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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
260-38 (COR)	Vincent A. V. Borja Shelly V. Calvo Tina Rose Muña-Barnes	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 7120.3(b) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING CHILDREN TO RECEIVE SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATE.	1/23/26 3:52 p.m.	2/3/26	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 2/3/26 2/11/26	4/29/26 2:00 p.m.	5/6/26 As Amended.	



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May 04, 2026

The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker

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Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: Honorable Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 260-38 (COR) - As Amended

Buenas yan Håfa adai, Speaker Blas

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 260-38 (COR), As amended by the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Regulatory Affairs, Technology, Justice, Elections and Retirement- Introduced by Vincent A. V. Borja, Shelly V. Calvo, Tina Rose Muña- Barnes- "AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.3(b) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES TO INCLUDE SIBLINGS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES."

Committee votes are as follows:

- 2 TO DO PASS
0 TO NOT PASS
2 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
0 TO ABSTAIN
0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,

Telo T. Taitague
Senator



COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:
May 4, 2026 5:18 p.m.
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COMMITTEE REPORT

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MEMORANDUM:

TO: All Members
*Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Regulatory
Affairs, Technology, Justice, Elections, and Retirement*

FROM: Senator Telo T. Taitague
Committee Chairperson

SUBJECT: Committee Report on Bill No. 260-38 (COR)- As Amended

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 260-38 (COR)
- Notice of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Written Testimonies and Additional Documents
- Committee Vote Sheet and E-mails
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 260-38 (COR), As Introduced
- Copy of Bill No. 260-38 (COR), As Amended
- Copy of Bill No. 260-38 (COR), with Committee Markup
- Copy of Fiscal Note from the Bureau of Budget & 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'!

Senator Telo T. Taitague - Chairperson




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Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
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February 3, 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. 260-38 (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. 260-38 (COR)** - Vincent A. V. Borja, Shelly V. Calvo, Tina Rose Muña-Barnes. – “AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 7120.3(b) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING CHILDREN TO RECEIVE SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement chaired by Senator Telo T. Taitague. 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.





Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 2:00 PM

2 messages

Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

22 April 2026 at 09:26

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

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April 22, 2026

MEMORANDUM**To:** All Senators, Stakeholders and Media**From:** Senator Telo T. Taitague, Chairperson**Subject:** **FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 2:00 PM***Håfa Adai!*

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Senator Telo T. Taitague
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Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.gov>
To: Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

22 April 2026 at 09:32

Hafa adai and posted on the calendar.


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27 April 2026 at 09:54

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April 27, 2026

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Telo T. Taitague, Chairperson

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

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1 message

Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

17 April 2026 at 10:10

To: "Marie P. Lizama" <marie.lizama@revtax.guam.gov>, DRT_DirectorsOffice <directorsoffice@revtax.guam.gov>

Cc: senatortelot.charissa@gmail.com

Bcc: Alana Ungacta <senatortelot.alana@gmail.com>, Isah Peredo <senatortelot.isah@gmail.com>

April 17, 2026

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Maria P. Lizama, Director
Department of Revenue and Taxation
Marie.lizama@revtax.guam.gov

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17 April 2026 at 10:20

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21 April 2026 at 09:27

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Subject: Public Hearing invitation to provide testimony on Bill No. 260-38 (COR)

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21 April 2026 at 09:38

To: Corina Ballesta <veterans.hmiguam@gmail.com>

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Hafa Adai,

Mr. Chair and honorable Senators of the 38th Guam Legislature.


My Name is Joe San Agustin Director of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our Island Veterans and their families. Our Veterans young or old, pride themselves for their service and sacrifices in the defense of our Nation. As a community and leaders, we explore ways to show our gratitude for their service.

Today I appear before this Humble Body to testify on Bill No:260-38, Authored by Senator Vincent A. V Borja. Co-Author Senator Shelly V. Calvo and Senator Tina Rose Muna-Barnes. An Act to Amend SS7120.3(B), Of Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Allowing Children to Receive SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES.

The Loss of a Parent or Child is something none of Us want to experience but have. More so those that have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our Nation.

Mentioned in this this Bill: The loss of a Parent who has served in the Armed Force has a profound and lasting impact on their Children, who experience the same grief, sacrifice, and sense of loss as surviving spouse.

As an advocate for our Veterans and their families, I am in support of this bill.



Jose San Agustin
Director



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Re: Testimony on Bill 260-38 (COR)

Hafa Adai, Senator Taitague.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the above draft legislation.

We applaud the bill's intent to extend eligibility for Gold Star license plates to include children of fallen service members.

While we are unable to provide a definitive number of children that would qualify, our initial discussion indicates that there is minimal fiscal impact for our agency should this be signed into law.

Should you require clarification or have any questions, please contact me at marie.lizama@revtax.guam.gov or via (671) 635-1840.

Senseramente,

Marie P. Lizama



Written Testimony for Gold Star Siblings

1 message

Keleka Eustaquio <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
To: senatortelot@gmail.com

27 April 2026 at 19:09

TO: The Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Regulatory Affairs, Technology, Justice, Elections and Retirement

ATTENTION: Honorable Senator Telo T. Taitague, Chairperson
RE: Testimony in Support of Bill No. 260-38 (COR) – An Act Relative to Allowing Children to Receive Special Gold Star License Plates.

DATE: April 29, 2026

Håfa Adai Chairperson Taitague and Members of the Committee,
My name is Kelekajo Taianao Eustaquio, and I am writing today to express my full and heartfelt support for Bill No. 260-38 (COR).

I am the sibling of a fallen service member. My brother served our country with honor, and his loss has left an irreplaceable void in our family. While the title of "Gold Star" is one no family ever wishes to earn, it is a badge of honor that represents the ultimate sacrifice.

Currently, the recognition of Gold Star families on our island is often focused on parents and spouses. However, the grief and the pride carried by the children and siblings of the fallen are no less significant. When a service member passes, their siblings carry that legacy forward for the rest of their lives. We are the keepers of their stories and the witnesses to their bravery.

Allowing children and siblings to receive Gold Star license plates is more than just a matter of vehicle registration; it is a matter of recognition and healing.

- Visibility: It allows us to publicly honor our brothers and sisters every day as we drive through our community.
- Community: It helps us identify one another, creating a silent network of support among those of us who understand this specific kind of loss.
- Legacy: It ensures that the names and the sacrifices of our loved ones are not forgotten by the public.

Guam has one of the highest rates of military service in the nation. It is only fitting that our laws reflect the reality of our "Gold Star" families, encompassing all those who were closest to the fallen. Passing this bill would be a meaningful gesture of respect toward those of us who continue to live in the shadow of our loved ones' service.

I urge this Committee to pass Bill No. 260-38 (COR) to ensure that every child and sibling who has lost a hero in the line of duty can carry that honor with them.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to share my story.

Saina Ma'åse'.

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Bill No. 260-38; Special Gold Star License Plate - 4/29/26

1 message

Mary Aguon [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

29 April 2026 at 13:07

To: senatortelot@gmail.com

Cc: "44 APS Mora, Abe" [REDACTED]@guam.net>

Hafa Adai Senator Taitague!

