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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
312-38 (COR)	Vincent A.V. Borja Shelly V. Calvo Joe S. San Agustin Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Frank F. Blas, Jr. Jesse A. Lujan Sabrina Salas Matanane V. Anthony Ada	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> §715(1)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 DUE TO TYPHOON SINLAKU.	4/30/26 3:50 p.m.	5/5/26	Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting.	Request: 5/5/26 Waiver: 5/8/26	5/13/26 3:00 p.m.	5/14/26	



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May 14, 2026

The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.

Speaker, *I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
163 W. Chalan Santo Papa
Hågatña, Guam 96910

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

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 312-38 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Ådai Speaker,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on **Bill No. 312-38 (COR)** – Vincent A.V. Borja, Shelly V. Calvo – Joe S. San Agustin – Tina Rose Muña-Barnes – Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao – Frank F. Blas, Jr. – Jesse A. Lujan – Sabrina Salas Matanane – V. Anthony Ada – “AN ACT TO AMEND §715(1)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 DUE TO TYPHOON SINLAKU”.

Committee votes are as follows:

- 7 TO DO PASS
- _____ TO NOT PASS
- 1 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- _____ TO ABSTAIN
- _____ TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Marie Crisostomo

Best Regards,

Senator Vincent A.V. Borja
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COMMITTEE REPORT

BILL No. 312-38 (COR)

**Introduced by: Vincent A.V. Borja, Shelly
V. Calvo – Joe S. San Agustin – Tina Rose
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MEMORANDUM

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

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

Subject: **Committee Report on Bill No. 312-38 (COR), As Introduced**

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 312-38 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Written Testimony
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 312-38 (COR), *As Introduced*
- Fiscal Note Waiver

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

Respectfully,

Senator Vincent A.V. Borja

Chairperson

Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting




COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

May 5, 2026

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

Attorney Darleen E.H. Phillips
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 312-38 (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. 312-38 (COR)** - Vincent A.V. Borja, Shelly V. Calvo, Joe S. San Agustin, Tina Rose Muña-Barnes, Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Frank F. Blas Jr., Jesse A. Lujan, Sabrina Salas Matanane, V. Anthony Ada. – “AN ACT TO AMEND §715(1)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 DUE TO TYPHOON SINLAKU.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Public Broadcasting chaired by Senator Vincent A.V. Borja. I also request that the same be copied to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

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

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





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FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 13, 2026

2 messages

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To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Wed, May 6, 2026 at 8:00 AM

May 6, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SENATORS, STAKEHOLDERS, MEDIA

FROM: SENATOR VINCENT A. V. BORJA,
CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, LIBRARIES, AND PUBLIC BROADCASTING

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Wed, May 6, 2026 at 8:22 AM

Hafa Adai,


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Wed, May 6, 2026 at 1:00 PM

May 6, 2026

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Hafa adai and updated the calendar.

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 **Posted by:** Caden Poblete

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([https://guamlegislature.gov/38th_Guam_Legislature/Bills_Introduced_38th/Bill%20No.%20312-38%20\(COR\).pdf](https://guamlegislature.gov/38th_Guam_Legislature/Bills_Introduced_38th/Bill%20No.%20312-38%20(COR).pdf)) – AN ACT TO AMEND §715(1)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 DUE TO TYPHOON SINLAKU.

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Public hearing on bill to exempt GDOE from the 180-instructional days threshold due to Super Typhoon Sinlaku recovery

Scheduled for May 13, 2026

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Mon, May 11, 2026 at 8:00 AM

May 11, 2026

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May 11, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SENATORS, STAKEHOLDERS, MEDIA

FROM: SENATOR VINCENT A. V. BORJA,
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Invitation to Provide Testimony for Bill 312-38 (COR)

2 messages

Office of Senator Borja <contact@senatorvinceborja.com>
To: "Dr. Judith T. Won Pat (Superintendent)" <jtwonpat@gdoe.net>

