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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
324-38 (LS)	Telo T. Taitague Shelly V. Calvo Therese M. Terlaje Tina Rose Muña-Barnes V. Anthony Ada Chris Barnett Joe S. San Agustin	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 161.90 (a) OF CHAPTER 161, TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION TO CONSIDER LATE APPLICATIONS UPON A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE.	5/20/26 1:29 p.m.	5/28/26	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 5/28/26 Waiver: 6/4/26	6/18/26 9:00 a.m.	7/17/26 As Amended.	



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The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker

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Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
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VIA: Honorable Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 324-38 (LS) - As Amended

Buenas yan Håfa adai, Speaker Blas

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 324-38 (LS), As amended by the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Regulatory Affairs, Technology, Justice, Elections and Retirement - **Introduced by Telo T. Taitague/Shelly V. Calvo/ Therese M. Terlaje/ Tina Rose Muña-Barnes/ V. Anthony Ada/ Chris Barnett/ Joe S. San Agustin- "AN ACT TO AMEND § 161.90 (a) OF CHAPTER 161, TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION TO CONSIDER LATE APPLICATIONS UPON A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE."**

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>1</u>	TO DO PASS
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Sincerely,


TELO T. TAITAGUE
Senator



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TO: All Members
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FROM: Senator Telo T. Taitague
Committee Chairperson

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 324-38 (LS)
- 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. 324-38 (LS), As Introduced
- Copy of Bill No. 324-38 (LS), As Amended
- Copy of Bill No. 324-38 (LS), with Committee Markup
- Copy of Fiscal Note Waiver 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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May 28, 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. 324-38 (LS)**

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. 324-38 (LS)** - Telo T. Taitague, Shelly V. Calvo, Therese M. Terlaje, Tina Rose Muña-Barnes, V. Anthony Ada, Chris Barnett, Joe S. San Agustin. – “AN ACT TO AMEND § 161.90 (a) OF CHAPTER 161, TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION TO CONSIDER LATE APPLICATIONS UPON A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE.”

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.





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FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing on Thursday, June 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

2 messages

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11 June 2026 at 06:00

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Cc: Ed Pocaigue <sgtfarms@guamlegislature.gov>

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3 June 2026 at 15:41

To: Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson <hon.elizabeth.barrett-anderson@guamcicc.org>

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8 June 2026 at 15:46

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Senator Telo T. Taitague
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Attachment: Copy of Bill No. 280-38 (COR), Bill No. 324-38 (LS)



Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

Invitation to Public Hearing on Bill No. 324-38 (LS): Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

1 message

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4 June 2026 at 14:40

To: Sarah Elmore-Hernandez <sarah.elmore-hernandez@guam.gov>

Cc: senatortelot.charissa@gmail.com

Håfa adai Director Elmore-Hernandez,

Please see the attached invitation from Senator Taitague to provide testimony on Bill No. 324-38 (LS) at the public hearing on **Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

Kindly confirm receipt of this email and your attendance at your earliest convenience.

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8 June 2026 at 15:29

To: Karen Carpenter <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]

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Trina San Agustin, President

Victims Advocates Reaching Out (VARO)

VIA: Karen Carpenter, Manager karenguam@hotmail.com**Subject:** Public Hearing invitation to provide testimony on Bill No. 324-38 (LS)*Hafa Adai* President San Agustin, Board Members, Manager Carpenter and VARO Staff:

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VIA: Karen Carpenter, Manager [REDACTED]

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8 June 2026 at 16:11

To: info@guamcoalition.org

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The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117, and stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*’s live feed on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@GuamLegislatureMedia/streams>. A recording of the hearing will be available online via the Guam Legislature Media YouTube Channel after the hearing. Notices for this public hearing are published on KUAM TV, and the Government of Guam Public Notice Portal.



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Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission



Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Chair

Dr. Lisa Flores, Member
Jayne T. Flores, Member

June 18, 2026

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Re: Support for Bill #324-38

Hafa Adai Madam Chair and Senators:

On behalf of Commissioner Dr. Lisa Flores and Commissioner Jayne Flores, I appear before you today in support of Bill #324-38, an act to provide good cause exceptions to the statute of limitations involving application for victim compensation.