Although this is late, I'd like to document my support of the special Gold Star license plate. I had hoped to show my support at the Legislative hearing today, 04/29/26, at 2 pm, but I'm not able to attend. My apology.

As a veteran, I strongly support the creation of a special Gold Star license plate for children of Gold Star families. Gold Star children carry a lifelong legacy of sacrifice, having lost a parent in service to our nation. Recognizing them with this honor is a meaningful way to acknowledge their strength, resilience, and the profound sacrifice their families have made. For some, this may be one of few connections to their lost parent. I remember some children were just babies when their parent died.

It is our duty to ensure their loss is never forgotten and their connection to that service is visibly honored.

Thank you for accepting my support for the special Gold Star license plate.

Sincerely,

Mary Aguon
CMSgt. (Ret), U.S. Air Force Veteran

ABRAHAM C. MORA, JR.

Email: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Date 04/29/2026

To: Chairwoman Telo T. Taitague, Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Regulatory Affairs, Technology, Justice, Elections, and Retirement

From: Abraham C. Mora, Jr.

Subject: Re: Written Testimony — Bill No. 260-38 (COR) — Amend § 7120.3(b) to allow children to receive Gold Star license plates and to include siblings

Good afternoon Chairwoman Taitague and Members of the Committee:

My name is Abraham C. Mora, Jr. I am the brother of Sgt. Samson A. Mora, KIA July 10, 2008, in Afghanistan. Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony.

I strongly support Bill No. 260-38 (COR) to allow children to receive Gold Star license plates. The statutes stated purpose is to honor Gold Star “families,” not only the parents. The children should have been included in the original intent of the P.L. 30-62. Since it was signed on May 5, 2009, 17 years have passed, and now these children have grown up and are living their lives in memory of their lost parent.

Their loss was also felt by their siblings. I am the only living sibling on Guam for my brother Sam. I too share the loss every day without him. My parents both passed away in 2023 and I am not eligible to request a Gold Star License Plate to continue “Sams” memory. The current Gold Star Plate has a picture of the Gold Star Pin. That picture of the Gold Star Pin represents the Family of the Fallen which includes spouse, parents, children and siblings. We want to continue memorialize and honor them. I wear my pin on my left lapel in Sams Honor. It’s a part of my healing process and for those who lost a family member or friend in war.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Committee adopt an amendment to § 7120.3(b) to explicitly add siblings (including half- and step-siblings) as eligible recipients.

Rationale

- This program was created to honor Gold Star families (P.L. 30-62) and is intended to recognize family members who have borne the ultimate sacrifice. Including the children and siblings is consistent with that intent.

- Many U.S. jurisdictions already authorize siblings for Gold Star/Gold Star Family plates (examples include California DMV; Washington RCW 46.18.245; Idaho Code §49-403B; Minnesota Stat. 168.1253; CNMI P.L. 19-26), demonstrating a clear national precedent and equity in recognition.
- The Office of Veterans Affairs already certifies eligibility for Gold Star plates; adding siblings requires only clarified statutory language and a simple documentation checklist (e.g., birth certificate, adoption decree, court order) and is administrable under existing OVA/Motor Vehicle Division procedures.

Proposed Amendment (drop-in language for § 7120.3(b))

"Gold Star License Plates shall be issued to surviving spouses, parents (including adoptive, step, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis), children (biological, adopted, or foster), and siblings (including half- and step-siblings) of members of the armed services who meet the qualifying criteria in this section. For purposes of this section, 'Gold Star family' shall include those persons who would be eligible to receive the Gold Star lapel pin authorized by Congress (see 10 U.S.C. §1126), as certified by the Office of Veterans Affairs."

Implementation suggestions

- Direct the Office of Veterans Affairs to create rules and a certification form listing acceptable proofs of sibling and child relationships.
- Clarify that siblings do not need to have been financial dependents at the time of death, unless the Legislature decides otherwise.

Closing

Support Bill No. 260-38 and adopt the amendment to include children and siblings. This honors all Gold Star families, aligns Guam with national practice, and can be administered by OVA.

I am available for brief oral testimony on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. I can send supporting documents by email if needed. Please accept this written testimony.

Respectfully,



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Written Testimony – Gold Star Family

This written testimony is submitted in support of the initiate to expand the benefit of a Gold Star Family member (Child).

My name is Ralph Tomas Tainatongo Rivera, and I am a retired veteran of the United States Air Force, having served just over 24 years before retiring in 2001. Service has always been a part of who we are as a family. It's something I grew up with, something I witnessed, and something that shaped my understanding of duty from an early age.

My grandfather served as a Navy corpsman during World War II. On the Rivera side of my family, four of my uncles served combat tours in Vietnam. All served honorably, and while most made it home, their brother, our Uncle Tomas Rivera from Agat did not, he gave his life in 1965 while fighting in the jungles of Vietnam. On the Tainatongo side, four more uncles served with pride and distinction, several of them earning distinctions such as the Purple Heart and Silver Star. They all made it back home. Alther the Gold Star Family program was not in existence back then, the pain, and yes, even pride knowing that our family did their share, and I am proud

(as my son and daughter) were in carrying on the tradition of military service.

I share this not to highlight our family, but to provide to offer a bit of background from my perspective. In my family, service and sacrifice were never abstract ideas, they were real, personal, and deeply felt. Like many families on this island, we understand what it means to answer the call, and what it can cost.

Throughout my own career, I had the honor of serving alongside fellow Airmen and Soldiers whose families also carried that burden. Some of them lost sons in service to this country. Being around them was a constant reminder that while we all accept the risks of service, not everyone is given the chance to return home.

When that happens, the responsibility doesn't end with their service, it shifts to us. It becomes our duty to care for the families they leave behind. That belief has always stayed with me. I was fortunate to return home, as were my son and daughter, and because of that, I feel a responsibility to do what I can now to support, to advocate, and to stand by those families in a meaningful way.

That is what brings me to share this testimony.

Our island and our people share a deep sense of pride in serving both our community and our nation. That service

has always been about something bigger than ourselves, protecting the freedoms that allow all of us to live, grow, and pursue opportunity.

For many, the call to serve is rooted in the values passed down through family, duty, sacrifice, and a commitment to stand for what matters. But for some families, that service comes with an unimaginable cost. We remember those who gave their lives, and we hold their families close in our thoughts, knowing that no words or actions can ever truly replace what was lost. Their sacrifice is the reason we live in a world with greater security and hope.

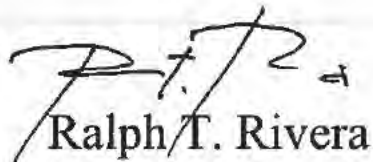
Programs like the Gold Star Family exist to ensure those left behind are not forgotten, to provide support, care, and a sense of continued community. Yet, while these programs offer an important foundation, there is still more to be done. Families, especially children who have lost a parent, carry a lifelong journey shaped by loss, strength, and resilience. Their needs, emotional, educational, and financial; often extend far beyond what current systems fully address. This is where we step in.

