirement system. We thought this would be a better fit. Those who are advocating for retirement is definitely the oversight chair who's moving forward on this, and plus the legislation was not meant to be created and then just end the conversation. The last time this body had a task force meeting was two years ago. And that was it. It was one conversation in a roundtable discussion and then that was it. The intention of this task force is to find a true cost of living allowance for our retirees. It becomes very difficult for any retiree on Guam from the government of Guam especially to be able to make a living here on this island especially when you have a set amount that's coming to you and no other means of income. What's even worse, and that I think the people of Guam need to understand, is that every time we see a retiree leave our island, we also, it also leaves any type of economic growth on this island. They take that money and spend it in another state or another country, and that hinders our economic growth here on this island. So what we need to do is find a way to keep our retirees home. Provide them with the dignity of a cost of living that's true to form. We see this happening all the time in the federal government where retirees receive an adjustment based on economic growth, based on the cost of living. A retiree who works for the federal

government and lives in California receives a different subsidy than a retiree living, let's say in Texas where the cost of living is lower. The federal government takes the time to adjust that for their retirees. So the conversation was never supposed to end two years ago. It was to continue to find a true cost of living for those who sacrificed their life for our community. So that's what this bill does, it simply puts the oversight chair of retirement will be the chairman of this task force moving forward. Who has more of an invested interest and oversees retirement than one who is the oversight chair of appropriations. It's a very simple bill, but it's huge for many many retirees who are waiting and who have been waiting to adjust their true cost of living on this island instead of having them move away. So Mr. Chair, That is a very simple bill and I thank you again for hearing this legislation and hopefully it can move swiftly so we can get started with this task force. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON:** *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* Senator Taitague. I have signed up—I'm not sure if for oral testimony or not—so I'll just read the names into the record: Maria May R. Ada, Frank Muña, and Juanita Cruz. Juanita Cruz and Frank Muña indicated yes in support of the bill. Would any of those who signed up like to come forward to speak on the bill?

**SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, AUTHOR:** Mr. Chair, if I may.?

**SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON:** Yes.

**SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, AUTHOR:** Just a quick notation. I forgot to mention this. I actually had a meeting in my office at 11:30 this afternoon with the director of retirement and she did receive your invitation to attend and she will provide written testimony and said that she has no problem with the legislation. Just an FYI.

**SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON:** Okay. Noted for the record, Senator. Once again, an invitation for anyone who has signed up in support—would you like to come forward and provide oral testimony or was it just an acknowledgment that you're in support? Okay so with that, Senator, we have these three individuals signed up. Now that we know we are anticipating retirement to send in testimony. The committee so far has not received additional but of

course the record will remain open. I will open now. Would you like to go last for other senators to maybe have comments or questions? Standing by for any questions they may have. Vice Speaker, do you have any questions on the bill or comments?

**VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA:** Well, because we don't have retirement here, Mr. Chair, we'll go ahead and hold any questions and perhaps maybe another hearing may be conducted on this issue so that we can get those other individuals to the table and see how we can move forward with this legislation. But definitely look forward to hearing this legislation.

**SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you, Vice Speaker Ada. Senator Calvo, do you have any questions?

**SENATOR SHELLY V. CALVO:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon, everyone. I don't really have any questions. Thank you.

**SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON:** Okay so I'll give the author a chance to make some closing comments and we'll continue to receive testimony and see what the disposition of the bill will be but, please.

**SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, AUTHOR:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. In closing, this is one of the fastest public hearings, hopefully, get through really quick because it's very simple, it's very very simple. We're just taking the Chairman of this taskforce, the COLA task force to be transferred over to the oversight chair on retirement Again, as I mentioned, the Department of Retirement who I met with at 11:30 today, said that they support anything that's going to move forward and they really have no objections to this bill at all. It's pretty much just administrative in nature. So I ask, Mr. Chair, that we can get this bill on the session floor as soon as possible. There are a lot of retirees out there who want to see progress with this body with this legislature actually addressing the concerns that they have and stop, to find a way to stop our retirees from leaving this island. And you know they don't want to leave, they don't but it's hard for them to make a living. We're being priced out of our own island. So thank you, Mr. Chair.

**SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON:** Thank you, Senator Taitague. So I look forward to the submission of the written testimony

from the retirement folks and then the committee will then take up any disposition on it. If it's as the author says simple support, and something that we can move on quickly, The Committee will quickly work on the committee report. As you said, not only a fast hearing but this might be my shortest committee report that I've ever put together because believe me, they can get quite lengthy. So at this time then, I will call, with that bill 142-38 (COR) has been duly heard by the committee. And so now we will now move along to the next bill on the agenda.

**[Committee moves into Bill No. 218-38 (COR)]**

**III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee *finds* that Bill No. 142-38 (COR) seeks to clarify the statutory leadership of the Special Cost of Living Economic Task Force by designating the legislative committee chairperson with oversight of retirement as its chair. The Committee *recognizes* the importance of ensuring the task force fulfills its purpose in examining cost of living concerns affecting Government of Guam retirees. The Committee notes that while no testimony was received at the public hearing, the Director of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund did submit written testimony not opposing the suggested amendment.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends that Bill No. 142-38, “AN ACT TO AMEND § 13108.1 OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE SPECIAL COST OF LIVING ECONOMIC TASK FORCE,” be reported out with the recommendation TO REPORT OUT ONLY.

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

**Bill No. 142-38 (COR)**

Introduced by:

Telo T. Taitague



**AN ACT TO AMEND § 13108.1 OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE SPECIAL COST OF LIVING ECONOMIC TASK FORCE.**

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

**Section 1.** § 13108.1 of Chapter 13, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated is amended to read:

**“§ 13108.1 Special Cost of Living Economic Task Force.**

(a) There shall be created a Special Cost of Living Economic Task Force (Task Force) within the Office of Finance and Budget. The Task Force shall include ~~be comprised of the~~ Chairperson of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s Standing Committee with oversight jurisdiction over the Government of Guam Retirement Fund, who shall serve as the Chairperson; the Chairman of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations and/or Vice Chairperson or equivalent Standing Committee, who shall serve as the Vice Chairperson; the Director of the Office of Finance and Budget; the Director of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research; the Director of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund; the Chief

1 Economist of the Department of Labor; the Chief Economist of the Bureau of  
2 Statistics and Plans; an Economist from the University of Guam; and a  
3 representative from the Guam Chamber of Commerce. The Chairperson may  
4 invite others to participate in the work of the Task Force.

5 (b) The Task Force shall meet initially at the call of the Chairperson  
6 and shall set a schedule for further meetings. The Task Force shall develop  
7 recommendations that will be sent to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *I*  
8 *Maga'hågan Guåhan* for the development and implementation of a system to  
9 provide a cost- of-living allowance to government of Guam retirees based on  
10 inflationary increases in Guam's cost of living.”

11 **Section 2. 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 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.




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May 29, 2025

**To:** **Rennae V. C. Meno**  
Clerk of the Legislature

**From:** **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada**   
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Subject:** **Fiscal Note Waiver for Bill No. 142-38 (COR)**

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*Håfa Adai!*

Find the attached, Fiscal Note Waiver for the following bill:

**Bill No. 142--38 (COR).**

I also request that the same be sent to the respective Chairperson of the Standing Committee, to which this bill has been referred. Kindly copy the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.





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*Hafa Adai!* Vice Speaker Ada:

The Bureau requests that Bill No. 142-38 (COR) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as amended for the following reason(s):

Legislative Bill No. 142-38 (COR) intends to amend § 13108A of Chapter 13, Title 2 of the Guam Code Annotated, which modifies the composition of the Special Cost of Living Task Force.

The proposed legislation is administrative in nature and would not fiscally impact the appropriations for FY 2025.

*Senseramente,*

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