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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
251-38 (COR)	Vincent A. V. Borja	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> §31101. OF CHAPTER 31, DIVISION 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPOSITION TO ENHANCE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION.	12/30/25 11:40 a.m. 1/7/26 4:20 p.m.	1/8/26	Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting.	Request: 1/8/26 Waiver: 1/15/26	1/15/26 2:00 p.m.	1/15/26	



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January 15, 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. 251-38 (COR) As Introduced

Buenas yan Håfa Ådai Speaker,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 251-38 (COR) – *As Introduced* – Vincent A.V. Borja – “AN ACT TO AMEND §31101. OF CHAPTER 31, DIVISION 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPOSITION TO ENHANCE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION”.

Committee votes are as follows:

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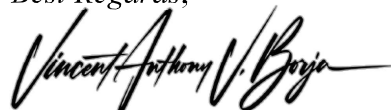


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Best Regards,



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**Introduced by: Senator Vincent
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MEMORANDUM

To: **All Members**
Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting

From: **Senator Vincent A.V. Borja**
Chairperson, Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting

Subject: **Committee Report on Bill No. 251-38 (COR) *As Introduced***

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 251-38 (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. 251-38 (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 Vincent A.V. Borja

Chairperson

Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting



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Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson


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38th Guam Legislature

January 8, 2026

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. 251-38 (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. 251-38 (COR)** Vincent A.V. Borja. – “AN ACT TO *AMEND* §31101. OF CHAPTER 31, DIVISION 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPOSITION TO ENHANCE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting chaired by Senator Vincent A.V. Borja. 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.





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Thu, Jan 8, 2026 at 8:00 AM

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Tue, Jan 13, 2026 at 8:00 AM

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Thu, Jan 15, 2026 at 10:05 AM

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Cc: Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.gov>

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TO: ALL SENATORS, STAKEHOLDERS, MEDIA

FROM: SENATOR VINCENT A. V. BORJA,
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To: boardoftrustees@guamcc.edu

Tue, Jan 6, 2026 at 8:00 AM

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Carlo M. Leon GuerreroChairperson, Guam Community College Board of Trustees
1 Sesame St, Mangilao, Guam, 96921
VIA EMAIL: boardoftrustees@guamcc.edu**Subject: Invitation to Provide Testimony for Bill No. 251-38 (COR), Doc No. 38GL-25-1668 & Doc No. 38GL-25-1669**

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Subject: Testimony In Support Of Bill No. 251-38

Håfa Adai Mr. Chairman, and Honorable Members of the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting.

My name is Carlo Leon Guerrero, and I appear before you today in my capacity as **Chairman of the Guam Community College Board of Trustees**, to respectfully express the Board's **strong support for Bill No. (COR)**.

For more than five decades, **Guam Community College has served as the primary workforce development institution for our island**, delivering career and technical education, adult education, apprenticeship training, and degree programs that directly support Guam's economic and social development. The College's record of achievement, including national accreditation, competitive federal grants, strong licensure pass rates, industry-recognized credentials, and sustained employer partnerships, reflects a clear and consistent focus on workforce relevance and student success.

The **Board of Trustees plays a central role in ensuring that the College has the capacity and support to reach these achievements**. As the governing body of the College, the Board is responsible for setting policy, safeguarding fiscal integrity, ensuring accountability, and aligning institutional priorities with Guam's workforce and economic needs. Over the years, the Board's engagement with business, labor, education, and community stakeholders has been instrumental in guiding program expansion, capital improvements, and strategic initiatives that benefit both students and employers.

Bill No. 251-38 builds upon this successful governance model by **enhancing business and industry representation on the Board of Trustees**, to reflect the evolving complexity of Guam's workforce landscape and the increasing demand for real-time industry input in areas such as healthcare, construction, public safety, hospitality, information technology, and skilled trades.

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By providing for **two trustees to represent business, industry, and employer organizations**, the Legislature strengthens the Board's ability to ensure that GCC's academic programs, certifications, and training pathways remain aligned with current and emerging workforce needs. This is particularly important as the College continues to administer major federal workforce grants, expand apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs, and respond to large-scale infrastructure and economic recovery efforts in Guam.

At the same time, the legislation preserves the **balanced composition of the Board**, maintaining representation from students and the public. This balance has been essential to GCC's success and ensures that decisions are informed by diverse perspectives while remaining firmly grounded in the public interest.

The Board of Trustees believes that this enhancement will further strengthen GCC's governance, reinforce its accountability to the community it serves, and support the College's continued record of excellence in workforce development and education.

On behalf of the Guam Community College Board of Trustees, I respectfully urge this Honorable Body to **pass Bill No. 251-38 (COR)**.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for the opportunity to provide this testimony and for your continued support of Guam Community College, its students, and the workforce of our island.