This initiative is about standing with them for the long term. It is about strengthening and connecting support systems so that these families are not only cared for in the moment but empowered for the future.

Investing in the children of Gold Star families is more than an obligation; it is a shared responsibility. By ensuring they have access to the opportunities, resources, and support they deserve, we honor the legacy of their parent's sacrifice and reaffirm our commitment to those who have given so much for our island and our nation.

"If not us, then who? If not now, then when?"

Thank you



Ralph T. Rivera
USAF Veteran



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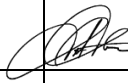
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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 260-38 (COR) was introduced on Friday, January 23, 2026, by Senator Vince Borja, and subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on *Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement*, on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. The Committee convened a public hearing on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 2:00p.m. in the Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room.

Public Notice Requirement:

In compliance with Open Government Law, a five (5) day public notice of this hearing was published on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**, and a forty-eight (48) hour notice was published on **Monday, April 27, 2026**, on KUAM-TV and the Guam Public Notice Website. Notices were also sent to all senators, and all main media broadcasting outlets via email on the same dates.

Senators Present:

Senator Telo Taitague, Chairperson
Senator Vince Borja
Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane

Appearing Before the Senate Panel:

Joe San Agustin, Director, Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (GOVA)
Dorothy Lukeala
Anthony Lukeala
Adrianah Petrie
Jayne Petrie
Joseph Mafnas
Abraham C. Mora Jr.
Lisa Rose C. Pocaigue
Roque Cruz

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Abraham Mora

Keleka Estaquio

Mary Aguon

Ralph T. Rivera

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The Public Hearing was Called-to-Order at 2:25pm. Bill No. 260-38 (COR), “AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.3(b) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING CHILDREN TO RECEIVE SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATE,” was the second item on the agenda.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: *Håfa Adai*. We're back into our public hearing this afternoon, and the next bill or the next item on the agenda is bill number 260-38 (COR), introduced by Senator Borja. And, before I turn it over to Senator Borja, a fiscal note was provided to this body. BBMR stated the bill appeared to be administrative in nature. The bill further noted that due to absent comment from DRT, they were unable to determine the fiscal impact the bill may have had. Our legal department here at the legislature has reviewed the bill and during its introduction, and at this time we've heard no recommendation or changes or amendments to the bill at this time. Invitations to this public hearing was sent out to the Department of Revenue and Taxation, the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, The Veterans Commission, HMI Guam Vietnam Veterans of America, chapter 668, the Barrigada of Veterans Association as well. So, and at this time, I'd like to turn it over to Senator Borja for the introduction of his measure. Senator Borja.

SENATOR VINCE BORJA: Thank you, Madam Chair, and good afternoon everybody who has joined us today and online. *Håfa Adai*. Thank you to my colleagues also for joining me today, our Chair on Veterans of Affairs Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, and those in attendance and those watching online. Before I speak to the substance of this bill, I'd like to take a moment to recognize the goat star families who are with us today, Ms. Dorothy Lukeala, Mr. Anthony Lukeala, Ms. Adrianah Petrie, Jayne Petrie, Ms. Lisa Rose C. Pocaigue if you could please stand or raise your hand so that we may recognize you. On behalf of the Guam legislature and the people of Guam, thank you. Your family sacrifice is not only remembered, it's honored, and your presence here today is honored in this chamber. Bill 260-38 did not originate from my office or anywhere in this chamber. It originated in a conversation with Mrs. Lukeala who came forward as she has so many times before, identified a gap in under our law. And another Guam. Current Guam statute Gold Star license plates are issued to parents, stepparents, adoptive parents, foster parents who stood in local parentis and to widows and widowers, but not to the children of fallen service members.

That gap is what this bill closes. Nothing more and nothing less. Ms. Lukeala is a goat star mother, a tireless advocate for our fallen and their families. And the mother of United States Army Sergeant Joshua Lukeala, someone who I had the privilege to serve a combat tour with in Iraq. Josh gave his life in 2010 from wounds sustained in Afghanistan. Ms. Lukeala voice has carried the memory of her son and the memory of so many of our fallen across the audience for more than a decade. On behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam to our Gold star families, thank you again for your courage, for your service to other Gold star



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families and for trusting this body with your family member's legacy. The children of our fallen carry the loss of their mother or father for the rest of their lives. They grow up without a parent at their graduation, without a parent at their wedding, a parent to meet their own children. The grief does not belong only to spouses and to parents. It belongs to the sons and daughters too. And the laws it stands does not yet reflect that truth. When a gold star mother was already given everything, comes to the legislature and asked for a small but meaningful act of recognition for the children left behind. The answer from this body should be careful, respectful, and seriously consider that request, and that is why we are here today.

The bill is narrow in, in scope. It amends a single subsection of Title 16, which just adds the word children to the list of family members eligible for a ghost star license plate. It carries no minimal fiscal impact and it takes nothing away from any current beneficiary. What it does allow is it allows a center or daughter to drive through our island carrying a visible, tangible symbol that says my parent served, my parent fell, and my parent is not forgotten. I want to thank Senator Shelly Calvo, Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes for joining me as co-sponsors, and also thank the Office of Veterans Affairs, who has express their support for this measure. And again, thank you to Ms. Lukeala and every gold star family member who has supported or has helped shape this bill and their voice which we include today and we also want to include those who cannot be here today as well as the other Gold star family members. Thank you. And again, today I ask that we listen like we always should with the respect that these families have earned a thousand times over. With that Madam Chair, thank you for the opportunity and I look forward to hearing the testimony from those here.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Senator Borja. And at this time I would like to come forward. you have written, signed up to testify, and you've checked off the box that says oral testimony. So at this time, I'd like to call Dorothy Lukeala, and, someone else who's already Abraham Mora, Lisa Rose Pocaigue. Now if there's anyone else who would like to come forward and did, you know, just might have forgotten to check off the box. Please feel free to come up now. I believe we have a, oh, yes, Joe, come on. Yes, please. Come on up, Joe. Sorry. Our Director of Veterans Affairs. Joe San Agustin. Buenas yan hãfa adai sir. Thank you for being here. Yeah. Okay. And your name, please? Adrianah Okay. Adrianah, did you sign up? No. You did? Okay. Okay. I see, okay. Joseph Mafnas. Si yu'os ma'ãse'. Thank you for being here today. So, we'll start with Dorothy first, please state your name for the record. Okay. And go ahead and press the red button. You are now recognized, ma'am.

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Okay, good afternoon, Senators Telo Taitague, Sabrina Matanane, and Senator Vince Borja. My name is Dorothy Lukeala. I'm a gold star mother and like Senator Vince, you know, had mentioned with my son, we lost him in June 7th, 2010. And when he left us, he didn't only leave his parents behind, you know, or the widow. He left his daughter Maya, who is 19 years old now. And his brother Anthony Keoni, who is serving active duty in the United States Army. And I'm here in support of Bill number 260-38. Some of you know that I've been advocating for both the children and the siblings. I always have. I hope today's hearing you take that into consideration. I wanna thank Senator Vince Borja. You know, you were, you were the only one that heard my voice, you know, to have this bill going to include the children.