The Commission has determined that rejecting applications solely on the 18-month statute of limitations can result in unjust outcomes. It is the second most frequent reason for denial. A bereaved mother, whose son was brutally murdered, failed to meet the deadline by thirty days because she relied on an administration error in the calculation. Victims of domestic violence and rape suffer fear of retaliation from their perpetrators and refuse to cooperate with law enforcement, reject community assistance, hide from all contact, or simply leave island. The trauma is all consuming. The rigidity of our current statute leaves no room for good cause consideration based on these types of traumatic experiences.

Nearly every state has good cause exceptions, and a few have no limits at all. They find that very few claims come in after what used to be the time limit, and those that do tend to be worthwhile ones, meaning it's a good thing it wasn't turned down by reason of time. Senator Taitague has added a few examples of what good cause means as a guide for this and future Commissions, and we appreciate her added language. I would also like to ask that this legislation benefit pending applications. See ATTACHMENT.

The Commission has awarded close to \$800K to victims of crime in its ten years of operations. This effort was made possible because Guam law makers, as yourselves, have supported the legal foundation of our work. We call upon this body once again to give the Commission the authority to consider fairness and equity in reviewing applications.

Respectfully,


ELIZABETH BARRETT-ANDERSON, Chair

Cc: Governor; All Senators; Attorney General

Testimony of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission
Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Chairperson
June 18, 2026

ATTACHMENT

BILL #324-38

Section 3. This enactment shall apply and benefit pending victim applications.



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Re: BWA Testimony on Bill No. 324-38 (LS)

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of **Bill No. 324-38 (LS)**, introduced by Senator Telo T. Taitague, Shelly V. Calvo, Therese M. Terlaje, Tina Rose Muña-Barnes, V. Anthony Ada, Chris Barnett, and Joe S. San Agustin, relative to authorizing the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission to consider late applications upon a showing of good cause.

If enacted, Bill 324 would allow the Commission to consider applications filed after the current 18-month deadline where an applicant can demonstrate good cause, including circumstances such as trauma, fear of retaliation, physical or mental incapacity, hospitalization, or other extraordinary circumstances beyond the applicant's control.

As the bill notes, a majority of U.S. jurisdictions provide for good cause exceptions in their crime victim compensation programs. For example, Hawaii allows its commission to consider applications filed after 18 months upon a showing of good cause; New Jersey permits delayed filings when good cause exists; and Oregon defines good cause to include lack of knowledge of the compensation program or emotional or physical trauma that prevented timely filing.¹ More recently, states such as Maryland, Virginia, and New York have also moved to broaden access to victim compensation by removing barriers, modernizing eligibility, or extending filing deadlines.²

Federal law also supports this kind of flexibility. The VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act amended 34 U.S.C. § 20102 to require VOCA-funded crime victim compensation programs to waive filing deadlines in certain sexual assault cases where the delay in filing resulted from delayed forensic

¹ Haw. Rev. Stat. § 351-62(a); N.J. Stat. Ann. § 52:4B-18; Or. Admin. R. 137-076-0030

² Maryland General Assembly, H.B. 575, Victim Compensation Reform Act of 2024; Virginia Victims Fund, "July 1, 2025 Legislative Updates"; New York State Office of Victim Services, "Compensation Program Updates for Victims and Survivors."

evidence testing or DNA profile matching.³ Beginning March 15, 2025, VOCA-funded programs must have that waiver process in place and may not require a victim to go through an appeals process before the application is considered for a waiver.⁴ While Guam's Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund is a separate program established under local law, Bill No. 324-38 (LS) would help ensure Guam's statute mirrors the federal direction toward more flexible filing-deadline rules, particularly for survivors of sexual offenses.