Respectfully,



Carlo M. Leon Guerrero
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SUBJECT: Testimony in support of Bill No. 251-38

Hafa Adai Senator Borja and Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Mary Okada and I am completing my tenure as the President of the Guam Community College. It is my honor to come before you this afternoon to support Bill No. 251-38, **AN ACT TO AMEND §31101. OF CHAPTER 31, DIVISION 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPOSITION TO ENHANCE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION.**

This legislation increases the representation on the board for business and industry and employer organizations while supporting the growing initiatives the College has in building capacities for our island's workforce.

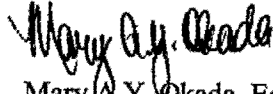
Since its inception, the Guam Community College has served our island as the premiere institution for workforce training and development, responding to the workforce needs of our economy. As we near our 50th anniversary, we can all reflect on the various programs that have been supported: Tourism and Culinary Arts, Construction Trades, Nursing & Allied Health, Criminal Justice, Automotive Service Technology, Education, Electronics Technology, and Telecommunications, just to name a few.

Our world continues to evolve at a rapid pace. This means that we have to be forward thinking and do more than just respond to workforce demands. We need to look beyond what we know today and develop programs that will prepare our students for the demands that will drive economic and workforce requirements well into our future. We think about this all the time. We have planned and are focused. Our education model continues to teach students how to evolve and continue to develop their skills.

Once again, I would like to pledge my support for Bill No. 251-38 and respectfully request your support as well.

On behalf of the Guam Community College, most especially its students, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony this afternoon.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase!



Mary A.Y. Okada, Ed.D.

President

Guam Community College



January 15, 2026

The Honorable Vincent A.V. Borja

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Subject: Support of Bill No. 251-38 (COR) by the Guam Community College Faculty Union, Local 6476 AFT/AFL-CIO

Håfa Adai Senator Borja and Honorable Members of the Committee,

The Guam Community College Faculty Union, Local 6476 AFT/AFL-CIO, respectfully submits this testimony regarding **Bill No. 251-38 (COR)**, which proposes to amend the composition of the Guam Community College Board of Trustees to increase business and industry representation.

The Faculty Union supports the bill's core objective. GCC is Guam's primary workforce institution, and its governance structure must reflect the industries and employers that rely on its graduates. Strengthening business and industry participation on the Board can improve program relevance, workforce alignment, and long-term economic outcomes for Guam.

At the same time, we must clearly state that this support is based on an important condition: While the bill removes the statutory requirement for a labor organization representative as a voting trustee, it must not be interpreted or implemented in a manner that eliminates or weakens the Faculty Union's long-standing **non-voting representation** on the Board of Trustees. Faculty are responsible for curriculum, accreditation compliance, student outcomes, and instructional quality. Their presence in Board deliberations, even without a vote, provides essential institutional continuity and protects against unintended consequences arising from governance decisions made without academic input.

We believe the Legislature and the sponsor share the goal of strengthening GCC, not destabilizing it. Preserving the Union's non-voting seat ensures that, as business and industry voices are strengthened, faculty expertise remains part of the governance framework. This balance promotes collaboration rather than conflict and allows GCC to remain both workforce-driven and academically sound.

Accordingly, the Faculty Union supports Bill 251-38, provided that:

The Faculty Union's non-voting representation on the Board of Trustees is preserved and formally recognized.

We respectfully urge the Committee to advance this bill with that understanding, so GCC can continue to serve Guam's economy while maintaining strong, stable, and inclusive governance.

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

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francine Galao".

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Buenas yan Háfa Adai, Honorable Committee Members,

In light of the upcoming legislative session, please see the attached committee report of **Bill No. 251-38 (COR)- As Introduced by the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting** – Vincent A.V. Borja - Bill 251-38 (COR) - AN ACT TO AMEND §31101. OF CHAPTER 31, DIVISION 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPOSITION TO ENHANCE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION.

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting

Senator Vincent Anthony V. Borja, Chairman

I. OVERVIEW:

The **Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting** convened a Public Hearing on **Bill No. 251-38 (COR)** on **Thursday, January 15, 2026** at **2:00PM** in the Guam Congress Building's Public Hearing Room.

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

Public Hearing Notices were posted to the Government Public Notices Portal and disseminated via electronic mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **January 8, 2026** (5-Day Notice), and again on **January 13, 2026** (48-Hour Notice).

SENATORS PRESENT:

Vincent A. V. Borja, Chairman
Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Member
Frank F. Blas, Jr., Member
Telo T. Taitague

ORAL TESTIMONY:

Dr. Mary Okada, Guam Community College, President
Carlo M. Leon Guerrero, Guam Community College Board of Trustees, Chairperson

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Dr. Mary Okada, Guam Community College, President
Carlo M. Leon Guerrero, Guam Community College, Board of Trustees Chairperson
Francine Galao, Guam Community College, Faculty Union President

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION:

The public hearing for Bill No. 251-38 (COR) began at **2:00 PM**

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Håfa Adai and Good Afternoon. Thank you, everyone, for being here with us today. Today's date is **January 15, 2026**. This afternoon's public hearing held by the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting is called to order. The time is now **2:00 P.M**

Before we begin, there are some housekeeping matters that I will briefly discuss, so we can get right to work.