Mon, May 4, 2026 at 3:30 PM

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Dr. Judith T. Won Pat

Acting Superintendent, Guam Department of Education

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VIA EMAIL: jtwonpat@gdoe.net**Subject: Invitation to Provide Testimony for Bill 312-38 (COR)**

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Mon, May 4, 2026 at 8:21 PM

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Jonathan Frank Krystian Blas Diaz <[REDACTED]>

Fri, May 8, 2026 at 11:15 AM

To: contact@senatorvinceborja.com, speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov, Jonathan Frank Krystian Blas Diaz

Cc: electronicfilings@ftc.gov

Dear Honorable Senators of the 38th Guam Legislature,

As I have previously written to you, I am vehemently against this Bill and all Bills of the Past Guam Legislatures that cheat our students with the lack of time in a classroom. Furthermore, I kindly recommend that you abolish the Guam Department of Education in its entirety since your budgets till year 2035 attached to the continued resolutions of U.S.A. CONGRESSES address the NATIONAL DEFICIT WITH A BALANCED BUDGET. To date, this major issue has not been resolved.

You also need to determine your local policy on Education and to verify that the equivalents of the 180 instructional days are sufficient especially if the Northern Islands decided to cheat their own students with four day work weeks and austerity measures.

Please be advised that I have been an agent to address this main issue with the lack of make up days since School Year 2015 to date especially with no make up days for the festival of the Pacific which Guam hosted and cutting of classes was made by the GDOE Administration without Legislative Approval. I whistleblaw against all Educational Institutions to include USDOE at that time. PLEASE SEE MY TWO FILED GRIEVANCES HERE WHICH WAS TAPED BUT NEVER PRESENTED BEFORE THE GUAM CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. It was also filed with EEOC at that time. The videos can be found here at @Jonathan Blas Diaz Facebook and also on my Apple I Phone 7 which did the recording first and then aired on Facebook. Please note the use of force and retaliation by GDOE AND G.E.B. IN 2019 and my illegal arrest here at my home after declaring and invoking Castle Doctrine on June 13, 2025 and detention on that date and June 14, 2025 with major violations by DOC and GPD personnel to date. For easy reference the filed grievances can be found @islandboboy77 on Youtube, Inc.

Please remember that the Government of Guam has not addressed my filed grievances now has made any progress to acknowledge a reward towards me especially in My filed Grievances on June 2, 2017 In Public Testimony for Bill 160-34 stealing my idea and my intellectual property and stealing it and making it public law without ever giving me a career, job, vocation or acknowledge the number of years in the classroom and slotting me in at Teacher 1D.

If you really understand caregiving today on Guam you ought to acknowledge where your retaliation against me has left me, with no hope and only approved MEDICAID AND SNAP BENEFITS to date. You need to fix the main issue and that is to ensure that I am given the rights and privileges to have work in my homelands so that the defrauding of the USA GOVERNMENT by refactoring clauses ensure compliance with FAFSA

AND [STUDENTAID.GOV](https://studentaid.gov) otherwise the liabilities involved with the credits earned and not really earned is never allowed to be overlooked since the Government chose to neglect the defacto clauses such as the lack of make up days and the the matriculation to higher Institutions of learning.

I again reaffirm the stance that any laws passed has to reflect laws already in existence in at least 26 USA CONTIGUOUS U.S.A. States for Guam to remain a Territory since it loves the current status quo with the employment of the rank and file in all Government of Guam Agencies.

I also would like to find out when vouchers shall commence to allow parents and or guardians to determine the values they decide to teach their children. For example, CIVIL UNIONS AND GAY MARRIAGE which has to go through a

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Thanks for trying to be a really real City Council of the great Capital City of Guam! Please see attachment on an open report on Fraud.