This policy discussion matters because strict filing deadlines can be especially difficult for the victims the Bureau serves and works to support, including women, children, and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. According to the U.S. Office for Victims of Crime, **women make up 64 percent of crime victim compensation applicants, and domestic and family violence account for 43 percent of assault claims reimbursed by compensation programs.**⁵ The same barriers that prevent women from reporting crimes in a timely manner—fear of their abuser, psychological trauma, economic dependence, and concerns about not being believed—may also affect when a victim is able to apply for compensation. Research confirms that **for victims of domestic and sexual violence, delayed disclosure is not an exception but a pattern**, driven by individual, interpersonal, and sociocultural barriers such as “shame, guilt and fear, negative reactions from others, [and] adherence to rape myths and societal norms.”⁶

For these reasons, the Bureau of Women's Affairs supports Bill No. 324-38 (LS). This bill preserves the Commission's discretionary authority while allowing for a fairer process for victims. It reflects what the majority of states already do. And it acknowledges the reality that victims of violent crime—particularly women who have survived domestic violence and sexual assault—deserve a compensation system that meets them where they are.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for the opportunity to submit testimony. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Sarah Elmore-Hernandez, Ph.D.

³ 34 U.S.C. § 20102(b)(9)(A); VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-27.

⁴ 34 U.S.C. § 20102(b)(9)(B); Office for Victims of Crime, Victims of Crime Act Victim Compensation Grant Program rulemaking summary, 89 Fed. Reg. 7613 (Feb. 5, 2024).

⁵ U.S. Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), 2021 Report to the Nation: Formula Grants — VOCA Compensation & Assistance. <https://ovc.ojp.gov/2021-report-nation/formula-grants-voca-compensation-assistance>

⁶ Michelle Wieberneit et al., Silenced Survivors: A Systematic Review of the Barriers to Reporting, Investigating, Prosecuting, and Sentencing of Adult Female Rape and Sexual Assault, Trauma, Violence, & Abuse, 2024, PMCID: PMC11545439.



Attorney General of Guam's Testimony on Bill No. 324-38 (LS)

An Act to Allow "Good Cause" Exceptions to Waive the Statute of Limitations on Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission Applications
(Thursday, June 18, 2026)

Hafa Adai. This testimony is submitted by the democratically-elected Attorney General of Guam, on behalf of our Client, We the People of Guam. I **strongly support Bill No. 324-38 (LS)**, which would allow the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission ("CICC") to consider applications filed beyond the current statutory deadline when a crime victim demonstrates good cause for the delay.

The mission of this "*Toughest AG on Crime*" Douglas Moylan Administration is simple: protect our People. Logistically that occurs by prosecuting and delivering convictions and toughest jail sentences against meth addicts, repeat offenders, and other criminals who hurt We Law Abiding Citizens. Just as important is making whole and healing as much as possible crime victims – this legislation helps to do that!

This second term as AG allowed me to further refine my vision of the Crime Victims Response Unit since my 2003 term, and work with the CICC to make whole & help those inflicted by pain, suffering and loss. The Crime Victims Bill of Rights and my CVRU crusaders are my secondary forces that compliment my criminal prosecutors, investigators, paralegals and support staff. They are my front line shock troops that investigate, prosecute, convict and place criminals in the SLAMMER for as long as our laws allow TO PROTECT THE REST OF US.

My CVRU team's motto "*Crime Victims Fighting Back.*" Every prosecution we bring, every conviction we secure, and every sentence we seek is done on behalf of crime victims and our Client, We the People of Guam. That is why my *AG Renegades* have secured more than ninety (90) jury trial victories and counting. It's a team effort started with the AG and those legal policies grow in this second of my 2 terms.

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But being the “**Toughest AG on Crime**” means more than simply obtaining Jury trial convictions. It also means ensuring that crime victims receive justice and restitution to recover from the harm caused by criminal conduct. Justice does not end when a verdict is read. For many crime victims, the financial, emotional, and physical consequences of crime continue long after a defendant has been convicted and sentenced.