The first Notice of this public hearing was disseminated to all senators and media outlets on **January 8, 2026**, with its second notice disseminated on **January 13, 2026**. Notices of this hearing were also made available on Kandit News Group, the Guam Legislature's Website, our Legislative Calendar, and the Government of Guam's Public Notice Portal. Today's public hearing is being broadcasted live on the Guam Legislature YouTube Channel, and the transcript will be filed with the Committee on Rules and be made available on the Guam Legislature website.

Today, we will hear testimony on:

Bill No. 251-38 (COR) - Introduced by myself Senator Vincent A.V. Borja - AN ACT TO AMEND §31101. OF CHAPTER 31, DIVISION 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPOSITION TO ENHANCE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION.

AND ALSO

Doc. No. 38GL-25-1669 – The Appointment of Rose P. Grino to serve as a Member, Board of Trustees, Guam Community College - General Public - Representative - Five (5) Years; From Date of Confirmation

And in that order. At this time, I would like to now welcome my colleagues who are joining us this afternoon: Speaker Frank Blas Jr., Senator Shawn Gumataotao, and Senator Telo Taitague

Before we begin, I'd like to remind everyone in attendance of *I Liheslaturan Guahan's* general rules of conduct. Individuals testifying shall first be recognized by the Chairperson before speaking and shall state their full name for the record. Questions and testimony shall be confined to the substance or nature of today's agenda. Personal inferences to the character or motive of any senator or individual testifying are not permitted.

Pursuant to Section 11.07 of the 38th Guam Legislature's Standing Rules. A Chairperson may order the removal from a hearing of a Committee or a Subcommittee of any person who is not a Member of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and who fails to observe proper decorum. Any violation to this general rule of conduct will result in immediate removal from this public hearing room.

With that said, we will now proceed to hear testimony on the first item of the agenda:

Bill No. 251-38 (COR) - AN ACT TO AMEND §31101. OF CHAPTER 31, DIVISION 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPOSITION TO ENHANCE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION.

Dr. Okada if you would just want to come up here and testify, since you are the only one signed up to testify.

Good afternoon, colleagues. We're here today to receive testimony on Bill Number 251, a measure requested by Guam Community College to update the composition of its Board of Trustees. This bill would allow the Governor to appoint two trustees representing business and industry and employer organizations, and remove the requirement for a trustee representing a labor organization.

Guam Community College was established to support workforce development needs and continues to play a key role in preparing job-ready graduates through programs aligned with industry demand. The reason for introducing this Bill is practical and necessary. Designated representation for a gap in board participation and collaboration with diverse ideas. When a seat remains vacant for an extended period, it may weaken the effectiveness of the Board's ability to respond to current and emerging economic needs.

This legislation seeks to realign Board representation with GCC's core mission and the reality of today's labor market. By increasing representation from business, industry, and employer organizations, we strengthen GCC's ability to collaborate and actively create jobs, shaping workforce demand on Guam.

Ultimately, this measure helps ensure the GCC Board remains active, engaged, and focused on supporting workforce readiness and economic growth on Guam.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing the testimony.

At this time, I think— Doctor, are you going to testify? Okay, I'm going to start with Dr. Okada

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

Good afternoon, happy afternoon, Senator Borja, honorable members of the committee. Speaker Frank Blas Jr, Senator Gumataotao, Senator Telo Taitague, thank you for this opportunity. My name is Mary Okada, and I am completing my tenure as president of the Guam Community College. It is my honor to come before you this afternoon to support Bill 251-38, an act to amend section 31101 of chapter 31 Division 4, Title 17, Guam code annotated, relative to the Guam Community College Board of Trustees Composition to enhance business industry representation.

This legislation increases the representation on the board for business and industry and employer organizations, while supporting the growing initiatives the college has in building capacities for our island's workforce. Since its inception, the Guam Community College has served our island as the premier institution for workforce training and development, responding to the workforce needs of our economy. As we near our 50th anniversary, we can all reflect on the various programs that have been supported. Tourism and culinary arts, construction trades, nursing and allied health, criminal justice, automotive services, technology, education, electronics, technologies, telecommunications, just to name a few. Our world continues to evolve at a rapid pace. This means that we have to be forward thinking and do more than just respond to workforce demands.

We need to look beyond what we know today and develop programs that will prepare our students for the demands that will drive economic and workforce requirements well into our future. We think about this all the time. We have planned and are focused. Our education models continue to teach students how to evolve and continue to develop their skills. So today, I ask and offer my support for Bill 251-38 and respectfully request for your support as well. On behalf of the Guam Community College, most especially our students. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony this afternoon. Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Dr. Okada, Mr. Leon Guerrero.