And of course, I wanted the siblings, you know, we'll see how today, how everything, plans out today. And I remember telling you that I was giving up already. Thank you for finally listening and hearing my voice. It assures me that my late son's voice is also heard through me. We are the families left behind to be their voice. I wanna go back to when the special license plate was introduced in 1999 and that was Bill 99. The late Senator Ben Pangelinan who was a chairman at that time, he touched on federal program under 10 USC, section 1126, defining the families. They are immediate relatives. The widow, widower, parents consists of mother, father, stepmother, stepfather through the adoption and foster parents who stood in local parentis in the place of parents, the children and siblings.

If I can go back and read a portion of that bill and there be enacted by the people of Guam. It was on line seven where it indicated *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that those who have given us the ultimate sacrifice in the battlefield left behind families who kept the memory, their courage alive, their forgotten, never forgotten their loss. To distinguish these families and to symbolize their loss, the federal government in US, title 10, section 1126, established the gold star lapel button, which was typically used to symbolize a mother's grief who lost a child to conflict. The program has now expanded to include all family members and assurance of special Gold star license plate to local state government to acknowledge these families. Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to join these among those communities in assurance of the special Gold Star license plate to families on Guam who have lost loved ones engaged in war operation. You know, that was back then, you know, why couldn't they have acknowledged to include the children and the siblings at that time? You know, the program was expanded. You know, back then during those hearing, there was talk of revisiting. You know, let's revisit this program and, you know, to include the siblings.

You know, my only surviving son now, Anthony, you know, if he was to return home and god forbid something happens to us, would one of you tell him he has to surrender the plates? You know, he's traveled around and I was with him in Hawaii when he was stationed there, and they didn't deny him. You know, we came prepared with all the documents from my son's DD form, 1300 birth certificates to make that verification. And it was just so simple. He went into DMV, he just told them I'm a gold star brother and right then and there they just gave the plate, you know, and my thing here is, you know, they're, if he should come home, you know, I want them to be able to, to also get that same kind of treatment. You know, this is their home, this is their home of records you know. I don't know how much longer I'll be around to continue advocating because even if this is just for the children, I'll still advocate for the siblings. And like the late Doreen Jesus, a mother of Jesse Castro told me, you know, she's like, Dorothy, you're a fighter. You know, you, you stand up for the goat star families. But right now I don't know how much more I can fight. I really don't. It's just sometimes the response that I get from, from people you know, that hurts the most and remember this devastating loss of our loved one is not only felt among us parents and spouses, it affects the children and siblings. And I just wanna thank you guys for listening to my testimony. Thank you so much.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Dorothy. Thank you so much for your testimony. At this time, I'd like to recognize Abraham Mora.

ABRAHAM MORA: Good afternoon, Senator. Senator Mathani. Senator Boha, thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. Dorothy said it all. There's nothing more I can pretty much add to, but I did have a little testimony I wanted to read out to you. It's been several years already since my last testimony when I came up to ask if we can include the children and the gold star, the children and the siblings in the gold star to get the license plate and that's been 17 years ago since I did that over 17 years ago. And I'm here today to ask again. It hurts, you know? Why do we have to ask? I feel for her, when the son comes back, he's gonna be in the same



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boat as I am right now. So my parents are gone. They died two years ago. My father had a plate, and I have to give that plate up. I'm just asking if I can continue on with that plate, have that plate be able to register my vehicle so I can have, so I can drive around with it. I'm going off track. Sorry about that. Anyways, again, my name is Abraham Mora. I'm the brother of Samson Mora, killed in Afghanistan in July 10th, 2008. Thank you for that opportunity to share my testimony. I strongly support Bill 260-38 to allow children to receive Gold Star license plate. That's what we're here for. The statute stated purpose is to honor the Gold star families, not only the parents. You know, the children should have been included in original intent of public law 30-62, since it was signed in May 5th, 2009, I believe, 17 years have passed.

Now these children have grown up and they're living their lives in memory of their lost parent. The loss was felt, also felt by their siblings. I'm the only living sibling on Guam for my brother Sam. I too share a loss every day without him. My parents both passed away in 2023, and I'm not eligible to request for a Gold Star license plate to continue Sam's memory. The current Gold Star plate has a picture of a gold star pin on it. So that picture of the gold star pin represents the families of the fallen, which includes spouse, parents, the children, and the siblings. We want to continue to memorialize them, and honor them. I wear my pin on my left lapel to honor Sam. It's part of my healing process and for those who lost family members or friends in war. Therefore, I respectfully request that the committee adopt and amend 7120.3(b) to explicitly add the children and the siblings, which includes half and step step siblings as eligible recipients. Thank you.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome sir. Thank you so much. And at this time I'd like to recognize. I think we'll go with Andrea. Is that okay? I mean, Adrianah, you recognized, ma'am. Please state your name, full name for the record and you can speak.

ADRIANAH PETRIE: Hello, good afternoon. I am Adrianah Petrie. I am the sibling of Jaysine Petrie. She died on September 24th, 2010. Thank you guys for allowing us to have this meeting with you. And, like Mr. Mora and Mrs. Lukeala states that my parents when or if they are gone, we have to surrender the license plates that we are given to. And I feel like, you know, that's, you know, we're representing them as well and including our, I'm so sorry. My siblings and my sister especially, you know, she loves Guam. She represented Guam. And when, when my parents are gone, you know, I have no way else to represent her besides just her memory and the gold star pin that we carry and, just thank you guys for allowing us to be here. Thank you.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome. You did a good job.

ADRIANAH PETRIE: Thank you.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: And next, I'm sorry. Okay. You're next. State your name for the record and yeah.

LISA ROSE C. POCAIGUE: My name is Lisa Pocaigue. Good afternoon, Senator Vince Borja, Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane and Senator Telo Taitague. Thank you for giving us this opportunity. I'm here in strong support of Bill 260-38 introduced by Senator Vince Borja, Senator Shelly Calvo and Senator Muña Barnes. I am a gold star sibling. My baby brother, Sergeant Jesse Joel Jesus Castro, was killed in action on December 6th, 2006 while in Iraq. He was just 22 years old and a brand new father. His son was only a little over two weeks. They never had the chance to meet face to face. But Jesse Jr. knows his father because we made sure that he knows his dad's sacrifice and the love his dad left behind. It has been 19 years since my brother's passing today. Jesse Jr. is an adult serving our country just like his dad. This bill is about recognizing children like him. Children who live every day with the loss that they did not choose yet carries strength and pride.

Honoring the Gold Star children through the Special Gold Star license plate is more than symbolic. It tells them we see you, we remember, and your parents' sacrifice will never be forgotten. My mom was an advocate for our gold star families. I know if she were still alive today, she would be sitting here with this panel. And just like Auntie Dorothy and Abe, we would like to include a request to include siblings. I'm the only one left here I know, you know. and I try to as much as keep my brother's love alive and represent him wherever I can, you know, it hurts that sometimes we're not included. And this is just a very small item that we're requesting. We wanna drive around proud that our siblings sacrifice so much for this country and I respectfully, you know, urge that you pass this bill and please take us into consideration and we pray that, you know, with this, it also helps us carry our fallen soldiers legacy. *Si Yu'os ma'ase*.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome Lisa. Thank you so much for your testimony at this time. I'd like to now turn it over to Joseph Mafnas. You are now recognized. I'm saving you for last Director San Agustin. The best for last.

