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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
217-38 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW ARTICLE §70124 TO CHAPTER 70 OF TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING LICENSED ELECTRICIANS TO CONDUCT WEATHERHEAD INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION.	11/5/25 4:23 p.m. ^11/17/25 1:12 p.m.	11/18/25	Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure.	Request: 11/18/25 11/25/25	12/18/25 9:00 a.m.	1/9/26 As Amended.	

OFFICE OF THE VICE SPEAKER

V. Anthony Ada

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Chairperson - Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure



January 8, 2026

Honorable Frank F. Blas, Jr

Speaker

Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: Honorable V. Anthony Ada

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: Committee Report on Bill No. 217-38 (COR) As amended

Håfa adai Speaker Blas:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on **Bill No. 217-38 (COR) as Amended by the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure** -Tina Rose Muña Barnes - "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE §70124 TO CHAPTER 70 OF TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING LICENSED ELECTRICIANS TO CONDUCT WEATHERHEAD INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION."

Committee votes are as follows:

4 TO DO PASS
0 TO NOT PASS
3 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
0 TO ABSTAIN
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Si Yu'os ma'åse',

V. Anthony Ada



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill No. 217-38 (COR)

**As Amended by the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing,
Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure**

Introduced by Tina Rose Muña Barnes

**“AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE §70124 TO
CHAPTER 70 OF TITLE 21, GUAM
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January 7, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure

From: Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 217-38 (COR)

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 217-38 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimonies & Supporting Documents
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No.217-38 (COR)
- Copy of Bill No. 217-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee
- Amended Markup Version
- Copy of Fiscal Note from Bureau of Budget and Management Research

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.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

November 18, 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. 217-38 (COR)**

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. 217-38 (COR)** – Tina Rose Muña-Barnes. – “AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE §70124 TO CHAPTER 70 OF TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING LICENSED ELECTRICIANS TO CONDUCT WEATHERHEAD INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure chaired by Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada. I also request that the same be copied to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill 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.





FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing: December 18, 2025

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada <vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov> Thu, Dec 11, 2025 at 9:19 AM
Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov, Senator Tina Muna Barnes <senator.munabarnes@guamlegislature.gov>, Geralynn Tennesen <geralynn.tennesen@clb.guam.gov>, john.aguon@clb.guam.gov, margaret.guerrero@clb.guam.gov, donna.herrero@dpw.guam.gov, vince.arriola@dpw.guam.gov, jbenavente@gpagwa.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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📅 Posted on: 12/11/2025 02:17 PM

✉️ Posted by: Erin Grajek, Committee Director

📅 Public Hearing Date: 12/18/2025 09:00 AM

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VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA

COMMITTEE ON LAND, ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING, AGRICULTURE, PARKS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Notice of Public Hearing
Thursday, December 18, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

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Office Submitting Request: Office of Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada

Date of Request: 12/10/2025

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Name: Erin M. Grajek

Contact #: 989-0855

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PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS

Notice Type: Public Hearing Informational Briefing Roundtable Discussion

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SECOND NOTICE: 12/16/25

Date of Event: 12/18/2025

Start Time: 9:00 am

End Time: 12:00 pm (or until hearing is adjourned)

Location: Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing: December 18, 2025

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada <vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov> Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 8:00 AM
Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov, Senator Tina Muna Barnes <senator.munabarnes@guamlegislature.gov>, Geralynn Tennesen <geralynn.tennesen@clb.guam.gov>, john.aguon@clb.guam.gov, margaret.guerrero@clb.guam.gov, donna.herrero@dpw.guam.gov, vince.arriola@dpw.guam.gov, jbenavente@gpagwa.com, cmananich@gpagwa.com, sblas@gpagwa.com

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December 16, 2025

MEMORANDUM

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From: Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada
Re: SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing: December 18, 2025

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📅 **Posted on:** 12/16/2025 08:14 AM

👤 **Posted by:** Erin Grajek, Committee Director

📅 **Public Hearing Date:** 12/18/2025 09:00 AM

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Public Hearing

Public Hearing Room · Guam Congress Building
Thursday · December 18, 2025 · 9:00 am

Agenda

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PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET · Thursday, December 18 2025 · 9:00 am · Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

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- Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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Bill No. 217-38 (COR)

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE §70124 TO CHAPTER 70 OF TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING LICENSED ELECTRICIANS TO CONDUCT WEATHERHEAD INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION.