CARLO M. LEON GUERRERO, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOARD OF TRUSTEE CHAIRPERSON:

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. Honorable members of the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting. Senator Gumataotao, Senator Vincent Anthony Borja, Senator Frank Blas, and Senator Telo Taitague.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of bill number 251-38. My name is Carlo Leon Guerrero, and I appear before you today in my capacity as the Board chairman for the Guam Community College Board of Trustees. To respectfully request and express our board's strong support for bill number 251-38. For more than five decades, Guam Community College has served as the primary workforce development institution for our island, delivering career and technical education, adult education, apprenticeship training, and degree programs that directly support Guam's economic and social development.

The college's record of achievement, including national accreditation, competitive federal grants, strong licensure rates, industry recognized credentials, and sustained employer partnerships, reflects a clear and consistent focus on workforce relevance and student success. The board of

trustees plays a role in ensuring that the college has the capacity and support to reach these achievements. As the governing body of the college, the board is responsible for setting policy, safeguarding fiscal integrity, ensuring accountability, and aligning institutional priorities with Guam's workforce and economic needs. Over the years, the board's engagement with business, labor, education, and community stakeholders has been instrumental in guiding program expansion, capital improvements, and certificate initiatives that benefit both students and employers. Bill number 251-38, builds upon this successful governance model by enhancing business and industry representation on the board of trustees. To reflect the evolving complexity of Guam's workforce, the landscape and increasing demand for real-time industry input, in areas such as health care, construction, public safety, hospitality, information technology, and the skilled trades.

By providing for two trustees to represent business industry and employer organizations, the legislature strengthens the board's ability to ensure that GCC remains responsive and that its academic programs and training pathways remain aligned with current and emerging workforce needs. This is particularly important as the college continues to administer major federal workforce grants, expand apprenticeship, and pre apprenticeship programs, and respond to large scale infrastructure, as well as economic recovery efforts here on Guam.

At the same time, the legislature preserves the balanced composition of the board, maintaining representation from students and the public. This balance has been essential to GCC's continued success and ensures that decisions are informed by diverse perspectives, while remaining firmly grounded in the public's interest. The board of trustees believes that this enhancement will further strengthen GCC's governance, reinforce its accountability to the community it serves, and support the college's continued record of excellence in workforce development and education. On behalf of the Guam Community College Board of Trustees, I respectfully urge this honorable body to pass bill 251-38. Si Yu'os Ma'ase for the opportunity to provide this testimony, and for your continuing support of Guam Community College, its students and the workforce of our island.

[\[Question & Discussion Begins\]{13:15}](#)

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHARPERSON:

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Leon Guerrero. And so now we'll go ahead and open up the panel for questioning. I'll go ahead and start and we'll move to my colleagues. My colleagues, just a reminder, that all senators have five minutes to ask questions for those who have just testified, not including their responses.

Dr. Okada, my only question, at the committee on rules meeting I put it on the record, because we're trying to push for this to add this to the upcoming session agenda, in the next couple

weeks. Could you just kind of explain to the committee, put on the record why the request and the need for this to be addressed in the session in the next couple weeks?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

Okay, thank you again. Thank you for that question. So, the Guam Community College has been informed that the representation for the original legislation representing organized labor, I will share that for as long as I've been at the college, that has been a very, very difficult seat to fill. So the request when I met with you was a request to align the Board of trustees now with the current situation of increasing workforce development and allow for representation, additional representation in that specific space.

The reason we asked for this bill to be placed before the legislature is because it takes time for us to recruit, to fill another position. So even though this bill goes forward, or if this bill goes forward, we would still have to get a submission presented to you and, again, another public hearing for that individual to be represented or to fill this slot. And based on the current calendar that you have, the next opportunity for us to seat an individual for this position won't be until March, for that particular slot.

And so we want to accelerate that a little bit, because the position, or the vacancy would have been vacant since November 9th, 2025. And so we want to delay, I mean, we want to avoid any further delay in seating that final seventh member of the board. And it comes at a critical time where the board of trustees in their current activities is really to fill my replacement at the college. And although we have currently four members that are four out of the seven that are seated, it is in the best interest of the institution if we can maximize the number of representatives from the Board of Trustees in doing that selection. That's my request.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Dr. Okada. Mr. Leon Guerrero, did you want to respond to or do you want to add any comments to? Okay, I'm good. And again, just for the record, how long is this? I know that you shared that that specific position, the Labor Union or organization, how long, again, for the record, how long has that position been vacant?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

So the position has been vacant since November 9th.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

But the representative, I'm sorry, a labor union representative. When was the last time somebody filled that position?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