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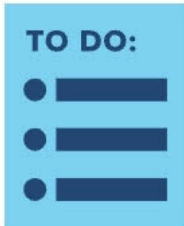


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- Learn more about dealing with debt at [ftc.gov/debt](https://www.ftc.gov/debt).
- Learn more about student loan debt [here](#).
- You also can file a report with your [state attorney general](#).



Take care and GodBless! I HOPE THAT YOU CAN PAY ME WITHOUT A COURT MANDATE. I AM STILL AWAITING AN INTERVIEW FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION AT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF AGAÑA AND THE GUAM EDUCATION BOARD! I also hope you can pass a laws to end the Chamorro Mafia and their rough housing against me and my family. I also hope you can place me on payroll so I can work from home and help caregive for

aging parents and other baby boomers. I also hope that you can UNDO WHAT YOU ALL HAVE DONE!

GO CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGAÑA ONLY!

PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE ALWAYS,
si NON PARTISAN for WASHINGTON DELEGATE

X _____

PLEASE WRITE ME IN
JFK B DIAZ (NON-PARTISAN)

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LET'S GO 50%+1 IS NOT 51% POPULAR VOTE!

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Jonathan

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Fri, May 8, 2026 at 11:47 AM

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Pursuant to 1 Chapter 7 §715 (1)(13), which requires “at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalence,” defined as nine hundred (900) instructional hours per school year for both elementary and secondary schools, I write to respectfully request legislative approval for a waiver of the 180 instructional day requirement for School Year 2025– 2026 due to the severe disruption caused by Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

As a result of this natural disaster, our public school system had to close operations which resulted in a loss of six (6) instructional days, equivalent to approximately 1,800 minutes of instructional time. The closures were necessary to ensure the safety of our students, families and staff.

Given the limited number of remaining instructional days in the current academic calendar, making up this lost time presents significant operational, contractual, and financial challenges.

At this stage in the academic calendar, recovering this lost time is not operationally feasible. To meet the statutory requirement, schools would need to extend the instructional day by more than 90 minutes over the remaining weeks. This would violate the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), which limits teacher duty hours, and would impose substantial hardship on students and families who are already navigating post-typhoon recovery. This adjustment would not only disrupt established schedules for students and families but would also violate the (CBA), specifically Section 2.A.2, which limits the duty day to seven hours for secondary teachers and six hours for elementary teachers. Additionally, such an extension would result in substantial overtime costs for teachers and staff.

Alternatively, extending the school year beyond May 21, 2026, would result in an estimated \$3 million in additional personnel costs for just five days, with even higher costs for schools that experienced extended closures. Such an extension may also conflict with existing contractual limits and would further strain already impacted communities.

In making this request, we have collaborated with the Guam Federation of Teachers and have considered the following key factors:

- PD #8 represents the final viable option to recover instructional time without extending the school year. • While system-wide closures accounted for four (4) days, some schools require additional make-up days due to localized closures and operational constraints.


- Making up instructional minutes within the remaining calendar is not feasible, as it would require an additional 90 minutes per day across approximately 20 remaining instructional days.
- Ongoing challenges such as double sessions and infrastructure limitations necessitate solutions that minimize further disruption to students and families.

In addition, I respectfully recommend that the Legislature consider amending current law to grant the Guam Education Board and Superintendent limited authority to waive instructional day requirements during declared emergencies. This would enable timely, locally responsive decisions in future crises. The intent of this request is not to diminish the importance of instructional time, but rather to ensure that decisions made in response to emergencies are both educationally sound and operationally feasible, while safeguarding the well-being of students, educators, and families.

We appreciate your continued support of Guam's students and educators, and we respectfully seek your assistance in addressing this urgent matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Senseramente,



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Acting Superintendent of Education

cc: Senator Chris Duenas, Chairman



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TESTIMONY ON BILL 312-38 (COR) RELATIVE TO PROVIDING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 DUE TO TYPHOON SINLAKU

Buenas yan Håfa Adai Chairman Borja and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am Dr. Won Pat, Superintendent. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding the Guam Department of Education's request for legislative approval of a waiver of the 180 instructional day requirement for School Year 2025–2026 pursuant to 1 GCA Chapter 7 §715(1) (13).