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Testimony - Bill No. 217-38 (COR)

Good Morning and Hafa Adai, members of the 38th Guam Legislature, our fellow participants testifying, and fellow audience members watching. I'm Representative Charlie B. Balbastro from the 35th Guam Youth Congress, and as I'm always proud to say, a former JROTC cadet. I stand here today to show strong support for Bill 217-38 by Senator Tuna Rose Muna-Barnes - this bill entails the start of weatherhead inspections and certifications as authorized and directed by the Guam Power Authority (GPA).

Weather seasons on Guam have been the rising cases on Guam between hot and rainy - feeling hot does surely make the weather temperature a difference to how and what we feel in many aspects of our lives. The weather is important to keep all of us people of Guahan isolated and secured from winds, clouds, and pouring water from the sky. Weather surely teaches us about the environment, on how it surely runs throughout the entire planet. In science, weather teaches us to feel the breeze as wind and dust flows through the air, the water dripping down from the cloudy skies, thunder striking the earth, and the day feeling hot and the night feeling cold.

Proposing this bill idea surely allows Guam Power Authority or even the National Weather Service to take further action on the weather. Upon this Act being put forth, inspections and certifications take an important role in complying with potential forecast predictions, or sometimes, it could be unpredictable, like typhoons, tsunamis, tropical storms, heavy rain, and so on. Speaking of which, having electricity being turned on during these weatherly circumstances is surely playing an important role in keeping island residents from not being electrocuted or harmfully injured due to the cable line causing a major outage that links from the transformer that was being put up on the telephone poles all over Guam to get the connection and all of us receiving and gathering all data and the virtual resources we need. This is not just the internet; it includes power, the very most important factor to perform production.

Inspecting weatherheads and giving certifications surely complies with electrical and safety code compliance more profoundly and protocolled as circumstances permit from weather changes and orders from the Governor of Guam during these weather calamity times. Getting proper demand during their well-certified and licensed testing is also surely the key to keeping Guam safe from weather and electricity. Once again, I'm in full strong support of Bill 217-38. Si Yu'os Ma'ase!!



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Dear Senator Muña Barnes,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill No. 217-38 (COR). The Contractors License Board (CLB) submits this testimony in support of the Bill.

It is our understanding that the intent of this bill is to authorize Licensed Electricians, in addition to Master Electricians, to perform weatherhead inspections and certifications. The CLB affirms that the practical distinction between a Licensed Electrician and a Master Electrician is equal in relation to the competencies required for this specific task. We believe that Licensed Electricians should already possess the necessary training, field experience, and knowledge of electrical codes and safety standards to perform weatherhead inspection work effectively and responsibly.

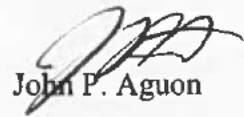
Following typhoons or other major events, the timely restoration of electrical service is essential to community welfare and economic recovery. By expanding the pool of professionals authorized to perform weatherhead inspections to reconnect to the power grid becomes more efficient. This reduces delays, supports faster rebuilding, and improves the overall resilience of our island.

The CLB recognizes that the Guam Department of Public Works retain authority to determine the inspection criteria required for reconnection. The CLB is confident that Licensed Electricians are capable of performing these duties in compliance with applicable regulations and safety requirements.

The CLB believes that this proposal does not create a direct financial obligation to the Government of Guam. The administrative functions related to licensing, oversight, and compliance are existing responsibilities of the Contractors License Board. Any increase in workload is expected to be minimal and can be managed within current operational capacity. Licensing and examination fees associated with additional or upgraded license applications may provide increase in revenue.