So we had somebody sitting in that position, but based on the review from legal counsel, from the governor's office, they are unable to advance that same individual forward for that position because of the requirements that they do not meet the requirement for representing labor organizations on Guam, which apparently has been overlooked in the past many years. So, just as an example, prior members that were sitting on the board of trustees that filled that slot were the director of Labor, Maria Connelly, and then after her tenure was former Civil Service director, Eli Hara. And neither one of them are members of the labor unions.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you for that. Thanks. So I'll go ahead and open up the questions to the rest of my colleagues here. I can call. A reminder that you have five minutes to ask questions, so those who just testified. Senator Taitague.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon to my colleagues, and of course, good afternoon to you, Mr. Leon Guerrero, and of course, Dr. Okada. Thank you for being here. You know, I don't have any issues with this legislation at all. You know, if you want to change the makeup of the board because it's going to meet certain requirements. I understand that, but my question would be to you, what measurable outcomes or performance indicators have you done to show that this is the better route to do? Have you done any of those studies?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

So one of the things that we engage every academic year is the seating of what we call the advisory council, member, I mean, the advisory councils for each of the programs that we offer. And in the advisory council membership, which is approved by the board of trustees every academic year, we invite representatives from industry, whether it be in curriculum development, or representatives out in the field to help guide what the curriculum needs to look like, what students need to learn, and what the student learning outcomes are for each of the programs.

And so by engaging with representatives of business industry or labor organizations, they're able to provide input to help strengthen the curriculum that we offer. And so the members of the Board of Trustees bring a very different perspective to the institution, because they're out in the public, out in the field representing their businesses, and they're helping to guide what is needed for the college to produce in order for students to be successful and for students to actually acquire, you know, job placement.

So every year, we, like I said, bring in representatives from industry to help support the buildup, the makeup, and the updates of all the curriculum for the programs that we have. And it would be

fitting for the representation on the board to also reflect the composition that we have for the advisory members for curriculum.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Well, I know that you're going to cross your T's and dot your I's, so do you have a study with you right now to indicate this is the better route for GCC? So, right now, we have one member representing business.

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

We have four members that represent the general public, and we have one student trustee. Oh, no,

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

I'm talking about the study to show that the outcome and performance of indicators were, you basically found that this was a better fit for GCC. And you said that you did a study. So we didn't do a study.

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

What we do is we allow for advisory committee members that are represented from industry to serve on advisory council for curriculum development and program improvement. And so what we wanted to do was to align that with the representation on the board. Now, if you look at the GCC Strategic Plan that we are just now sunsetting because there's a new strategic plan, there is a lot of emphasis on workforce development and how we are meeting the requirements based on job placement and based on job earnings, which is required for us to submit every year where students are years after they've graduated from the college. And so that information and all the data is associated and collected as part of our accreditation process.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

So, Mary, how will the legislature know, you know, that adding business and industry representatives does not diminish the academic or independent student interests and community perspective at GCC's governance?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

It won't because the student still sits on, the student still has a voice on the board of trustees and representatives, the remaining representatives from the board are from the general public.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Mr. Leon Guerrero, if this bill does not pass until March, are you going to lose any funding?

CARLO M. LEON GUERRERO, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOARD OF TRUSTEE CHAIRPERSON:

We won't lose any funding that I'm aware of, but it makes it very difficult for the board itself to be able to operate shorthanded, when we don't have a quorum, and we don't have full capacity for our members or trustees.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

So why didn't you guys do this back in, like, November, when the expiration of these individuals were expiring?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

Can I answer that?

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Sure.

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

We were just notified by legal counsel at the governor's office that they were not going to move forward with one of the applications that we had. So I met with Senator Borja to find an alternate resolution to the issue.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

I'm talking about back in November when you, these individuals has expired. We're not talking about last week, just last year.

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT: When these individuals were expiring, we had three individuals that expired, one representing business, one representing the general public, and one representing labor. And we had three submissions to the governor's office. There were two submissions that were finally released from the governor's office sometime right around December. And the third one was held up because the representative that was submitted for, put forth did not meet the requirements of the vacancy.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Mr. Leon Guerrero, how many do you have sitting on the board that has not expired?

CARLO M. LEON GUERRERO, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOARD OF TRUSTEE CHAIRPERSON:

We have four.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

And how many do you need for quorum?

CARLO M. LEON GUERRERO, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOARD OF TRUSTEE CHAIRPERSON:

Five.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

According to the bylaws it's... It's four, so you do have quorum.

CARLO M. LEON GUERRERO, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOARD OF TRUSTEE CHAIRPERSON:

If everyone attends.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Right, but you do have quorum. Yes. Okay. Because one thing that's troubling to me, and I've always been consistent, is maintaining the open government law.

Do you believe that's important to you, Mr. Leon Guerrero as the chairman of the board, that you follow the rules and laws, especially for transparency for open government law?

