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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
268-38 (COR)	Chris Barnett V. Anthony Ada Sabina Flores Perez Therese M. Terlaje Telo T. Taitague	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 77134 TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 77, TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CREATING A BEACH AND COAST WARNING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.	2/5/26 4:46 p.m.	2/11/26	Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure.	Request: 2/11/26 2/18/26	8/25/26 8:30 a.m.	9/16/26 As Amended.	



OFFICE OF THE VICE SPEAKER V. Anthony Ada

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

September 16, 2026

Honorable Frank F. Blas, Jr

Speaker

Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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

Re: Committee Report on Bill No. 268-38 (COR)

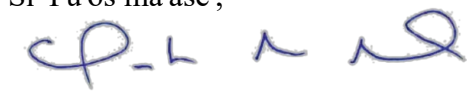
Håfa adai Speaker Blas:

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Committee votes are as follows:

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

Si Yu'os ma'åse',



V. Anthony Ada



COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:

September 16, 2026 9:37 a.m.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill No. 268-38 (COR)

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

Introduced by Chris Barnett, V. Anthony Ada, Sabina Flores Perez,
Therese M. Terlaje, Telo T. Taitague

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by Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada



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

September 14, 2026

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 268-38 (COR) As amended

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 268-38 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimonies & Supporting Documents
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 268-38 (COR)
- Copy of Bill No. 268-38 (COR) as amended by the Committee
- Amended Markup Version
- Copy of Fiscal Note from Bureau of Budget and Management Research

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

Si Yu'os ma'åse'



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

February 11, 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. 268-38 (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. 268-38 (COR)** - Chris Barnett, V. Anthony Ada, Sabina Flores Perez, Therese M. Terlaje, Telo T. Taitague. – “AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 77134 TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 77, TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CREATING A BEACH AND COAST WARNING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure chaired by Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada. I also request that the same be copied to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

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

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



FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing: August 25, 2026

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada <vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov>

Tue, Aug 18, 2026 at 10:09 AM

Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

August 18, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media
From: Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada
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PUBLIC HEARING

 **Posted on:** 08/18/2026 01:36 PM

 **Posted by:** Erin Grajek

 **Public Hearing Date:** 08/25/2026 08:30 AM

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

Date of Request: 08/17/2026

POINT OF CONTACT

Name: Erin M. Grajek

Contact #: 989-0855

Email: erin.grajek@guamlegislature.gov

PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS

Notice Type: ☒ Public Hearing ☐ Informational Briefing ☐ Roundtable Discussion

☐ Oversight Hearing ☐ Committee Meeting ☐ Other: _____

Notice Title / Bill(s) / Resolution(s) / Appointment: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: August 25, 2026 (FIRST NOTICE 08/18/26 - SECOND NOTICE 08/23/26) - Bill Nos. 268/305/320

Date of Event: 08/25/26

Start Time: 8:30 am

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

Location: Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

MEDIA HANDLING

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Notice of Public Hearing

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 8:30 am

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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing: August 25, 2026

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada <vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov>

Sun, Aug 23, 2026 at 8:00 AM

Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

August 23, 2025

MEMORANDUM

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August 23, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada

Re: SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing: August 25, 2026

The Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 8:30 am** in the Public Hearing Room in the Guam Congress Building. The agenda is as follows:

• **Bill No. 268-38 (COR)**

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Fwd: Support for Bill No. 268-38

Senator Darrel Christopher Barnett <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.gov>
To: "Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada" <vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov>

Tue, Aug 25, 2026 at 7:24 AM

Buneas yan Hafa Adai,

Please see the testimony on Bill No. 268-38 (COR).

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From: **Farron Taijeron** [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Aug 24, 2026 at 11:42 PM
Subject: Support for Bill No. 268-38
To: <malafunkshun@guamlegislature.gov>

Hafa adai senator!

My name is Farron Taijeron and I'm writing in support of Bill No. 268-38.

As a scuba professional, freediving instructor, boater, spearfisher, and all around waterman, I support almost any measure that increases public safety in our waters. On average, I rescue or assist a distressed swimmer once a year which is nothing compared to the near constant news releases about distressed swimmers and search and rescue operations. Many of these could be prevented with active lifeguards and/or at least daily updated flags warning of conditions.

I would recommend we research, adopt, and adapt an existing flag warning system from somewhere in the world that has spent decades refining their system. Perhaps Australia's.

That said, DPR has been woefully understaffed and underfunded for as long as I can remember and hope that they will be empowered to put this life-saving program into motion.