The broader fiscal effect is positive at the community level. Reducing delays in the reconnection of electrical service lowers the economic and social impact of prolonged outages. Faster restoration supports business continuity, public safety, and household recovery. The long-term benefit is increased availability of qualified professionals able to perform service reconnections, which helps prevent avoidable delays and supports more efficient restoration of electrical service.

Sincerely,



John P. Aguon



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38th Guam Legislature

Re: Bill No. 217-38 relating to electrician licensure, safety and electrical code compliance

Buenas yan Håfa Adai Madam Chairperson, Mr. Vice Chair, and Honorable Members of the Legislature. For the record, my name is **Vincent P. Arriola**, and I serve as the **Director of the Department of Public Works**. I appear before you today in support of **Bill No. 217-38**.

Bill No. 217-38 addresses critical matters related to electrician licensure, electrical safety, and compliance with adopted electrical codes. These issues are fundamental to protecting life, property and public infrastructure throughout our island.

Electrical work, when performed by unqualified or unlicensed individuals, presents serious risks including fire hazards, electrocution, and system failures. This bill reinforces the requirement that electrical work be performed only by properly licensed individuals who have demonstrated the necessary training, experience, and knowledge of safety practices.

Licensure is not intended to be restrictive, but protective. It establishes accountability, promotes professional standards, and ensures that individuals performing electrical work understand and comply with the electrical code. This bill strengthens enforcement authority and supports consistent application of the code across all projects.

From a regulatory standpoint, Bill No. 217-38 supports the mission of the Department of Public Works by providing clearer standards for compliance, inspection, and enforcement during the inspection of weatherheads. This helps prevent unsafe installations, reduces long-term costs associated with corrective work, and protects both consumers and legitimate licensed professionals.

In closing, Bill No. 217-38 represents a proactive step toward enhancing public safety, maintaining professional integrity within the electrical trade, and ensuring adherence to adopted electrical codes.

For these reasons, the Department of Public Works respectfully supports the passage of this bill.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



Vincent P. Arriola

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 217-38 (COR) was introduced on **November 17, 2025** by Sponsor and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure on **November 18, 2025**.

The Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure convened a public hearing on **Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 9:00 am** at the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via **e-mail** to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **December 11, 2025** (5-Day Notice), and again on **December 16, 2025** (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Committee Chairman
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Committee Member/Primary Author
Senator Chris Dueñas, Committee Vice Chairman
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao

Attendees

Mr. Franciso Perez
Mr. Robert Balajadia
Mr. Vincent Arriola, Director – Department of Public Works
Mr. James Valencia
Mr. Charlie Balbastro, Representative – Guam Youth Congress

Written Testimony Provided by

Mr. Charlie Balbastro
Mr. John P. Aguon, Director – Contractors Licensing Board
Mr. Vincent P. Arriola

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The **public hearing** was Called-to-Order at **9:01 am**

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairman – Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure: Håfa adai and good morning. This public hearing conducted by the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure is called to order and the time is now 9:01 am. Today's date is Thursday, December 18, 2025. Notice of the hearing

was disseminated to all local media outlets on December 11, 2025, with a second notice provided on December 16, 2025. Notice of the hearing was also made known on the Guam Legislature's website and the Government of Guam Public Notices Portal. This morning, the committee will hear testimony on Bill No. 217-38 (COR), AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE §70124 TO CHAPTER 70 OF TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING LICENSED ELECTRICIANS TO CONDUCT WEATHERHEAD INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION, introduced by Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes, ranking member. I would like to also welcome my colleagues joining us today: The Vice Chair of the committee, Senator Chris Dueñas and Senator Shawn Gumataotao. Before we begin, I'd like to go over general rules of conduct. Individuals testifying shall first be recognized by the Chair before speaking and shall state their name for record-keeping purposes. Questions and testimony shall be confined to the substance or nature of the agenda. Personal inference as to the character or motive of any Senator or individual testifying is not permitted. The Chairperson of the Committee may order the removal from a hearing any member of I Liheslaturan Guahan who fails to observe proper decorum pursuant to the 38th Guam Legislature standing rules. Any violation of this general rule of conduct will result in the removal from the hearing by the host. We'll now proceed to hearing Bill 217-38 (COR) and I would like to invite the author Senator ranking member Tina Rose Barnes to open with her opening statements.

Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes – Author: Si Yu'os ma'åse, Mr. Chair. Mr. Vice. Manana si Yu'os to all my colleagues here this morning. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on this measure. Before I continue with the intent of the bill, 217-38 is to expand the authority of weather head inspections and certifications from exclusively master electricians to all licenses electricians in order to reduce inspections, backlogs, lower costs, and expedite power restoration following typhoons, tropical storms and other severe weather events. And this bill authorizes licenses electricians to perform and certify weather head inspections for safety and code compliance. It removes the practical exclusivity currently places on master electricians for this function while maintaining existing safety and certification requirements. I want to say that I introduced this bill after hearing numerous concerns from homeowners and electricians about weather head inspections following storms and typhoons like Mawar. I also want to note that last term a similar bill was introduced but it did not get facilitated through the body. Homeowners and colleagues have told me how hard it was to find an electrician to inspect their weather heads. And if they found one, the cost of their signature was well into the thousands of dollars. Electricians had told me that they can do the same work and are willing to be put back to work during this crucial recovery period. And licensed electricians and master electricians are trained to do essentially the same work when it comes to inspecting and certifying leatherheads. Both are qualified licensed and knowledgeable in electrical safety and code compliance. And during times of recovery, we cannot afford these bottlenecks that slow power restoration and drive up costs for our community. When thousands of homes need inspections at the same time limiting that work to only master electricians delay recovery and places unnecessary strain and stress on families and businesses. So, I also want to note, Mr. Chair, that according to a published listing from the Guam Daily Post from the year 2021 to 23, there are only about 30 master electricians servicing the entire island. And there was a follow-up that I found from the years 2022 to 2024 was raised by seven which is 37 names that were listed. I could not find one for 2025. But because we're still in the present year, Mr. Chair, I think that's why we don't have that number. But as of 2022 to 2024 there were 37. So, Mr. Chair, Vice Speaker, this bill simply allows all licensed electricians who are capable and qualified to do this work to step in and help. And by expanding who can perform weather head inspections, we help our island recover faster when our people need it most. So I want to extend my si Yu'os ma'åse to you for hearing this bill today but more importantly for my colleagues who are joining us today and I understand there are a couple of folks, a gentleman out in the audience who will share their perspective and I want to thank you for including those who are not here and have provided testimony and support and thank the Department of Public Works Director, Mr. Arriola, for being here.

Chairman Ada thanked the primary sponsor and invited the panel to present testimony.

Mr. Francisco Perez: Good morning, senators. My name is Francisco Perez. I'm actually a contractor, a licensed contractor, electrical and HVAC. I'd like to say good morning and thank you for this opportunity. Just a little brief testimony. I mean I had 10 pages, but I cut it down to, I didn't want to kill you today for that. So Håfa adai senators. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'm here to express serious concern regarding the ongoing issue of master electricians overcharging customers and, in some cases, engaging in price gouging for electrical inspections and signoffs. Many residents and small contractors in Guam are facing unfair costs because of the current system gives only master electricians the authority to sign off on electrical work. This limited pool creates an imbalance where prices can be inflated without accountability or competition. Licensed journey electricians have the training, experience, qualifications to perform and verify most electrical work safely. Allowing these licensed electricians to inspect and sign off on work within their scope would significantly reduce the bottlenecks, lower costs for families and businesses and improve fairness in our local industry. I would also like it would also help prevent price gouging from increasing the number of qualified professionals who can provide this essential service. I respectfully urge the legislature to consider updating the regulations so that licensed electricians, not only master electricians, can perform inspections and signoffs. This change will protect consumers, support our workforce, and promote a more affordable and efficient electrical service system for the people of Guam. But I would also like to give you an idea of what we go through. You know the process if something happens like a meter socket needs to be repaired. An electrician can come in and do the work, but we have to find a master to sign off our work. Finding a master is like pulling teeth on Walmart. It's pretty hard. Other jurisdictions in the states allow electricians to go ahead and sign off that with the power company and it eliminates a lot of time and money and inconvenience for the customers. I know there's a process with public works and the paperwork has to be done through them and that's fine but it's just to expedite the reinstallation of power for that resident or business. It would really help speed up the process for these people because there's days where if it happens on a Friday, you're not going to get power till Monday evening. We encounter a lot of sick people and people that do need air conditioning, especially on Guam. I don't know if you need air conditioning, but I do. So, we want to make sure that people are safe and also comfortable and can carry on with their everyday lives. Thank you for that.