JOSEPH MAFNAS: Thank you Senator. My name is Joseph Mafnas, a veteran retired. 36 years retired commands Army major. Senator Matanane, Senator Borja, thank you for this opportunity to hear some of the concerns in reference to this bill and before I say what I have to say, I like to say, take a moment to say condolence to the family of the gold stars that are here today. Thank you very much for being here. The question that I have basically is, just to clear my mind. I know that the family here testifying about the children. So my question here in line is that if you have 12 children in your family, so they're all entitled for that gold star plate. Am I not correct? According to the bill that you have here, it says all children's, right? I mean, I'm just putting it out because you know, that's a lot of, because you know, that's a lot of plate. But I mean, if they are, then they are. The other question I have here is that. On the second page of this bill, it says that the Gold Star license spread should be issued to parents, mother, father. But then the question I have here is the stepmother and the stepfather, mother through adoption. My question here is that if they divorce you right? And the mother is still alive, so that means that mother is not entitled for that Gold star plate because the husband or the mother remarried and then the spouse is entitled according to this bill. Correct? Am I, I mean, I'm just reading what the bill is all about. So if the mother or the father wants to request for a gold star plate, she will not be entitled if they're divorced, right? Because it says she has stepmother and stepfather and the sibling there is the real mother that divorced or the father. Correct. But being that she is my son or my daughter, whatever, I might also be entitled for that.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Yeah. I think Mr. Mafnas if it's a stepmother, then it's a stepmother. As long as you're married to the sibling, the child's father for instance, an example. But once you're divorced, you know, you're no longer a stepmother, you know, to that child.



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JOSEPH MAFNAS: But I'm, I'm just saying if they want to file that is what I'm saying, because that's my real kid, is what I'm saying. So, yeah. So there might be a question on that. It might be going to a legal procedure on that. I'm just putting that out as a fruit for thought. And the other thing also I have here is that I think in the federal statute, if I'm not mistaken, those, I think 72 or 75 casualty that were killed in Vietnam. Right. And one of them is my pari who was still in 1971 that I was supposed to go with him, but unfortunately I didn't go. Otherwise, I'll be one of the casual too. But anyway, I'm just looking at, and I'm just reviewing that also that, you know, my Mali never received a gold star pin or whatever. So if I was to say at this point in time that she can also apply for Gold star with this particular bill this year that covers the Vietnam casualty you know what I'm saying? See if my husband passed, was killed in Vietnam, right? So if I was to apply for a Gold star plate, am I entitled? According to this bill.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: I'm not mistaken, with the author of the legislation, the eligibility of an issuance of a Gold Star license plate. So what is considered gold star, right? Is there a group of individuals together that have a gold star community? Well, what is it not LLC, but a nonprofit gold star recipient like Dorothy, for instance. You're part of the Gold Star group that was formulated, right? And it's formulated under, if I'm not mistaken, the director of veterans, right? That it recognized it. But other than that, I tell you what. We can try and answer your questions. This is basically for you have questions for us that are, that we can try and answer later on in the bill. Like for instance, to clarify this section is what you're looking for. So, unless the author of the legislation wants to ask, answer any of the questions he has, but technically the law is still the law. We're just incorporating children.

SENATOR VINCE BORJA: Ms. Lukeala go ahead.

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Yeah, I just wanna bring up, you know, because when we talk about gold star families, there are two separate gold star families and what distinguishes the families are the pin, the gold star. So you have one that's, the other one is the next of kin, which is just the gold, and those are active duty service members who passed away while on duty, active duty status, so the families are considered the next of kin and they get the other pin that is just plain gold. Then of course you have this one here where they were killed in combat. The gold star lapel.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Yeah, I know, I know. I'm going off script. I apologize to my colleagues. A little bit off script on how this rolls when we do a public hearing, but who issues the pins?

DOROTHY LUKEALA: The department of the military?

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Yeah. Okay. So on the federal side.

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Like if I wanna request, it has to go to them. They have to verify whether you are an immediate family member. That's all.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Thank you so much.

ABRAHAM MORA: I'd just like to add if ...

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Oh, why don't we, why don't we just continue but save that. Write it down. I'm gonna let Mr. Mafnas continue his testimony and then, we'll, if you can please keep that in your head so you can remind us. Okay. Mr. Mafnas we'll continue on. Go ahead and press your button on your microphone. Mr. Mafnas, can you press? Yeah, there you go.

JOSEPH MAFNAS: The only, the only reason why I ask that question because these 72 during action in Vietnam, like I said, they were, you know, they were killed in the line of duty. Like my pari was going in a recon supposed to be with me, but I let him went ahead and he got killed and I didn't. But anyway, that's just fruit for thought to maybe to, something to review that. Also I like to, just to mention this, that I work closely with Dorothy here in reference to the Goldstar dinner that, the 29th, BMW 2917 Hill every year. And, unfortunately, I am the point of contact for reservations for the Goldstar family that, will be attending the dinner. And I know all of these are, were there, unfortunately on the list that I have. And I don't know how, how many more do we have on the list, because I only have 15 that are on my record. But, and I work closely with Dorothy and she said there's gonna be some names and all that. So, you know, we don't wanna miss anybody from this particular dinner that the 2917 is hosting every year for the Gold Star family and their loved one and all that. So, you know, be as it May. I hope that we have more because I know that September is coming up. but in closing on, on what I have to say here that I, I was talking to the, and I'll let the director explain that more in detail, that maybe this is something that we have to look into and maybe the GOVA will take over and, you know, be part of this, to handle the Gold Star whatever, you wanna call it as a organization, and then the work closely with that. But I'll let the director cover more on them. Thank you for having me testify this afternoon.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Absolutely Mr. Mafnas, it's always good to see you, sir. And at this time, I'd like to recognize the Director of the Veterans Affairs, Joe San Agustin, you have the floor?

JOE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (GOVA): Yes. thank you. Håfa adai Senator Telo. I wasn't expecting Senator Telo to be here because apparently according to the bill I saw, Senator Vince Borja, Shelly Calvo and Tina Muñ-Barnes. But thank you for being here. And Senator Matanane, thank you for being here as well. And I guess. It's still appropriate for me to address you as a chair for this particular bill.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Just to clarify, Mr. San Agustin, I'm the oversight chair for the Department of Revenue and Taxation regulatory side.

JOE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (GOVA): Okay.



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SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: And, this has to do with license plates. So I oversee that and that's why I'm here. And then of course, Senator Borja's bill, it went to my committee,

JOE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (GOVA): So my apologies for the way I address my testimony this afternoon.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: That's okay. That's quite alright. It's, it's the body of your content that's more important.