This request is made due to the severe disruption caused by Super Typhoon Sinlaku, which resulted in the closure of public-school operations and the loss of six (6) instructional days, equivalent to approximately 1,800 instructional minutes. These closures were necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, families, teachers, and staff during and after the storm.

At this stage in the academic calendar, recovering the lost instructional time is not operationally feasible. To satisfy the statutory instructional time requirement within the remaining school days, schools would need to extend the instructional day by more than 90 minutes daily over approximately 20 remaining instructional days. Such an adjustment would create substantial hardship for students and families who continue to recover from the impacts of the typhoon.

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In addition to this waiver request, I respectfully recommend that the Legislature consider amending current law to provide the Guam Education Board and the Superintendent with limited authority to waive instructional day requirements during declared emergencies. Such authority would allow for timely, locally responsive decisions during future crises while maintaining educational integrity and operational feasibility.

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We respectfully seek your support and assistance in addressing this urgent matter and appreciate your continued commitment to Guam's students and educators.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for your time and consideration.

Senseramente,

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Superintendent



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Thank you

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting
Senator Vincent Anthony V. Borja, Chairman

I. OVERVIEW:

The **Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting** convened a Public Hearing on **Bill No. 312-38 (COR)** on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026** at **3:00PM** in the Guam Congress Building's Public Hearing Room.

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

Public Hearing Notices were posted to the Government Public Notices Portal and disseminated via electronic mail to all Senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **May 6, 2026** (5-Day Notice), and again on **May 11, 2026** (48-Hour Notice).

SENATORS PRESENT:

Vincent A. V. Borja, Chairperson
Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Member
Joe S. San Agustin, Member

ORAL TESTIMONY:

Dr. Judith Won Pat, Superintendent, Guam Department of Education

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Dr. Judith Won Pat, Superintendent, Guam Department of Education
Mr. Jonathan Frank Krystian Blas Diaz, Concerned individual

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION:

The public hearing for **Bill 312-38 (COR)** began at **3:00 PM**.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Håfa Adai and Good Afternoon. Thank you everyone for being here with us today. Today's date is **May 13, 2026**. This afternoon's public hearing held by the Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting is called to order. The time is now **3:00 PM**.

Before we begin there are some housekeeping matters that I will briefly discuss so we can get right to work. The first Notice of this public hearing was disseminated to all senators and media outlets on **May 6, 2026** with its second notice disseminated on **May 11, 2026**.

Notices of this hearing were also made available on Kandit News Group, the Guam Legislature's Website, our Legislative Calendar, and the Government of Guam's Public Notice Portal.

Today's public hearing is being broadcast live on the Guam Legislature YouTube Channel, and the transcript will be filed with the Committee on Rules and be made available on the Guam Legislature website.

Today, we will be hearing testimony on:

[Bill No. 312-38 \(COR\) - AN ACT TO AMEND §715\(1\)\(13\) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY \(180\) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 DUE TO TYPHOON SINLAKU.](#)

At this time I would like to welcome my colleagues who are joining me this afternoon, Senator Shawn Gumataotao and Senator San Agustin, who are also part of the committee.

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

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

With that said, we'll now proceed to hear testimony on Bill 312-38. I have opening remarks, but I'm just going to skip that because it's time sensitive. The bill is very straightforward. The Department of Education is asking us to waive the 180-day instructional day requirement. So with that, Acting Superintendent, we'll allow you to give your testimony. Thank you for joining us.

[\[START OF TESTIMONIES FOR BILL 312-38\]\[3:16\]](#)

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Buenas and Hafa Adai. Thank you very much, Senator Borja, Senator San Agustin, and Senator Gumataotao for allowing me to testify on this bill. And I just want to go ahead now and state that

yesterday, the Attorney General signed my contract, and this morning the Governor signed my contract.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Congratulations, Superintendent.