Chairman Ada recognized **Mr. Robert Balajadia**.

Mr. Robert Balajadia: Buenas dias, Vice Speaker, Senator Dueñas, Senator Gumataotao and Senator Muña Barnes. I'm a consumer. I am a homeowner at the same time. I've experienced a lot of atrocities coming when it comes to the power coming into my house. I believe that as a master electrician and a licensed electrician, the scope of work is the same pretty much. I was charged let me give you an example. I was charged 300 from an electrician. \$300 to come and look at my panel because it burned. And this was a couple years ago when we had this massive load shedding going on, sporadic load shedding, right? Obviously, I'm not the only one. I'm pretty sure there's other people out there that experience their refrigerators, aircons blowing or getting damage from all of this power outage and surge. I was charged or I was estimated I got an estimate charge of \$300 to work on my panel because my panel burned. Now, as soon as prior to the electrician coming in and doing the work, I need GPA to come and pull the meter. Now, by pulling that meter, I need a master electrician to do it. So, I got to pay that again. So, that's another cost. The master was charging me \$800 just to sign off the work of the electrician. I'm paying two people. Actually, let me rephrase that. I'm paying three because GPA is going to charge me again to install the meter back on or to put back the meter. Now, it's kind of hard because now I should have just gone straight to the master and have him do everything for that price. You're talking about something like \$800 to \$300, you know the difference there. Now I don't understand the scope of the work is the same. I don't understand why. I understand the master went to more schooling and stuff like that, but we're talking about the same scope of work and all he's doing is charging me \$800 just to sign off to approve that the work is done good. Why do we have a licensed electrician? I mean, he's done the same rigorous work as a master. I mean, I'm here in support of this bill. And if you can help us, please. Thank you.

Chairman Ada thanked **Mr. Balajadia** and recognized **Mr. Vincent Arriola**.

Mr. Vincent Arriola, Director – Department of Public Works: [Written testimony presented orally]

Chairman Ada thanked **Mr. Arriola** and recognized **Mr. James Valencia**.

Mr. James Valencia: Good morning, senators. Vice Speaker Ada, Senators Dueñas, Senator Shawn, uh most importantly, my prima and also Senator Tina Barnes for this wonderful bill that has been looked into. My name is James Valencia. I am the owner of the company, 'The Light'. We do HVAC and electrical and with all due respects to the master electricians that are certified to do inspections. I believe that as a licensed certified electrician for over 50 years. I'm sorry to say but it's like a slap in the face to be inspected of the work that we have completed which it's fine. It is needed that the certification and master to look at jobs that has been done maybe from anyone that knows electrical but isn't licensed is rightly okay. But I think if we are certified if we are given the license, we're given the certification to go ahead and do electrical work to the public and I think it's really important that you revising this law because it's a consumer cost. I don't pay that. It's passed down to the consumer and sometimes it depends on the cost of that master electrician, but it's another heavy cost for the consumer itself. And I think I had a scenario where we did a job down in Merizo all the way down in the southern end and this lady was a handicapped person was on a wheelchair had a power loss because of a tree falling down on a weather head. And I was called to do a job to repair that weather head because it totally demolished the weather head which is their power. And the lady really was on a month-to-month salary. She was receiving medical retirement that didn't even give her more than 1,200 a month. And for me to repair that it would have cost maybe 1,200 if I was to charge her that the job that had to be done, materials and labor. And then on top of that, the master electrician certification would have been charged at \$300 because it's what the master electrician certification would have been charged \$300 because that's what the master electrician was charging for that signature. And the lady couldn't even pay my service on time. Because she didn't have the money. And with just the issue with her livelihood, her handicap and not being able to pay on time. I gave her the cost of the half the amount of what was due but she couldn't pay the master electrician and had to go for about a week and a half without any power because it wasn't approved by DPW and GPA to hook up her power and it's just a sad scenario seeing that I just really feel the revision that you guys are working on makes a big thing that would help a lot of people out there, especially those that are in need that in our island right now that's in need of this help that you guys are working at. It's just something to think about, really appreciate your time and your concern this morning and thank you for hearing our testimony.