CARLO M. LEON GUERRERO, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOARD OF TRUSTEE CHAIRPERSON:

Well, I believe so, but there's also sometimes there's an exception, and things happen that you don't foresee, but absolutely, you do your very best to be transparent as possible and do what you're supposed to do, and sometimes time is not your friend, and you have to accelerate things as you need to make things continue to, you can't just stop as you wait.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

So that was my question, if this were to pass in March, are you going to lose any funding?

CARLO M. LEON GUERRERO, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOARD OF TRUSTEE CHAIRPERSON:

No.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

No, not at all, right? So we can wait and do this correctly by the open government law of five days, instead of asking this body to bypass the five day rule. Mary? Would you have a problem with staying with the rules of the open government law for transparency?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

No, of course not. But given the testimony and the confirmation hearing today, the question is, based on your rules, are there five days that are still available whereby we can meet this requirement?

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: Okay. I got you, Mr. Chair. I would be able to meet the requirement. That means he would have to have this committee report, and if he could stop the clock for a minute, he would have to meet the committee report, complete it by today, and hand it into Committee on Rules by today, in order for him to submit it to Committee on Rules, and they have to approve it by today so that tomorrow, Friday, because Monday is a holiday, put it out in the five day.

Then it would meet the five day open government law if it was done. So the question is, I guess, Mary, you're asking the chairman, can he meet that deadline? And if he cannot meet that deadline, would you two agree to bypassing the open government law, considering you're the chairman? I mean, it basically says a lot, if you're willing to bend and bypass laws. So that's a question you might want to ask. So, Mr. Chair, if you can answer that question, she just asked. I just wanted to make it clear how it works, so they understand how it works.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:
Yes, we're going to work to get it uploaded, completed and submitted.

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: So my question is, if it doesn't make the five day rule, are you guys okay with it passing in March?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:
First of all, we don't want the legislature to break any laws. But given the response from the chairman, if he, it seems as if he's interested in completing what is required so that it does meet the five day rules, then the five day rule, then I think we give him that opportunity to provide that.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:
And if he's not...

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

Now, if it means, if the legislature decides, not the chairman or myself, that if the legislature decides that it needs to wait, then we leave that to the legislature to make their best determination.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

What is your recommendation? Considering it will bypass the open government law if it doesn't meet the requirements? What is your recommendations? What do you do as the president of GCC, as the chairman of the Guam Board? I mean, the Board of GCC? What do you guys usually do in circumstances like this?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

We would ask that you follow your policy, your rules, your regulations.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE:

Okay. And that's what I wanted to hear. And I appreciate that very much, because there's a lot of people here who testified on yours in support of your nomination, Mr. Leon Guerrero, that you would do the right thing. Transparency is key. And I've always mentioned that when people are having public hearings or coming here to sit on the board, that you follow the law, because that's what we're expecting you to do, and not bypass it or make exceptions, especially considering, you know, this is not going to lose any funding. There's no fire at GCC right now to bypass the open government law. So I have no problem with this legislation. I'd support this legislation, but I'd like to see it be done the right way. Thank you

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Senator Taitague. You know, I at least want to say that we'll never ask you to be the one to tell us to break the rules. I think the legislature and this body in the process is that we will do what we think is in the best interests of our people without breaking any laws. And so I just want to make sure that you guys don't feel that you need to be the one to sit here and assume that responsibility because that's what we were elected to do and we're here to do what's in the best interest.

Thank you. Senator Gumataotao.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, MEMBER:

Thank you, Mr. Chair, thank you, panel for being with us this morning. Notwithstanding the argument of my fellow colleague from Tamuning, I still believe that the organic act of Guam does allow for certain actions to be had, and this is why we're here, is to help this board of trustees push ahead for important work. So that's my view and my read of the organic act of Guam. If I can, you just get an answer to a really hard question for me, if two other members

represented labor kind of loosely, why hasn't this particular issue ever been brought up to this branch of government? If I can get that from either of you?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

I don't know. It's never been brought up. I've been at the helm for 18 years and appointments to that position have been appointed, approved, and there hasn't, there was never a question regarding it. And it's only recently that it was brought up, and so we were looking for a way to correct it, and this was our, this was one solution for us to move it forward.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, MEMBER:

Yeah, and I understand, Mary. I think that the, and just in my short time, as a policymaker, in this branch of government to see kind of an interesting switch, if you will, or maybe a direction by the legal council of the Office of the Governor. Having experience there, I think that I'm still baffled, because you're still not, your board is not the only one compromised by a lack of quorum.

There are others across this government that continue because of interpretation or the inability to find folks to serve. I mean, I'm not arguing today that they're not, but this policy should have been done many, many moons ago, and I appreciate your candor.

Also, recognizing your leadership, GCC's leadership, in developing and strengthening Guam's workforce, how has the professional networks that have been brought to bear on the board of trustees of past and current board members across industry helped the Guam Community College, establish different opportunities, whether there be training, recruiting faculties, securing other educational resources, in support of the college's expansion, which we have all been witness to over the last decade, decade plus.