The civil duty and function to complete a form to ask for help from the CICC can oftentimes be overwhelmed by the victimization, and recovery process inherent in being hurt. Pain and suffering oftentimes makes submitting a restitution claim secondary to simply being human and needing “time.” This law provides to our victims the “time” they require, and compassion by our People understanding that completing this formal filing process should have exceptions.

It is through that lens that I strongly support this bill which would allow the CICC to consider applications filed beyond the current statutory deadline when a crime victim demonstrates good cause for the delay. At the outset, I wish to acknowledge and commend the 4th democratically elected Attorney General and former Superior Court of Guam Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, who currently chairs the CICC, for identifying this issue and proposing this thoughtful legislative solution.

Judge Barrett-Anderson has noted that nearly fifty percent (50%) of applications denied by the CICC are denied solely because they fall outside the statute of limitations. That statistic is significant. It means that many crime victims are being denied consideration not because their claims lack merit, but because a deadline expired before the CICC could review the circumstances surrounding the delay. Crime Victims Fighting Back means giving victims every lawful opportunity to pursue justice. While this Office fights criminals in the courtroom, the CICC provides another avenue for crime victims to fight back against the damage criminals have caused. Crime victims should not automatically lose that opportunity when good cause exists for a delayed filing.

I would allow and suggest that the time period for filing a claim not be limited by good cause, but be extended to 3 months after a jury trial conviction or plea agreement with a requirement that the AG and Courts provide mailed notice to the crime victim of that right to submit a claim up to 3 months after the jury conviction is or plea agreement filed (not the final judgment on the case).

As Guam's 1st and 6th democratically-elected Attorney General, I assure the CICC and this respected legislative membership, that my *AG Renegade Team* of prosecutors, paralegals, investigators, special agents, CVRU Crusaders and support staff continue to do their part in keeping this community safe, enforcing the Crime Victims Bill of Rights and supporting the CICC. We will continue hunting down criminals, securing convictions and seeking the toughest sentences on behalf of crime victims and our client, We the People of Guam. When we deliver justice in the courtroom, the CICC can deliver another form of justice by ensuring crime victims become as whole as possible.

For all these reasons, I strongly support Bill No. 324-38 (LS) and respectfully urge its passage. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this legislation.

Respectfully,



Douglas B. Moylan

Attorney General of Guam



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Re: Supplemental Comments in Support of Bill #324-38

Hafa Adai Madam Chair:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit supplemental comments regarding General Moylan's supportive written testimony, specifically his recommendation concerning additional time for claims following a criminal conviction.

As an initial matter, the recommendation is not objectionable as policy consideration and reflects the General's strong support for victims of crime. However, from the perspective of a former trial judge, I believe it is important that the legislation does not blur the legal distinction between **victim compensation** and **criminal restitution**, as these are separate remedies that serve different purposes and arise under different legal authorities.

Victim compensation is a statutory benefit administered by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission to reimburse eligible victims for specified crime-related losses such as medical expenses, funeral expenses, or lost wages. The crime must be reported to law enforcement but need not be prosecuted for a victim to be eligible for compensation.

Restitution, by contrast, is a judicial remedy imposed upon a defendant as part of his prosecution and sentencing intended to impose personal financial liability to the victim for property losses attributable to his unlawful actions. The trial judge makes this determination.

These remedies are neither interchangeable nor duplicative. Compensation is subject to statutory benefit limits, currently including up to \$20,000 for medical expenses and up to \$10,000 for certain miscellaneous expenses, such as burial costs. Restitution is considerably broader in scope and may encompass additional categories of damage, including property loss and, where authorized by law, other compensable losses.



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Our concern is that the language proposed in the supportive testimony could inadvertently blur the distinction between these two separate victim remedies and cause uncertainty as to their procedural operation. In our view, the existing "good cause" provision contained in Bill No. 324-38 is sufficiently broad to accommodate delays arising from the criminal justice system, including circumstances involving post-conviction restitution, without creating uncertainty regarding the respective roles of victim compensation and criminal restitution, thus rendering the language extraneous.