Chairman Ada thanked **Mr. Valencia** and recognized **Mr. Charlie Balbastro**.

Mr. Charlie Balbastro, Representative – Guam Youth Congress: [Written testimony presented orally]

Chairman Ada thanked **Representative Balbastro** and recognized the author for her questions.

Senator Muna Barnes did not have any questions. She wanted note for the record that the Bureau of Budget Management Research fiscal note has been submitted and their statement that the Contractor's Licensing Board note that the bill has been reviewed and believe it does not create a direct financial obligation to the Government of Guam. She also mentioned that the board submitted testimony in support of the bill. She also noted for the record so that no one accuses her of a conflict of interest on the floor, she is related to Mr. Valencia, but he's never given her money to do any special contracts and that Mr. Frank Perez is her brother-in-law and she has not received anything from him, either. She thanked the panel for their attendance.

Chairman Ada thanked **Senator Muña Barnes** and recognized **Senator Chris Dueñas, Vice Chairman of the Committee** for questions.

Vice Chairman Dueñas thanked the panel from coming out today and said he did not have any questions. He said that though the bill's intention is to recognize that during inclement weather or during storms, but it is actually something that happens on a day-to-day basis. He disclosed that although there is no conflict of interest, Mr. Valencia had facilitated repairs for his family. Many companies have asked him about this issue, and he believed it was time to move forward and recognize that certified electricians have this skill and knowledge to be able to perform the duties of repairs and installation whether it be brand new installation or repair and replacement. He said it was high time to do this and allow companies that are trying to help the people that need the help the most have one step less to take and delay the costs. The bottleneck is getting that reconnection and expenditure associated with it and asked to be added as cosponsor.

Chairman Ada thanked Vice Chairman Dueñas and recognized Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao for questions.

Senator Gumataotao said he supports the measure and that a lot of the times when they have bills that affect consumers, consumers don't step up and say what the problem is, thanking Mr. Balajadia for his testimony. He asked if the policy is to limit the removal of the master electrician requirement only during post-storm or severe weather events.

Said that with electricians, they are certified, they get licensed and trained and this bill is only for weather head inspections and something like this should be throughout the year as even during regular storms, the weather head can be damaged.

Mr. Perez said the weather head is just pulling the meter that just causes the biggest problem. Because they have all the schooling, certification and licensing and it can eliminate that burden to even public works. They have to wait for paperwork from a master to come in. People can't afford a repair that's going to cost thousands of dollars. He owns a home in the states, and the electrician goes to the house, takes care of it, deal with the power company and power is back on.

Senator Gumataotao asked based on the legislature and governor's support for promoting consumer protection by requiring the publication of a contractor's list pursuant to PL 33-103 which was enacted in December 2015, what information is available regarding the extent to which this information has proven to be helpful with consumer reporting of unlicensed electricians and in deterring fraudulent and potentially unsafe electrical work.

Mr. Arriola said that they do see a lot of complaints coming in from consumers and he believes it's just the consumers that are out there that are diligent or have a contractor who is not as forthright. They get complaints and the investigate. They have a website, individuals, homeowners, consumers can call and talk about certain contractors. They keep records on complaints on fines and things of that nature.

Chairman Ada thanked **Senator Gumataotao** and recognized **Senator Muña Barnes** for closing.

The public hearing was adjourned at **9:41 am.**

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee finds that U.S. laws, codes (like the NEC), and utility company rules universally require that damaged weather heads, which are homeowner-owned, be repaired or replaced by a licensed electrician, often requiring permits and inspections, to ensure safety and code compliance before power can be restored. This isn't

a federal law but a consistent requirement across states and municipalities, enforced by utility companies and local building departments, to protect the public from electrical hazards.