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Yes, thank you very much. So I am Dr. Judith Won Pat, the Superintendent of Education.

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Thank you for your time and your consideration.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Dr. Won Pat. And again, congratulations on being finally official as the new superintendent of the Department of Education.

Just some quick questions. Because right now, based on the current timeline, without the special session or emergency session, the earliest time this would be discussed on the floor would be May 19th, which is supposed to be—is that the official last day for students, correct?

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

The official last day for the students is May 20th. So when I say 6 days, I'm talking about Wednesday this week, Thursday and Friday, and next week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. So there's only six days left for our school children.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

So, again, if we don't—I mean, it's going to be—we go into session at 2 p.m., which if we try to rush it through that day, you're going to probably—we're probably not going to vote on it until Thursday or Friday. What does that—again, what does that mean, \$3 million? If we don't pass the bill before the 20th and signed by the governor, it doesn't become law before the 20th, you need \$3 million—you will need—there's no ands or buts, you will need \$3 million at the minimum.

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Yes, to pay the teachers. I mean, we're not factoring anything else. Right now, it's primarily the teachers, because of the contract that basically states when their last working day would be, which is the 21st.

For the children, it's on the 20th. Should we need to go further, and we're hoping that that would not be the case, and we need some assurance that, yes, although you're meeting later, it will be passed later, it can be placed on the top of the agenda, and then hopefully you go down to the voting file, vote, sign it, and send it to the governor, and then as soon as I hear that, then I can immediately let everyone know then that we're not coming in the next day. And even at that, there's no guarantee, like I said, that I can actually extend the school day because the biggest violation for us will be the union contract.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Okay, thank you. That's really all my questions. I'll go ahead and open up the floor for my colleagues. Senator Gumataotao.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, MEMBER:

Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair, for hearing this time-sensitive bill. I just want to have a few questions, and again, congratulations, Superintendent.

Because GDOE confirmed last May of 2025 that an extended school day plan was implemented across 15 schools, which dealt with a delayed start of the school year and with multiple disruptions after, what discussion, if any, did you and your team engage in with our families, educators, public works, and the Guam Federation of Teachers to confirm whether a similar approach would be necessary following Typhoon Sinlaku and recognizing that an amendment to the statute was not adopted for school year 2024-2025? I'm just trying to get some insight into your discussions that's leading us to today's public hearing.

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Okay, that discussion actually happened last school year up to December with the former superintendent and his management team with the union. And because the department had, what, 8 professional development days, what they did as a result of some of the closures of the schools, remember, for public health reasons, then they took those days, professional days, and used them as make-up days for the schools specifically who have lost instructional days. And that's why I stated that in my testimony that the teachers have only 1 day left, and that is professional development day no. 8.

So they have agreed to give that up. Instead of having a professional day, they would actually be working and be teaching the children. It's not a day where the children stay home and the teachers are in training.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, MEMBER:

So when we were in core one and you were huddled up with your team, either on the phone or like, this had been going over and over again across your conversations?

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Yes, so because of previous times in which the schools had to close for the last Typhoon Mawar, they came down to the legislature to ask again for a waiver as a result of that. And that happened around, again, this time. And to be able to, and the damage, by the way, was far worse than it is for us now.

So they were opening the schools much later than we did this year. So because of the experience that they've had, and because they had to come to the legislature to request for the waiver, hence, of course, the request in this testimony is to consider an amendment to just make it now something that, should there be another disaster such as a typhoon again that would cause us to close the school, that we won't need to come down to request for it. And this is a matter in which the board members and the superintendent, of course, with the union agree on the number of days that we're going to waive as a result of the school closure.

But it's something that DOE has been doing for some time. So we kind of have it down pat, so to speak, in terms of what needs to be done, how to be able to provide lessons for the children, which is what we did for some of our schools. When we opened majority for schools on a Monday, we still had 13 others that didn't, and then the last were like 5.