Respectfully,

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ELIZABETH BARRETT-ANDERSON,
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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 324-38 (LS) was introduced on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 by Telo T. Taitague, Shelly V. Calvo/ Therese M. Terlaje/ Tina Rose Muña-Barnes/ V. Anthony Ada/ Chris Barnett/ Joe S. San Agustin and subsequently referred by *I Liheslatura's* Committee on Rules to the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement, on Thursday, May 28, 2026. The Committee convened a public hearing on Thursday, June 18, 2026 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 Thursday, June 11, 2026, and a forty-eight (48) hour notice was published on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 on PBS-GUAM 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 Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao

Appearing Before the Senate Panel:

Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Chairperson, Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (CICC)
Jayne Flores, Commissioner, CICC

Written Testimony Submitted:

Douglas B. Moylan, Attorney General of Guam
Sarah Elmore-Hernandez, Ph.D., Director, Bureau of Woman's Affairs

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The Public Hearing was Called-to-Order at 11:45 a.m. Bill No. 324-38 (LS)- "AN ACT TO AMEND § 161.90 (a) OF CHAPTER 161, TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION TO CONSIDER LATE APPLICATIONS UPON A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE," was the third item on the agenda.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: The next bill that we are going to recognize is Bill No. 324-38 (COR), which is introduced by myself and this time I would like to, just provide some statements, remarks on this bill.

Thank you everyone for joining us today, especially the survivors' families, advocates, and members of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission. I want to specifically recognize the families whose experience brought this issue to light. Senator Shelly Calvo and her staff are working closely also with the family, and of course, Chairperson Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson and the Commission for helping move this proposed legislation. The bill was introduced by myself, as well as Senator Shelly Calvo.

For the benefit of the public, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission exists to help survivors and families recover from the financial impacts of violent crime. Through Guam's Criminal Injuries Compensation Program, eligible individuals may receive assistance for expenses such as medical care, funeral or burial costs, lost wages, property damage, and other qualifying criminal related expenses. The commission reviews applications and determines awards pursuant to Guam law. Bill 324-38 is a simple but important measure. Under current law, individuals seeking compensation through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Program generally must file an application within 18 months.

However, trauma, grief, hospitalization, fear of retaliation, or other extraordinary circumstances don't always operate within a statutory deadline. This bill does not eliminate that deadline, though. Rather, it provides the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission with the discretion to consider late applications when good cause exists. It recognizes that survivors and families may not immediately know about available assistance or may not be emotionally, physically, or practically able to navigate the application process with the prescribed timeframe

At its core, this legislation is about fairness, compensation, and ensuring that survivors and families are not denied the opportunity to be heard simply because of circumstances beyond their control, to delay their application. This measure reflects a collaborative effort between survivors, families, advocates, and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission to strengthen Guam's support system for those impacted by violent crimes.

And for individuals seeking more information about the program, eligibility requirements, or application materials may contact the Office of the Attorney General's Victim Service Program at (671) 475-2587 or by email at victimservices@oagguam.org. Additional information and resources are available at the Attorney General's office website at the guamattorneygeneral.org. I look



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forward to hearing the testimonies and recommendations of all stakeholders. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'*. And today we have signed up to testify on, on this bill is Jayne Flores as well as Elizabeth Barrett Anderson, members, both members of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission. Ladies, you are now recognized, Barrett Anderson to go first.

ELIZABETH BARRETT-ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON, CRIMINAL INJURIES

COMPENSATION COMMISSION (CICC): Good morning, Madam Chair. It's almost lunchtime, and I want to first express my gratitude. My name is Judge Elizabeth Barrett Anderson, retired. I am the current chair of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission, and I want to express my appreciation to yourself, Senator Shelly Calvo, Senator Therese Terlaje, Tina Rose Muña-Barnes, Tony Ada, Chris Barnett, and Joe San Agustin for co-sponsoring this bill with you. I think your opening says it all. I want to congratulate you on a very well-presented opening. You've said everything that needs to be said about this bill. However, Senator, I have written testimony. Let me get that into the record right.