Saina Ma'ase,
Farron Taijeron
Guam's First Freediving Instructor
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August 25, 2026

**Committee on Land, Environment, Housing,
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RE: Oral and Written Testimony in Support of Bill No. 268-38 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! Vice-Speaker Tony Ada and Members of the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to present oral and written testimony on behalf of the Mayors' Council of Guam regarding Bill No. 268-38.

My name is JoyJean Arceo, and I serve as the Executive Director of the Mayors' Council of Guam. On behalf of the Council, I express our support for the purpose and passage of Bill No. 268-38.

At its heart, this measure is about giving people clear information, helping them make safer decisions, and preventing avoidable injuries and loss of life. That is a goal we all share, and Bill No. 268-38 is an important step toward achieving it.

To advance that goal, the bill would establish a uniform, islandwide system to warn the public about dangerous beach and coastal conditions through standardized flags and signs, public education, and coordination among the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Guam Fire Department, and the Mayors' Council.

Our mayors and vice mayors are well positioned to support this effort because they work directly with the people who use our beaches, parks, and public access areas. They know their villages, hear the concerns of residents, and are often among the first government officials called when a community needs assistance.

That community role is also reflected in the law. Under 5 GCA § 40112, mayors maintain village parks and recreational facilities in coordination with the Department of Parks and Recreation, assist in maintaining law and order, support civilian emergency preparedness, and cooperate with government agencies on matters affecting their districts. Bill No. 268-38 builds upon these responsibilities by creating a coordinated system for communicating beach and coastal hazards to the public.

That coordination is important because Guam's coastline is one of our greatest natural resources and an important part of life on our island. Although many people are familiar with our beaches, ocean conditions can change quickly. Strong surf, currents, weather, and other hazards may not always be obvious to everyone. Visitors may be unfamiliar with a particular beach, while returning families may not recognize how conditions have changed since their last visit.

For these reasons, the warning system should be clear and consistent at every public beach. Whether someone lives on Guam or is visiting our island, a flag or sign should clearly communicate the conditions and the precautions to take before entering the water.





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Clear warnings at the beach are only one part of an effective system. Public education will be equally important, particularly for our young adults, who regularly surf, boogie board, paddle, skim board, swim, and take part in other ocean activities.

To make that information widely available, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Guam Fire Department, and the Mayors' Council should work together to provide clear and accessible materials through village offices, schools, community organizations, public facilities, visitor information channels, and online platforms.

For these reasons, the Mayors' Council supports Bill No. 268-38. With clearly defined responsibilities and appropriate resources, the program can be implemented effectively and provide residents and visitors with information they can understand and use before entering the water.

As the measure moves forward, the Mayors' Council stands ready to work with the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Guam Fire Department, the Legislature, and our mayors and vice-mayors.

Ultimately, this bill is about helping people make safer decisions and preventing avoidable injuries and loss of life. That is a goal we all share.

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

Respectfully,

Joy Jean Arceo
Executive Director
Mayors' Council of Guam



Fwd: Hafa Adai, My name is Roman Dela Cruz, as a longtime swimmer, boogie boarder, and standup paddler, I've been an active water enthusiast for more than the past 40 years. In any form of in-or-out of water activity, safety should always be the number one concern. Guam hosts a longtime and ancestral culture of an ocean-based lifestyle yet unfortunately our attention and prioritization of water safety has been lackluster, embarrassing, and borderline illegal.

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To: "Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada" <vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov>

Tue, Aug 25, 2026 at 7:27 AM

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Hafa adai,

To do Pass. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jacqueline Munoz

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URGENT REQUEST for Evote: Bill No. 268-38 (COR)

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Si Yu'os Ma'åse',

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V. Anthony Ada

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 38th Guam Legislature

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

COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 268-38 (COR) was introduced on **February 5, 2026**, by **Chris Barnett** and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure on **February 11, 2026**.

The Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure convened a public hearing on **August 25, 2026, at 8:30 am** at the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via **e-mail** to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **August 18, 2026** (5-Day Notice), and again on **August 23, 2026** (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairman
Senator Chris Barnett, Primary Author

Written Testimony Provided by

JoyJean Arceo
Farron Taijeron
Roman Dela Cruz

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The **public hearing** was Called-to-Order at **8:30 am**