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

It always helps when the board of trustees understands the business that we're in, and they recognize our mission.

They recite our mission, every single board meeting, because the mission puts their actions at the center of their decisions. And so it's always been important that the board of trustees support, provide feedback, meaningful feedback, because if you have representatives for the board of trustees in specific specialty areas, and we'll talk about it when we talk about the reappointment of Rose Grino. So, for example, our nursing expansion heavily reliant on her expertise as to the need, and she doesn't need to convince the board, but she's an advocate for the expansion of our associate degree in nursing program because she is a nurse, and she understands the demands of our community.

And so it's reflective. The board is very engaged in what we do, and when it comes to supporting our budget, when it comes to supporting capital improvements, they don't just, as easy as it may seem, they're not just a rubber stamp, because a lot of the discussion happens between among and with the board, before decisions are made, and they've been for the many years that I've been there are very supportive of all the activities that we've had and produced initiatives for the college.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, MEMBER:

Yeah, absolutely. And if I can, it's very similar kind of question through the board. You know, if you have a quorum, but I wanted to talk a bit about the 2024 financial highlights and the OPA's audit. It says something to the effect about, according to that highlights, if I analyze, my question is, this is GCC's lease of facilities or their use of the territorial facilities fund.

You guys have a lease, again, October 2019, ends in 2058, total of 39 years, based on the partnerships established between the board of trustees and your foundation, the GCC Foundation, which is overseen by a board of governors, what strategies, if any and if publicly disclosable, if you can share, have been made regarding the possibility of paying down the currently building 100, if it can be done sooner.

Now, why I ask that? Because in order to do that, you're going to need the board.

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

So that lease, and let me give you a little history about our ability to borrow. The board members will tell you, USDA representatives will tell you that the college engaged in multiple, long term, low interest loans for 40 years. The board of trustees will tell you, USDA will tell you, we never lived for 40 years before we paid off, maybe three of those loans already. This particular loan is the DNA laboratory, which is not just the Guam Community College, but also the Guam Police Department.

So the institution leveraged funding to support the component of the DNA lab and classroom that represents the GCC portion of it. The remainder amount of that loan is the GPD side. So for the institution to use its funding from tuition or from its appropriation, to support a partnership component is a little bit odd. It's a little bit odd. If the institution were to utilize the complete facility,

I can guarantee you they will expedite that payment and pay it off. Now, what we did, because during the construction of the facility, the college was receiving funding from the legislature, released by the government of Guam, and when the facility was done, that money that was accumulated for those many years was a down payment towards the principal, once it started. So

it will accelerate based on the reduction of principle. But that's the only remaining loan that we have.

All the other 40 year loans that we have, and there were at least three of them, have been paid off within, I would say, maybe eight years. Hence the importance of having a full complement of a board of trustees and having a board that can be responsive to the needs of this community.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, MEMBER:

Mary, thank you very much. Chairman, thank you for being with us this morning, this afternoon.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Senator Gumataotao, Speaker Blas.

SPEAKER FRANK F. BLAS, JR., MEMBER:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you very much for your testimony today, just to be able to clarify, the intent of Bill 251. This is just to align what was previously a position that was meant for a union representative or a labor representative to now be a position of an individual within the industry, labor industry. So it's just a matter of being able to satisfy that. Is that what this bill is for?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

Yes, Speaker, that's correct. But also recognize that the representation from the GCC Faculty Union still exists on the board as an advisory member.

SPEAKER FRANK F. BLAS, JR., MEMBER:

Okay, and that was actually the next question that we wanted to make sure, because isn't there a similar situation that exists within the, Department of Education with regards to the board makeup and a member of the union as a non voting, but advisory?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

That's correct.

SPEAKER FRANK F. BLAS, JR., MEMBER:

Okay. Now, there was in the discussion, there was also a mention that you had three previous, that there were supposed to be three nominations. Two of them, which are going to be reconfirmations, if you will. But then the third one was because the interpretation from the legal counsel of the Office of the Governor says that your previous member that sat in that position did not necessarily meet the criteria for that position?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

That's correct.

SPEAKER FRANK F. BLAS, JR., MEMBER:

And when were those nominations provided to the administration for the executive branch, for the consideration and for to bring to the legislature? September 11th. September. Yes, sir. And so they had it since September and for the three, they had some issue with one, but any or do you have any reason as to why they held back the other two?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

No.

SPEAKER FRANK F. BLAS, JR., MEMBER:

Okay, but that did not come from you, that was from the administration.

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

That's correct.

SPEAKER FRANK F. BLAS, JR., MEMBER:

Okay, and so that's the reason why then, the two different, two nominations went from the governor's office to the legislature in late December. Is that, am I correct with that?

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

So we had asked for, and while we are correcting or providing an alternative to the third representation, we asked for the other two to be submitted and moving forward.

SPEAKER FRANK F. BLAS, JR., MEMBER:

Okay, and they didn't do that until December.