Good morning, Madam Chair, and members of your committee. On behalf of Commissioner, Dr. Lisa Flores and Commissioner Jayne Flores, who is to my right, I appear before you today in support of Bill 324-38, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTIONS TO THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS INVOLVING APPLICATIONS OF VICTIMS OF CRIME FOR COMPENSATION*.

The Commission has determined that rejecting applications solely on the 18th-month statute of limitations can result in unjust outcomes. It is the second most frequent reason for denial. A bereaved mother whose son was brutally murdered failed to meet the deadline by 30 days because she relied on an administrative error in the calculation. Victims of domestic violence and rape suffer fear of retaliation from their perpetrators and refuse to cooperate with law enforcement, reject community assistance, hide from all contact, and simply leave island. The trauma is all-consuming. The rigidity of our current statute leaves no room for good cause consideration based on these types of traumatic experiences.

Nearly every state has good cause exceptions, and a few have no limits at all. They find that very few come in to apply after what used to be the time limit, and that those do tend to be worthwhile applications, meaning that it's a good thing it wasn't turned down or refused by reason of time.

Senator Taitague, you have added a few examples of good cause to the statute, and we appreciate your added language. I would also like to ask this Legislature, Madam Chair, that this legislation benefit all pending applications. And so, I have attached to my written testimony a very simple sentence, Section Three, that would read, "*This enactment shall apply and benefit pending victim applications.*" As you know, Senator, most pieces of legislation are prospective as opposed to retroactive. So, we're asking that it benefits pending applications. The Commission has awarded close to \$800,000 to victims of crime in its 10 years of operations. This effort was made possible because lawmakers, as yourselves, have supported the legal foundation of our work. We call upon this body once again to give the Commission the authority to consider fairness and equity in reviewing applications. Thank you very much.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you so much, Barrett-Anderson. And now we would like to recognize Jayne Flores.

JAYNE FLORES, COMMISSIONER, CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION (CICC): Thank you, Senator Taitague and Senator Gumataotao. I first want to say that it is an honor and it is humbling to have been appointed a Commissioner on the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission. And so, I thank you for your confidence in me. Being a victim of a violent crime is traumatizing. I think we can all agree on that. And the act of applying for compensation can be re-traumatizing as we commissioners are well aware of. We try to make this process as smooth as possible because of that. Still, at my first hearing as a commissioner, there were tears, there was frustration, and there was a sense of vulnerability from these applicants that no matter the timeframe, the trauma of being a crime victim or of being the relative of a crime victim or someone who in your family was murdered or beaten, no time can erase that trauma. So, whatever we as Commissioners can do to alleviate those feelings, we try to do. This bill will go a long way toward making this process less traumatic if we can apply the good cause exemption to the deadline for applications. And I thank you, Senator Taitague, and all of the senators for the quick response for this bill, Senator Calvo and the rest of the senators as well. Thank you.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome. And, thank you, too. And, again, I'll recognize those who also co-sponsored this legislation as well. Thank you for, you know, recognizing them. I did want to note for the record and those who are listening that we did receive testimony from the attorney general's office. And, in his testimony at the very beginning, I'm just going to read the first paragraph off of it.

"The testimony submitted, by, the elected Attorney General of Guam on behalf of our client, we the people of Guam, and I strongly support Bill No. 324-38, which is would allow the Criminal Injuries Compensation (CICC) to consider applications filed beyond the current statutory deadline when the crime victims demonstrate good cause for the delay."



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So, I'm sure there's other information that's on this. I think you had an opportunity to review it. And if there's any additional amendments you would like to make or if you'd like to comment on what you read so far in- into the record. But, we will...

**ELIZABETH BARRETT-ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON, CRIMINAL INJURIES
COMPENSATION COMMISSION (CICC):** I...

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Yeah, go ahead.