JOE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (GOVA): I was alluding to that. Yeah. So thank you. Håfa adai, my name is Joe San Agustin, Director of the Guam Office of Veterans of Affairs. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our island veterans and their families. Our veterans, young and old pride themselves for their service and sacrifices in the defense of their nation. As a community leader, we explore ways to show our gratitude for their service. Today I appear before this humble body to testify on Bill 250-38, authored by Senator Vincent A. Borja. And if I said that wrong, I apologize. I have Shelly Cavo here and Senator Tina Muña Barnes, AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.3(b) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING CHILDREN TO RECEIVE SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES.

The loss of a parent or child is something that none of us want to experience, but we have. More so those that have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation. Mentioned in this bill, the loss of a parent who has served in the armed forces has a profound and lasting impact on their children who experience the same. Grief, sacrifice and sense of loss as the surviving spouse. Senators, I want to admit that this is the shortest testimony I have submitted and I want to admit the rationale behind that is because the bill says it all. There's nothing else that I would like to add on to that bill. It says it all. In saying that I would like to continue my testimony based on what I've heard earlier from the Gold Star families. Senators, the grief, the pain is still there, even after 17 years. That tells us something that the families are still and will forever continue to miss their loved ones that have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Prior to me coming down here, and as of yesterday, and within less than an hour of me coming down here, I had a mentor of mine call me, asking me to really be careful how I move forward with this bill and I will carefully move forward with the bill in this language. I am here to support this bill based on what I hear, based on what I know, based on what I feel coming out from the family that are in attendance today. I fully support and if they do desire and if you do desire to add on the siblings, I will support that as well. And let me go this route. If you, if we are in fact a very patriotic folks, then we need to make sure that we do not forget those that have given their ultimate sacrifice and to allow us as the community and as leaders to make sure that we take care of their spouse, their children, and their siblings. That's my take and I'm gonna ask you all to please consider to pass this bill. There's only three of y'all here, but I could tell you the tone of voice, the feeling I'm getting in here says a lot. And if I have something to do with encouraging you all to say, please make this

happen, I encourage that we make it happen. For those that don't disagree with me agreeing with this bill, that's their problem for not being here this afternoon. If there's any other issues that they wanna bring about to contest this bill, they should have been here in this hearing, and I could tell you that we might probably be getting phone calls after this. Senators, my son is in the Middle East, wanted to be flown there and has been there from the beginning. The only people that really care and are really impacted on issues like this are families that have endured and have gone through the pain and are still going through the pain. Others that have gone, not gone through it, you're gonna hear something different. I could tell you that I will continue to support the request of the Gold Star family.

I would like to venture into taking over the event that has been done by some of our veterans organizations, so that I make sure that we as a community, we as a whole, we as a government, continue to acknowledge and care for them the way we should, and not just kind of rely on a nonprofit. It should be a commitment coming from us as an island as a whole, from the leaders. What has taken me here this afternoon is I feel the pain and it's not gonna go away. I thank the Lukeala's for initiating this bill. I thank you all for being here. Senators, for some of the folks that are probably not here this afternoon, some of them might probably be at work, but I think there's a large number of them that do not attend these types of events simply because we have not given them the support that are due to them. We have just it's, it's done and over with. Let's move on with the next one. Well, well, here's this out. We're gonna be having more Gold Star families coming about simply because of what's happening in the Middle East. So we better be prepared.

And so from my stance, I know that my agency will have a meeting tomorrow and they're probably gonna talk about, damn boss, how did you go this route? Because it's the best route to take anything from there. Money don't matter. However, life does matter. Ensuring that we remember and do not forget the veterans, those that have given the ultimate sacrifice, the families that still exist, that are enduring the pain that we do as leaders continue to take care of these family members. So with that said, I thank you for your time. Thank you for your service to our country and our island. And I thank the Gold Star family for having the courage to be here and be part of this testimony. Gentlemen, ladies, I support your movement. Tell me which way you want to take it and we'll build it and go that way. Okay. Thank you very much. That's all I have, thank you.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Thank you so much, Director, San Augustine. It's always so nice to see how much you advocate for those who served our country. And, thank you for your service as well. And to everyone here, thank you for the services that you've provided to this island, but the ultimate sacrifice that your sibling or your child gave to us should not ever be forgotten. And this is just one way of ensuring that they are not forgotten. And Lisa, when you spoke about how your parents have passed away, they're the ones that hold this Gold Star symbol. Is that the one you're wearing on your shirt right now? Yeah, I figured. So it was passed down to you, you're, yeah. And that you're left here. So, you know, that's even one greater reason why, that we should pass it on to the siblings as well, you know, not, and the children. Of course. Definitely the children. But you know, there's been an advocacy right, on Andrea right. To have the siblings pass it on too. So I appreciate that. But I did promise Abraham, to finish his train of thought earlier when, we wanted to move on and please go ahead with your train of thought that you had.

ABRAHAM MORA: Well, you know, to get the Gold Star pin, if you had, if you lost it or anything like that, there's a number that you need to, you can call. I don't have that number in front of me right now. So all they want is know is the name. They want to know the death certificate, the DD 1300, a report of casualty, and that's all you need to know. And they'll issue the gold star pin to the members. So it's not difficult to get one.



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SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Thank you. I'd like to also read into the record, one more testimony that was provided by the Department of Revenue and Taxation. "Håfa adai Senator Taitagu, we thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in the above draft legislation. We applaud the bill's intent to extend eligibility for Gold Star license plates to include children of fallen service members. While we are unable to provide a definite number of children that would qualify, our initial discussion indicates that there is a minimal fiscal impact, a minimal fiscal impact, for our agency should this be signed into law. Should you have any qui inquirers clarifications, have any questions, please feel free to contact me." And this is signed by Marie Lizama, the Director of Revenue and Taxation.

So I just wanted to put that in for the record. And for those who are listening. I do wanna get more insight though Dorothy, especially those who are listening, sometimes people don't want to go, you know, come forward. They grieve in silence and, and in private, and, but then sometimes there's people like you who come forward and inspire them, you know, to want to remember their loved one and, appreciate. It's hard coming in front of us. I know every time you speak of his name and or talk about your families who have passed on, it's very difficult. So can you kind of explain, it was mentioned earlier by Abraham, in order to apply for this, it's on the federal side. It's not with the local veterans office, right? It's on the federal side where you get categorized as a gold star recipient. Right. Is that how it, can you just walk us through the process?

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Yes. So usually with us, how it works, like if I need to request another Gold Star lapel pin...

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: or even register yourself as a Gold star recipient.

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Oh, I mean...

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: How does that go?

DOROTHY LUKEALA: To me, there's no such thing as registering because automatically once we lose...