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

That's correct.

SPEAKER FRANK F. BLAS, JR., MEMBER:

Okay, I'm not going to get into the why they held it. I just need to know the timeline. That's the thing. I don't expect for you to answer the reasoning for this. It's just for us to all understand that the reason why it is now being considered and now this bill has been drafted and is being considered, is so that that third position, there's some clarity as to who can actually sit in that position.

Am I correct? And the nomination that was submitted in September, with this correction, can fill that slot. But that nomination cannot be considered unless this bill was passed.

DR. MARY OKADA, GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PRESIDENT:

That's correct. Okay, thank you. That's all I need, Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you again, Dr. Okada, Mr. Leon Guerrero for your testimony for bill number 251. Well now this will complete the public hearing for Bill No. 251. We're going to go ahead and take, if there are no further testimony we'll go to conclude this hearing and we'll take a short quick one minute recess to prepare for the confirmation hearing for Ms. Rose Grino

[\[PUBLIC HEARING FOR Bill No. 251-38 \(COR\) ENDING\] {41:52}](#)

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee on Education, Public Libraries, and Public Broadcasting hereby reports Bill No. 251-38 (COR) - *As Introduced* by Senator Vincent A.V. Borja - “AN ACT TO *AMEND* §31101. OF CHAPTER 31, DIVISION 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPOSITION TO ENHANCE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION” with the recommendation **TO DO PASS.**

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Bill No. 251-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Vincent A. V. Borja 

AN ACT TO *AMEND* §31101. OF CHAPTER 31, DIVISION 4, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPOSITION TO ENHANCE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION.

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

2 **Section 1.** §31101. of Chapter 31, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
3 amended, to read:

4 **“§31101. Administration of the Guam Community College.**

5 (a) All powers vested in the Guam Community College, except as provided
6 herein shall be exercised by the Guam Community College Board of Trustees. The
7 Board shall consist of seven (7) trustees, six (6) of whom shall be nominated and
8 appointed by *I Maga'hågan/Maga'lahen Guåhan* with the advice and consent of *I*
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Three (3) trustees shall be appointed to terms of three (3)
10 years, three (3) trustees shall be appointed to terms of five (5) years and the seventh
11 (7th) shall be an elected student member who shall serve a term of one (1) year.
12 Their successors shall be appointed each for a term of five (5) years, with the
13 exception of the student member. The student member shall be elected by a plurality
14 vote of students of the school. The student member must be a student at the college
15 and may be re-elected to no more than one (1) successive one-year term The

1 procedures for election of the student member shall be developed by the Board of
2 Trustees. The first election for student member shall take place during the school
3 year 1999-2000. The student member position shall not require the appointment by
4 *I Maga'hågan/I Maga'lahen Guahan* and the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan*
5 *Guåhan*. No courtesy resignations shall be required. All vacancies occurring on the
6 Board of Trustees, except the student member, shall be filled by *I Maga'hågan/I*
7 *Maga'lahen Guåhan* with the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the
8 unexpired term.

9 (b) *I Maga'hågan/I Maga'lahen Guåhan* shall appoint ~~one (1) trustee~~ two (2)
10 trustees to represent business and industry and employer organizations; ~~one (1)~~
11 ~~trustee to represent organized labor organizations on Island~~. The remaining four (4)
12 trustees shall be members of the general public. As these positions on the Board
13 become vacant, they shall be filled in a like manner. No person may serve as a trustee
14 if the trustee is a government of Guam employee or if the trustee's service would
15 amount to a conflict of interest.

16 (c) The concurrence of four (4) members of the Board at a duly called and
17 noticed regular or special meeting of the Board, which is open to the public in
18 accordance with law, shall be necessary to the validity of its acts; provided, that the
19 Board need not meet in public when it is discussing litigation or impending litigation
20 with its attorney.

21 (d) The trustees shall elect the chairperson from among their number.

22 **Section 2. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
23 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity
24 shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect
25 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of the
26 provisions of this Act are severable.

1 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment.



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Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
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38th Guam Legislature

January 15, 2026

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
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From: **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Fiscal Note Waiver for Bill No. 251-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

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

Bill No. 251-38 (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. 251-38 (COR) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as amended for the following reason(s):

Bill No. 251-38 is an act to *amend* §31101. of Chapter 31, Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the Guam Community College, Board of Trustees composition to enhance business and industry representation. Specifically, the proposed bill replaces the appointment of (1) one trustee representing organized labor organizations with (2) two trustees representing business and industry and employer organizations.

Based on comments received from the Guam Community College (GCC), the institute confirms that there is no anticipated fiscal impact resulting from Bill No. 251-38. As such, the Bureau finds that the Bill, as currently written, is administrative in nature and poses no immediate fiscal impact upon any funds of the Government of Guam.

Senseramente,

LESTER L. CARLSON, JR.