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairman – Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure: Håfa adai and good morning. This public hearing conducted by the committee on land, environment, housing, agriculture, parks, and infrastructure is called order, and the time is 8:30 a.m. Today's date is Tuesday, August 25th, 2026. The first notice of this hearing was disseminated to all local media outlets on August 18, 2026, followed by a second notice on August 23rd, 2026. The notices were also posted on the Guam legislator's website and the Government of Guam public notices portal. This morning, the committee will hear testimony on the following bills. Bill number 268-38 COR, bill number 305-38 COR and bill number 320-38 COR. Uh before we begin, I'd like to go over general rules of conduct. Individuals testifying shall first be recognized by the chair before speaking and shall state their name for record keeping recordkeeping purposes. Questions and testimonies shall be confined to the substance or nature of the agenda. Personal interference as to the character or motive of any senator or any individual testifying is not permitted. The chairperson of the committee may order the removal from the hearing of any member

of Turang Guan who fails to observe proper decorum pursuant to the 38 Guam legislature standing rules. We'll now proceed to with bill hearing on bill number 268-38. Senator Barnett, you'd like to introduce your bill and uh we'll go ahead--

Senator Chris Barnett: Si Yu'os ma'åse, vice speaker and again si Yu'os ma'åse lökkue' for the opportunity to hear bill 268- 38. I would first like to thank my co-sponsors uh vice speaker, senator Sabina Perez, Senator Therese M. Terlaje and Senator Telo T. Taitague. I would just like to note that I'm very humbled that uh both of the gubernatorial candidates have chosen to support this measure. So si Yu'os ma'åse for that e and uh what the bill does is it's an act to add a new subsection 77134 to article 1 chapter 77 title 21 Guam code annotated relative to creating a beach and coast warning system and notification system for hazardous uh conditions. I'm also very grateful for the supportive uh testimony that we had uh received. And just to talk a little bit about the bill is it uh establishes just like it says a coastal uh warning system, a display of uniform warning and safety flags at public beaches, placement of uniform notification signs, and beach safety uh education. Uh Mr. chair and doing the research for uh this bill, I was kind of shocked to find that there aren't uh there isn't a lot of data about the number of water uh related fatalities we have here on our island. But uh over uh between 2011 and 2016, 60 people lost their lives uh to drowning in the waters surrounding Guam. And we average about 12 water related uh fatalities a year. And so again, the measure would establish a uniform warning system. And the Department of Parks and Re uh would be uh tasked with developing and making available to the public other educational information as well and materials related to beach safety and may also authorize governmental agencies to use additional safety and warning devices in conjunction uh with the display of the uniform warning and safety flags at uh public uh beach facilities. uh very also uh grateful for the positive testimony that we received from the executive director of the mayor's council of uh Guam who writes at its heart this measure is about giving people clear information helping them make safer decisions and preventing avoidable injuries and loss of life. This is a goal we all share and bill number 268-38 is an important step towards achieving it. Our mayors and vice mayors are well positioned to support this effort because they work directly with the people who use our beaches, parks, and public access areas. They know their villages, hear the concerns of residents, and are often among the first government officials called when a community needs assistance. Also grateful for the testimony of longtime waterman uh Roman Dela Cruz uh who writes here, "Our resources may be limited in support of the bill, but our concern should be imminent to be as engaged as possible to remedy and improve uh this situation of water safety on our island. also received positive testimony and support from uh Waterman Farren Tyron who says that uh he rescues or assists a distressed swimmer once a year uh which is nothing compared to the near constant news releases about distressed swimmers and search and rescue uh operations. So, I'm grateful for the opportunity uh Mr. chair to have the bill uh heard and for the supportive uh testimony and again uh am willing and able to work with you at the committee process to hopefully get this bill on an agenda uh before the end of the uh term.

Chairman Ada: Thank you, Senator Barnett. And uh yeah, we invited uh DPR and all others to come and testify and uh they didn't come by. So, but we'll get this uh bill on for our next session and work on the committee report with it. Thank you, Senator Barnett. We'd like, would you like to close on your bill?

Senator Barnett: A way of closing. Uh, Mr. Chair and si Yu'os ma'åse again for the opportunity to hear a bill 268-38.

Chairman Ada: Thank you.

[See testimony proceedings on Bill No. 305-38 (COR) and Bill No. 322-38 (COR)]

If there are no further questions or comments, this concludes today's public hearing on bill number 268-38, bill number 305-38, and bill number 320-38. Uh, the committee will continue to accept statements on today's hearing within 7 days from today, which may be mailed to my office on the second floor of the Guam Congress building at 163 Chalan Santo Papa and Hagåtña. You may also send your statements to us at vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov. Thank you for your participation in this morning's public hearing. And now this hearing is adjourned. The time is now 9:04 a.m. Thank you.