The Committee further finds that licensed electricians are qualified and typically required to repair or replace damaged weather heads because this work involves the main electrical service entry, is dangerous, requires permits, and must meet electrical codes for safety, ensuring a proper seal against water and preventing electrocution risks. Utility companies often won't restore power until a licensed professional completes the repair and it passes inspection.

Why a Licensed Electrician is Necessary:

- **Safety:** The weather head is the point where high-voltage service lines connect to your home, posing severe shock or electrocution risks if mishandled.
- **Code Compliance:** Repairs must meet local electrical codes, requiring permits and inspections from your city or county building department.
- **Waterproofing:** Proper installation ensures a watertight seal, preventing moisture from entering the conduit and damaging wiring.
- **Utility Requirements:** Power companies (like JEA, City Utilities, or Berkeley Electric Cooperative) often won't reconnect service until the repair passes inspection.

The Committee further finds that a licensed electrician (often a Journeyman) is skilled and certified to perform electrical work independently, while a Master Electrician holds the highest certification level, requiring significant experience and passing advanced exams, enabling them to design systems, supervise others, run their own business, and take ultimate responsibility for code compliance and project oversight. The key differences lie in experience, education, supervisory authority, and business/design capabilities, with masters having more advanced knowledge, leadership skills, and legal ability to manage projects and companies.

Licensed Electrician (Journeyman)

- **Experience:** Completed apprenticeship (typically 4+ years) and classroom training.
- **Authority:** Can work independently but often under a Master's supervision.
- **Skills:** Proficient in installing, maintaining, and repairing electrical systems.
- **Licensing:** Holds a state license (Journeyman) after passing exams.

Master Electrician

- **Experience:** Holds a journeyman license plus several years of advanced field experience.
- **Authority:** Can supervise other electricians, design electrical systems, and run their own electrical business.
- **Skills:** Deep knowledge of electrical theory, codes, and complex problem-solving; business acumen for running a company.
- **Licensing:** Passes a more rigorous Master Electrician exam, granting the highest level of licensure.

Key Distinctions Summarized:

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- **Supervision:** Masters supervise Journeymen; Journeymen often work under Masters.
- **Design:** Masters can design complex systems and blueprints; Journeymen generally follow them.
- **Business:** Masters can own and run electrical businesses (as a Contractor); Journeymen typically cannot.
- **Responsibility:** Masters bear ultimate responsibility for code compliance and project safety.
- **Licensing on Guam:** A Master Electrician certification/designation is not necessary to obtain an Electrical Contractor's License from the Guam Contractors Licensing Board; however, the training and experience criteria substantially mirror the requirements to obtain Master Electrician recognition.

The Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure hereby reports out **Bill No. 217-38 (COR) as Amended by the Committee Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure** – Tina Rose Muña Barnes – “AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE §70124 TO CHAPTER 70 OF TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING LICENSED ELECTRICIANS TO CONDUCT WEATHERHEAD INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION,” with the recommendation **TO REPORT OUT ONLY.**

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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38th Guam Legislature

November 25, 2025

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 217-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 217-38 (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.



**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 217-38 (COR)**

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Contractors License Board	Dept./Agency Head: John P. Aguon, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$892,589
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: N/A	\$0
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$892,589

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	Special Fund:	Total:
FY 2025 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2026 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2026 Appro. (P.L. 38-60)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2026 (if applicable)	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / X / Yes / X / No
If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? / X / N/A / / Yes / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ / X / N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes / X / No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? / X / N/A / / Yes / / No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes / X / No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes / X / No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? / X / Yes / / No
If no, indicate reason: _____
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date: / / Other

Analyst:  Date: 11/24/2025 Director:  Date: NOV 25 2025
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Notes:
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Based on the legislative intent of Bill No. 217-38 (COR) it expands eligibility for weather head inspection and certification to include all licensed electricians. Thus, Bill 217-38 (COR) will help strengthen Guam's disaster recovery capacity by increasing the number of qualified professionals available, reducing cost to consumers, and expediting the safe restoration of power to residents and business following typhoons and other natural disasters.

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