And so, therefore, the schools then, the majority of them that opened, 23, I think, of them opened, then there's no need to provide additional alternative instruction for them. But we did it for the other remaining schools that were closed.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, MEMBER:

Got it. I only have a few more questions, Mr. Chair. And it's only on two things. How many students with individualized education plans, you know, those students in GDOE, I know that some of their instructional days were reduced. How does this impact them and their ability to get that kind of instruction?

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Well, definitely it impacted them the most compared to the other children because those children, many of them would require a one-to-one adult support. And when the schools are closed, the adults weren't there to provide that. Unfortunately, that was the case.

And then normally the process would be is that we can send home lessons, but then the adult support's not there to work with them on one-to-one. We can also put the children on virtually, but then again, the laptops have not even been issued. And whether, and more importantly, is whether the children are actually or have been using laptops in their own regular classes.

So I would say that they are the most impacted.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, MEMBER:

And then my final question, I know you don't really have oversight over them, but the impact to the charter schools, this was also the storm and this policy helps the charter schools, obviously. I mean, I'm sure their instructional time was also impacted.

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Well, I actually reached out to Evangeline Cepeda because my concern always is, yes, although they're listed as a non-profit charter, I mean a public school, but they're still a charter school, non-profit charter school, that they still have to adhere to this. And because they are labeled as public schools, this could definitely benefit them. But I know that Ms. Vangie has been working very carefully with her charter schools to make sure that if there is any lost instructional time, that they would have to make up such time.

And I even hear that some may be even going beyond and into June versus where we are.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, MEMBER:

So do you think this policy may have to also address that?

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

No, not at all. Because they do have, like I said, their own council.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, MEMBER:

Yeah, and a little bit more flexibility.

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Right, and they're much more flexible than we are.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, MEMBER:

Okay, thank you so much, and again, congratulations. Thank you. And thank you for allowing me to speak on this measure, Mr. Chair.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Senator Gumataotao. Senator San Agustin, you are recognized.

SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN, MEMBER:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. And congratulations, Speaker, Superintendent, Dr. Won Pat.

I'm happy they signed your contract. But you know what? You know, I'm in full support of this bill. I'm also in full support of your recommendation that we find a way to amend the law. Because the way the bill is written right now, it could be inserted there. But I'd like to see the bill first passed. And during that process, we add it or not, you get the waiver. That's the first priority.

And I like how you wrote it, that you asked for a waiver. You're not diminishing the importance of instructional time. You're looking at reality. Six days, really? Time-sensitive? You need this passed the waiver, and we need to move on. And I'm in full support of the bill, Madam Superintendent. And I'll ask the Chairman that we'll prepare an amendment to add that in the future. And maybe put a clause that, if you're going to apply it, you have to inform the legislature for the endorsement within five days of anticipated.

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Yes. You're right. So either an endorsement letter or a resolution from the board to the legislature.

SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN, MEMBER:

Yes. So that we can bless it, you know, where you already have it executed. And we don't have to go to an emergency.

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

You're right. And what you can do, of course, when you do that, just like what legislatures in the past have done, is that you can just say that, you know, should this, you know, occur, it has to be, of course, a natural disaster.

It's not for anything else. That's correct. That then they must submit a resolution from the board to, you know, the Speaker, of course, to inform you of the, one is to waive them the days, instructional loss days.

SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN, MEMBER:

You see, Madam Superintendent, one of the beauties of talking with you is you know what we need to do and what we need to get from you. So it makes it easier. And I thank you, Madam Superintendent, and I look forward to convincing the body that we hear this bill and we pass this bill and end the issue. And then we worry about whatever else we need to deal with because there's many other issues, but this one is at the forefront.

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

One at a time.

SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN, MEMBER:

But this one needs to be resolved as fast as possible. Thank you, Madam Superintendent. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Thank you, Senator Augustine. Just a last question.