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay,

DOROTHY LUKEALA: You know, our child, you know, and you know, of course with me in the beginning, you know, I didn't know anything about Gold Star. It was the late Jesus Leon Guerrero, that was Joshua's ROTC instructor. It was during one of the nightly rosary. He approached me and he's like, don't forget to register under the Gold Star Mother Incorporation. You know, of course I was so busy that night throughout the rosaries, you know, that was 19 days of having rosary, you know, and it so happened that, the day of Joshua's burial, you know, I don't know. I just kept saying, go Goat star. Goat star. And then I remember my husband Anthony, when he escorted Joshua home. He gave me an envelope, one of the big

ones, the manila envelope, and inside it was the Gold Star lapel. And, you know, I kept looking at it, remembering what it's, you know, the symbol of it, you know, that the laurel leaf is for the service members' valor. The purple is for the families grieving, and the gold star is for those killed in action. Of course, days after we had laid Joshua to rest, I went online and researched. So I came across the Gold Star Mother. So with me, I believe the early part of 2011 was when I registered myself. And at that time I know, I had Doring also register. I can't remember any other mother 'cause it was a Gold Star Mothers and I did wanna start an organization here, but it had to be five gold star mothers to register nationally. So I didn't get that count. So, you know, just me annually I renew my membership. But really, as far as the Gold Star family, there's no, there's no such thing as signing up. It's automatic.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: So you went ahead and, and registered and, they recognized you to...

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Yeah and so to this day, I'm still active, yeah.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: And then they gave you a pin?

DOROTHY LUKEALA: No, this one is through the department of the Army.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Oh, the Army.

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Yeah.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: So then it was given to you.

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Yeah.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Now, when you go to Rev & Tax to be able to avail yourself of this license plate, what do you take there at Rev & Tax?

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Oh, we need the certified letter from the VA.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: To determine that, right?

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Yes.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: And so then they look at all the documents saying, yes, you are entitled. And then they sign a document and you can then go to

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Yes,

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Rev & Tax and get, a license. And those license plates are free. Correct. Okay.



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DOROTHY LUKEALA: Yeah.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: So that make, that simplifies it for everyone because we already know how the spouses and the parents go about doing it. Now, if we include the siblings and the children, this is exactly what they would go through. But, they would too have to follow the same process, which is, you know, fill out an application online on the federal side.

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Yeah.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: And then they would have to prove that they are the sibling of that individual or the child of that individual. And then once that's done, that document then goes to the veterans so that they can issue out a document. So that's what, how, how it would probably happen. So my next question to any of you that, or, director, do you see any hindrance or any blockage into moving that through? Or has it been a real smooth process?

JOE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (GOVA): Yeah. So for the ones that are already recognized as Gold Star, right? We have no problem doing that with this new bill that we're now introducing. It's gonna be simple for the, for the children because all we need from them right is, the, the birth certificate that shows that's the mother and father. Now the siblings is what we need to take a look at. So, I think we're gonna look at how we're gonna incorporate that into our policy as to what documents do we need to verify that that in fact is a sibling, see?

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: And on the federal side, do they recognize that because, it is on the federal side, are there anything given to children or siblings at all on the federal side for those who've been, or you know, lost their lives...

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Well on the federal side. You know, we all get the gold star.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Yeah.

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Whether, you know, but it...

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Regardless of you can, you can get a Gold Star for your child. You can get one for your sibling.

DOROTHY LUKEALA: They're entitled to it, 'cause they fall under that.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay. And the child and the, how about the siblings?

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Yes.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Yes. They can also have here. So it's a process.

ABRAHAM MORA: Yeah. I got the pin that came to, and it also gave me Okay. The death, casualty report.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay.

ABRAHAM MORA: Which is, and that's what I use when I go off island to park at the Gold Star parking stalls on base.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Mm-hmm.

ABRAHAM MORA: 'cause at the time I didn't have any gold star pin or anything. I would use that casualty report and put that in my front. Of my vehicle just to park in that gold star parking stall.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Hmm. And then with, with this new law, if as a sibling you would have that license plate and make it very clear right. With no question about it. Okay.

ABRAHAM MORA: For Guam. Yes.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: So that would be the process. So, okay. I'm glad, not just clarifying it for me, but those who are listening, it's as simple as that. Mr. Mafnas, did you have something before I turn it over to the author of the legislation?

JOSEPH MAFNAS: I just point out what the director has mentioned about the sibling. Right. I'll give you a good example, one of the siblings came down. The brother died in Vietnam, I think, and the last name doesn't match, but they're brothers. So that's one of the obstacles of, you know, what the director's trying to say is to try and make sure that they are brothers, you know, from whatever. So it might take a while before we can justify that. And I know some of these veterans who, you know how. Excuse me, but these veterans are hardheaded. You know what I'm saying? So they're probably gonna make some noise when they say he's my brother. And this one example is that's what happened down there. And we finally, go ahead and register him as one of the brothers for the Gold Star family when we had the Gold Star luncheon up at the government house. Okay? So that's one of the obstacles that we need to really look into to make sure that they are really the siblings of the individual that passed away. Thank you.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you for that clarification. It's something that we can do when, looking at this bill, we have a markup meeting afterwards and try to find out how smooth we can make this bill go through without any, or, or to identify any of these hurdles that make it very, very difficult to move forward. So other than that, I'd like to turn it over. Would you like to. Go next or, or end it.

SENATOR VINCETN A. BORJA: I'm okay.



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SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay, then Senator Matanane, do you have any questions?

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE: I wanted to follow up on, some things that were said here today and, I'll start with, Mr. Mora, Abraham. You mentioned you had brought this up 17 years ago.

ABRAHAM MORA: Yeah, I testified at the last event with, I was with, in 2000,

DOROTHY LUKEALA: 2012 maybe.

ABRAHAM MORA: I think 2012. Yes, it was with, with, with Emily Leon Guerrero. We both testified at the leg, the Guam legislature at that time.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE: And was there any particular reason why did it, did that bill ever go up for a vote or was there opposition?

ABRAHAM MORA: No, I just, it, we weren't included in the, in the, after that, the testimony. Some, nothing. Nothing happened, went through.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE: I see.

ABRAHAM MORA: Yeah.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE: Mr. San Augustin, you mentioned, or Director San Augustin, you mentioned, something along the lines of, you know, you're testifying, you're here, you support the bill, but you know, when you get back to the office, you might, I don't know, get in trouble or what were you, what were you trying to say?

JOE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (GOVA): No, it's hard. It's hard as a director to get in trouble when you're doing the right thing. Right. you know, the question was asked, you know, as far as the obstacle is concerned, right? 'cause that was some of the stuff that some of the staff brought up. Boss. How are we gonna verify that that is in fact the siblings? Right? So, that will be, you know, our part to look at how we're gonna dissect this thing to ensure that the person applying for that benefit is in fact the siblings. Right. so, you know, I, I, I jokingly say that because they like to gimme hard time, but, you know, at the end of the day, we're gonna make it happen. Okay.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE: Okay. Thank you. Thank you. I just wanted to make sure that, that you do in fact support the bill and that we're gonna see this through to the finish line. And, I also do support Bill 260 and I ask that I be included, I guess when this goes on to session floor as one of the co-sponsors as well, because some sacrifices, they don't end when a life is lost. They continue in the lives of the children and as you pointed out in, in the siblings. And so I look forward again, to voting in favor of this bill and, and seeing how it, it's marked up and, and whether or not it, it will include siblings. Thank you, Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome. Senator Borja, would you like to close out?