The public hearing was adjourned at **9:04 am.**

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee finds that Guam's beaches and coastal waters are among the island's most visited recreational and tourism destinations. However, hazardous surf conditions, rip currents, rough seas, submerged reefs, and rapidly changing weather conditions pose significant safety risks to residents and visitors alike. The Committee further finds that warning practices vary among beach locations, resulting in inconsistent public awareness of hazardous conditions.

The Committee recognizes that visitors unfamiliar with Guam's coastal environment may not understand local ocean hazards. The absence of a standardized warning system may contribute to preventable water-related emergencies, injuries, and fatalities.

Bill No. 268-38 (COR) seeks to address these concerns by establishing a uniform beach and coastal warning notification system utilizing standardized safety flags and informational signage. The proposed legislation assigns the Department of Parks and Recreation responsibility for developing and coordinating the program and encourages participation by government entities with jurisdiction over public beaches.

The Committee finds that similar warning flag systems have been successfully implemented in numerous coastal jurisdictions and provide a simple, universally recognizable means of communicating ocean conditions to the public.

The Committee further finds that enhanced public education and hazard notification complement existing lifeguard services and emergency response efforts. By increasing public awareness of hazardous conditions before individuals enter the water, the Government of Guam may reduce rescue incidents and improve public safety outcomes.

The Committee further finds that testimony submitted at the bill's public hearing was supportive of the bill including, a lengthy justification for its enactment, from the Mayor's Council of Guam.

The Committee further amends the bill to correct a technical reference.

The Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure hereby reports out Bill No. 268-38 (COR) – Chris Barnett, V. Anthony Ada, Sabina Flores Perez, Therese M. Terlaje, Telo T. Taitague – “AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 77134 TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 77, TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO CREATING A BEACH AND COAST WARNING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.” As amended by the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure with the recommendation **TO**
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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN 2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

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V. Anthony Ada *CR*
Sabina F. Perez *SFP*
Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*
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4 by the department shall be displayed. Participation in the program shall be open to
5 any government having jurisdiction over a public beach along the coast, whether or
6 not the beach has lifeguards.

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10 flags displayed. Such program shall provide:

11 (1) For posted notification of the meaning of each of the warning and safety
12 flags at all designated public access points.

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14 clearly legible.

15 (3) A standard size, shape, color, and definition for each warning and safety
16 flag.

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18 of appropriations or grants available to it for such purposes, to establish and
19 operate a program to encourage the display of uniform warning and safety
20 flags at public beaches along the coast of the island and to encourage the
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23 warning and safety flag program with the Mayors Council of Guam and the
24 Guam Fire Department.

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26 occurring conditions along Guam's coast, government entities or authorities, and
27 their individual employees and agents, shall not be held liable for any injury or loss

1 of life caused by changing surf and other naturally occurring conditions along coastal
2 areas, whether or not uniform warning and safety flags or notification signs
3 developed by the department are displayed or posted.
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5 public other educational information and materials related to beach safety and may
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COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

February 18, 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. 268-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 268-38 (COR).

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



Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 268-38 (COR)

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Parks and Recreation	Dept./Agency Head: Angel Sablan, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Guam Historic Resources Division (\$848,666), Civilian Volunteer TPP Officer Reservists (\$90,000)	\$4,596,359
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Limited Gaming Fund (\$343,564), Public Recreation Services Fund (\$86,596), Tourist Attraction Fund (\$400,000)	\$830,160
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$5,426,519

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

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

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill

	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2026 (if applicable)	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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| 1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? | // | Yes | /X/ | No |
| If Yes, see attachment | | | | |
| 2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? | /X/ | N/A | // | Yes |
| If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ | /X/ | N/A | // | No |
| 3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? | // | Yes | /X/ | No |
| If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? | /X/ | N/A | // | Yes |
| Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? | // | Yes | /X/ | No |
| 4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? | // | Yes | /X/ | No |
| 5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? | // | Yes | /X/ | No |
| If no, indicate reason: | // | Other | | |
| / X / Requested agency comments not received by due date: Department of Parks and Recreation | | | | |

Analyst: <u>Michelle Pineda</u>	Date: <u>2/17/2026</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr.</u>	Date: <u>FEB 18 2026</u>
Michelle Pineda, BMA I			

Notes:

1/ Bill No. 268-38 proposes a provision that assigns the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) with the responsibility to direct and coordinate a uniform warning and safety flag program. The program's purpose is to encourage the display of uniform warning and safety flags at public beaches along the coast of the island and to encourage the placement of uniform notification signs that provide the meaning of such flags. DPR is authorized within the limits of its appropriations or available grants to establish and operate such program, but absent information from DPR relative to the costs that may incur in establishing the program, a specific fiscal impact cannot be ascertained at this time.