When do you need, when would you prefer, because obviously we're not going, but when would be the best case scenario you would need this bill signed into law? Because I know right now one of the biggest pushes is your teachers, your teachers especially, and the families right now because you cannot tell them, correct, that school is going to end on time. Right now, based on the law, I know a lot of them have said, well, the leadership has said, I think the 25th or the 26th, based on the law, to meet the 180 days. But in order to be, in order for the students and the teachers to end on time, when do you need this bill signed into law?

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Well, first of all, when are you going to session?

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Well, I mean, that's what I'm saying. So I could tell, you know, we're going to push for an emergency session. To end on time, you need this in law like today, right?

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Well, yes, I'd like for you to go into session.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Latest is Monday?

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Yeah, the latest is Monday. But even if it's Tuesday, so long, I mean, and I can come down to the session and kind of monitor where, you know, this is going. And if there is definite majority support of this, I can immediately send out a message to all of the school principals, faculty, and staff that there's this one email that goes out to everyone, the board, and let them know, and even the union, that this is how it is moving, is moving in the positive direction. And I would take that risk, of course, that, you know, this is going to happen.

So if anything else, it would be my neck on the line. But, you know, I just feel that the senators will be in support of this. And even if it's up to the last minute, just so long as I can send out that email to everyone, not on the day of, but even 24 hours before that.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Okay. Yeah, we're going to be submitting a letter. Me, Senator Gumataotao, and Senator San Augustin are going to sign a letter requesting the speaker to call us into session to, I mean, because, I mean, I get it, you know, where the, that's one of the biggest things with a lot of the community members is, what are you guys going to do? Because you can only tell them what is going to happen based on the law. And so, you know, it's our job to address that.

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

And the good thing is that I do have the support of the board as well, even though we didn't send a resolution, but they definitely support this. And although they are the semi-governing policy board to tell us, you know, what their position is, I know then that, like I said earlier, I can, you know, take that risk, so to speak, because it is definitely important.

And there's, I know there's the mandate by law, but I also have another mandate, which is the union contracts. I'm caught in a rock and a hard place, and I have to make a decision. And that will be my decision. I'm telling you now publicly.

SENATOR JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN, MEMBER:

Excuse me, Mr. Chair. Madam Superintendent, have you got an endorsement from the governor? Only so that way, if the bill passes, she'll sign it right away so that you can.

DR. JUDITH WON PAT, SUPERINTENDENT, GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Yes, and I, so what I normally would do, you're right, like I said, is that even on the day that you're in session, I would definitely come down here. I will inform the governor that this is what's happening, that, you know, I would like that as soon as you're done, you sign it, you have it sent up to the governor's office if she could, you know, immediately sign it. So I will work closely with the legislature and the governor's office.

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

Okay. Anything else? No? All right. So thank you again, Dr. Won Pat, for coming down here.

Thanks to my colleagues for joining me today. The committee intends to complete the committee report on Bill 312-38 and to work with my colleagues to have the measure placed on next week's session agenda or a special session or emergency session. Our goal is to move this legislation forward in a timely manner so that it can be enacted and signed by the governor, so that teachers, students, and school staff may conclude the school year on the previously scheduled date. Thank you for your time today.

[\[END OF TESTIMONIES FOR BILL 312-38\] \[24:14\]](#)

SENATOR VINCENT ANTHONY V. BORJA, CHAIRPERSON:

This will now conclude this afternoon's public hearing on Bill 312-38. The committee will continue to accept written testimony on this bill within seven days from today, which may be addressed to myself, Senator Vincent Aviborra, Chairman Committee on Education, and Melted DNA Building Suite 502, 238 Archbishop Flores Street, 996910. You may also send your testimonies to contestgoodcentervinceborra.com. This afternoon's public hearing is now adjourned, and the time is now **3:24 p.m.** Have a good day.