SENATOR VINCENT A. BORJA: Thank you Madam Chair, and thank you to the Gold Star families again for your support. Mrs. Lukeala, you know, the last six months, every time I see you, you know, always ask me how we were with moving this bill, and so thank you to, to the committee chair for also scheduling this public hearing. But I have no questions, you know, nothing else besides, again, thank you guys for your service, your sacrifice. you know, you know, we, we have, you have our commitment from our veterans chair to, to also help me advocate to get this bill to the finish line. And, we'll work, we'll work on the, you know, the testimony, the siblings, you know, we support it. We obviously are gonna have to work on our colleagues too, to get their support. But I'm sure we'll work through it. But thank you again for coming down here. Thank you, Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome. Gimme one second here. There was legislation Bill 99- 30. That was created, I believe you were talking about, years ago, it was introduced by Senator Pangelinan. I'm trying to look at thing. I think the bill passed, right? The bill did pass. Yeah. It, Bill 90, the bill was, right. Yeah. So the bill was Bill 99-30 (COR). And it was introduced by Senator Pangelinan. Right. It was relative to the assistance of a special Gold Star license plate. The bill did pass legislation. It created I and I, 'cause it was so familiar about it. I was a senator back in the 30th Guam legislature with Senator Pangelinan, and I voted for the bill. So now we're just moving forward to now include, children and siblings, which I believe, you know, my colleagues who are here today definitely heard what you had to say in a heart wrenching, you know, testimony. I know it's hard to try to keep your tears in to try and be clear about it, but you got, you did very well. You know, I appreciate you being here today and I hope that, gosh, Dorothy, I hope you can get the five other women together so that you can create a charter here on the island. I think that's the next step because then we can encourage those who, you know, just feel like they just need a little push, you know? So I hope you can...

DOROTHY LUKEALA: I know I'm one of the strong one, but you know, everybody grieves differently. Right, right. I don't wanna force them and...

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Oh no. You know, it's, yeah. Well I hope you can get that five because you said you needed five in order to be chartered.

DOROTHY LUKEALA: Yeah.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: So hopefully, that five will also not just include mothers, but now with this law going through it in, it can include children as well as siblings and there Yeah,



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there's a lot more, that you can get involved and become a charter here on this island because I think Guam deserves it. We are known to have more people serving in the military per capita than any state in the US. So this is something I think would go far. I know you're gonna be a member, right? If you are, everybody here. With that being said, again, I thank you so much. I thank my colleagues for being here today to hear the testimonies from those who came, took the time out of their schedule, and passionately testified in favor of this legislation. So, that being said, let me go ahead and do my closing. Okay.

So there are no further questions or comments from anyone. We will deem that this bill has been concluded and heard. Bill No. 260-38 (COR) has been heard. Also, the appointment of Mr. Jay B. Jones has also been heard. Now between these two, my office will continue to accept written testimony on today's hearing, which may be emailed to my office at 238 Archbishop Flora Street, Suite 407 at the DNA building in Hagåtña. You may also send your written testimony to my office via email at senatortelot@gmail.com. Thank you for your participation today and create a great day. The time now is thank you. The time now is 3:25 PM and this public hearing is now adjourned. Be safe out there.

Public Hearing Adjourned at: 3:25pm

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee finds that Bill No. 260-38 (COR) seeks to address a clear gap in current law by expanding eligibility for Special Gold Star License Plates to include additional immediate family members of fallen service members. Testimony consistently highlighted that existing statute recognizes parents and spouses but does not adequately reflect the full scope of loss experienced by Gold Star families, particularly children and siblings.

The Committee received overwhelming support for the measure from families, Veterans and the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (GOVA). GOVA expressed support, emphasizing that the grief experienced by children mirrors that of surviving spouses and that recognition of these family members is appropriate.

The Department of Revenue & Taxation (DRT) indicated support for the bill's intent and noted that the measure would likely have minimal fiscal impact, as it is administrative in nature.

Testimony from Gold Star family members was compelling and underscored the lifelong impact of loss on children and siblings, conveying that children grow up without a parent and siblings continue to carry the memory and legacy of their fallen loved ones, often without formal recognition under current law. Further emphasizing that the current Gold Star designation represents the entire family unit, yet statutory eligibility does not fully align with that intent.

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The Committee acknowledges testimony raising implementation and clarification considerations, including eligibility verification, potential volume of plates issued, and interpretation of familial relationships (e.g., step-relations). While these concerns warrant administrative clarity, they do not outweigh the merits of the bill.

The Committee amended Bill No. 260-38 (COR) to strengthen the measure through the following amendments:

- Expansion of eligible siblings: the bill was amended to explicitly include siblings, inclusive of half-siblings and step-siblings, to ensure recognition reflects modern family structures and aligns with national practices.
- Clarifying the term “children” to include biological, adopted and stepchildren, consistent with the structure and intent of the existing statute.
- Technical amendments to the bill title, findings and intent section to conform with the changes made, to accurately reflect the inclusion of siblings and children.
- Technical amendments to incorporate the remaining portion of § 7120.3(b) in current law to ensure no existing provisions are unintentionally repealed or omitted.


The Committee finds that these amendments do not alter the core purpose of the bill, but rather enhance clarity, consistency and statutory alignment.

The Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement hereby reports our **Bill No. 260-38 (COR) As Amended – Introduced by Vincent A. V. Borja, Shelly V. Calvo, and Tina Rose Muña-Barnes- “AN ACT TO AMEND § 7120.3(b) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES TO INCLUDE SIBLINGS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, ”** with the recommendation To Report Out Only .

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Bill No. 260-38(COR)

Introduced by:

Vincent A. V. Borja 
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4 to our nation and community. The loss of a parent who served in the armed forces
5 has a profound and lasting impact on their children, who experience the same grief,
6 sacrifice, and sense of loss as surviving spouses. Children of fallen service members
7 deserve meaningful recognition of their parent's service and sacrifice and should be
8 afforded the opportunity to honor their loved one's memory. This Act extends
9 eligibility for Gold Star License Plates to include children of fallen service members,
10 acknowledging that the loss of a parent in military service carries a lifelong impact
11 deserving of equal recognition.

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4 loco parentis, ~~and~~ widows and widowers, and children, of members of the
5 armed services:

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11 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment.

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19 or

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22 against an opposing armed force; or

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38th Guam Legislature

February 11, 2026

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. 260-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 260-38 (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
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Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT)	Dept./Agency Head: Lizama, Marie P., Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$14,713,861
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Banking and Insurance Enforcement Fund (\$447,761); Better Public Service Fund (\$1,402,033); Tax Collection Enhancement Fund (\$1,171,834)	\$3,021,628
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$17,735,489

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

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| 1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions?
If Yes, see attachment | | // Yes | /X/ No |
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Analyst:  Raymond Rieta, BMA IV	Date: 2/5/26	Director:  Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director	Date: FEB 11 2026
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Notes:
 1/ As the Bill proposes to allow children to receive special gold star license plates acknowledging the loss of a parent in military service, the amendment appears administrative in nature by simply adding the words "and children" to the existing law. However, absent comment from the DRT relative to any additional expenses they may incur in ordering new license plates to reflect this change, the Bureau is unable to ascertain the fiscal impact of this proposed legislation.