[\[END OF PUBLIC HEARING\] \[24:43\]](#)




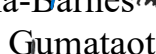
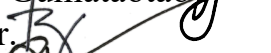




III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee on Education, Public Libraries, and Public Broadcasting hereby reports **Bill No. 312-38 (COR) - *As Introduced*** -Vincent A.V. Borja, Shelly V. Calvo – Joe S. San Agustin – Tina Rose Muña-Barnes – Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao – Frank F. Blas, Jr. – Jesse A. Lujan – Sabrina Salas Matanane – V. Anthony Ada – “AN ACT TO AMEND §715(1)(13) OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, OR ITS EQUIVALENCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026 DUE TO TYPHOON SINLAKU” with the recommendation TO DO PASS.

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 312-38 (COR)

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that Typhoon Sinlaku caused widespread damage across Guam, resulting in
4 prolonged power outages, flooding, hazardous conditions, and significant disruption
5 to daily life. The typhoon severely impacted public infrastructure, including facilities
6 under the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), many of which sustained
7 damage or required inspection, cleanup, and repair before they could safely reopen.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that, in response to the emergency,
2 numerous GDOE school facilities were designated and utilized as emergency
3 shelters for residents displaced by the typhoon. These campuses provided critical
4 refuge for families whose homes were damaged or rendered uninhabitable, serving
5 as shelters during and after the typhoon. The use of these facilities for shelter
6 operations necessarily delayed their return to educational use.

7 Additionally, the aftermath of Typhoon Sinlaku required extensive recovery
8 efforts, including debris removal, restoration of utilities, sanitation, and ensuring that
9 school environments were safe for students, teachers, and staff. These conditions
10 significantly disrupted the academic calendar for School Year 2025–2026 and
11 reduced the number of instructional days.

12 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide the Guam
13 Department of Education for School Year 2025–2026 an exemption from the
14 minimum instructional day and hour requirements.

15 **Section 2.** §715(1)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, is
16 hereby *amended* to read as follows:

17 “(13) at least one hundred eighty (180) instructional days, or its
18 equivalence, including make-up hours each school year with school years
19 ending no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendared
20 school year; provided, that the Guam Department of Education is exempt from
21 the requirements of this §715(1)(13) for School Years 2019-2020, 2020-2021,
22 ~~and 2021-2022, and 2025-2026.~~”

23 **Section 3.** The Guam Department of Education shall provide a report
24 detailing learning loss, interventions, and outcomes of interventions of all students
25 enrolled for School Years 2025 through 2026 to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* by June 30,
26 2026.

1 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
2 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
3 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
5 severable.

6 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment.




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

May 8, 2026

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Note Waiver for Bill No. 312-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

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

Bill No. 312-38 (COR).

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





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Hafa Adai! Vice Speaker Ada:

The Bureau requests that Bill No. 312-38 (COR) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229, as amended for the following reason(s):

Bill No. 312--38 (COR) is an act to amend §715(1)(13) of Chapter 7, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, relative to providing the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) with an exemption from the requirement of One Hundred Eighty (180) instructional days, or its equivalence for School Year 2025-2026 due to Typhoon Sinlaku.

The Bill intends to provide the GDOE for School Year 2025-2026 and exemption from the minimum instructional day and hour requirements. This exemption is needed because Typhoon Sinlaku severely impacted public infrastructure, including facilities under the GDOE which required extensive recovery efforts, such as debris removal, restoration of utilities, and sanitation to ensure that school environments were safe for students, teachers, and staff. These conditions significantly disrupted the academic calendar for School Year 2025-2026 and reduced the number of instructional days. Without an exemption to this requirement, the GDOE and the local government can be held legally liable for not providing public school students with an adequate education. Previous exemptions to this requirement were provided for the School Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Bill No. 312-38 (COR) is administrative in nature and poses no additional fiscal impact upon any funds of the Government of Guam.

Senseramento,


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