**ELIZABETH BARRETT-ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON, CRIMINAL INJURIES
COMPENSATION COMMISSION (CICC):** I'm so appreciative that the Attorney General is in support of this piece of legislation, and I did get a copy of his testimony. He is making a recommendation and I'd like to be able to provide written comment to yourself and to the Attorney General with regard to an addition that he has recommended.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay. And we will look forward to that additional testimony regarding that. At this time, I'd like to recognize my colleague, Senator Gumataotao, for any questions that you may have.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. I only have a few questions, and again, thank you to the panel for being with us this morning. I know that BBMR said that the measure is administrative in nature, but when we think about the kind of work that it takes to go into good cause claims, is it going to need a little bit more? You think?

**ELIZABETH BARRETT-ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON, CRIMINAL INJURIES
COMPENSATION COMMISSION (CICC):** It's not a monetary concern. It's a factual determination, that we will inquire as to why a victim missed the 18 months. In my testimony, I gave a very recent example of an administrative error, and it was no fault of the victim. So things like that. It could be situations where someone has left Guam. They were so traumatized by a rape or a domestic violence incident, they want safety. They leave Guam, but eventually come back home. But they still have medical bills at Guam Memorial Hospital or GRMC that those hospitals will still go after them for, and the good cause would allow us to consider those kinds of situations.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Thank you for that. I just want to get for the record again, regarding the two applications that were denied by the CICC on August 26, 2025 because they were filed beyond the statute of limitations, if publicly disclosable, could either or both of these cases qualify for compensation if the bill's provisions are approved? And for the record, would the bill apply prospectively, and I think you might have mentioned it, and therefore exclude all potentially eligible cases filed prior to the bill's effective date?

ELIZABETH BARRETT-ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON, CRIMINAL INJURIES

COMPENSATION COMMISSION (CICC): All right. This bill and my request to have it apply to current applications would not impact decisions of denials, last year or in prior years. It would be a policy decision of this legislature, to guide the Commission whichever way you want. I can let you know of the roughly 200 claims that have been brought before the Commission in the last 10 years, at least 11 to 13 have been denials based on the statute of limitations.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Okay. Thank you. And then one, just one last question. Do you think that the Legislature should set a maximum outer time limit with good cause to provide some finality; a limit of five years perhaps?

ELIZABETH BARRETT-ANDERSON, CHAIRPERSON, CRIMINAL INJURIES

COMPENSATION COMMISSION (CICC): I think five years is, is... Like I said, there are probably just two states that have, don't have any limitations, but a majority do have some form of limitations, anywhere from 18 months, and we followed Hawaii, so ours is following Hawaii. California is three years, but they're a bigger state. I think for Guam, setting the 18 months and leaving that there, and allowing victim advocates of the Office of the Attorney General, the DART, the victim advocates at GPD, to encourage victims who come into the criminal justice system to say, "Hey, we have a Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission. Apply. There's 18 months."

So, what Commissioner Flores and I would like to do, is to do outreach to Guam Police Department, a lot of the community organizations here, to encourage victims to understand the 18 months. It's not from the magistrate, it's not from the indictment, it's the date of the injury or death that you have 18 months. But if for some reason there is good cause consideration, I believe we are a small enough community to work with those 18 months.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: All right. Thank you so much for that, and your frankness about the timeframe. So that was my only question. Madam Chair, thank you again for being with us this afternoon. Thank you.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you so much, Senator Gumataotao. Like I said, I don't have very many questions. We worked very closely together on this legislation. But I



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do want to note for the record, and those who are listening, that, yes, a fiscal note by my colleague was just mentioned was provided, and it was waived because there's, the Bureau stated they had sought comments from the Office of the Attorney General and did not receive any updates. I haven't heard from him as well. Of course, BBMR further determined the bill is administrative in nature. We provided the bill to our legal counsel as well, and it has been reviewed, during its introduction. And at this time, we have heard no recommendations or changes to the amendment.

Invitations to this public hearing on Bill 324-38, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission, the Office of the Attorney General, the Guam Women's Bureau, Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Violence, and Victims Advocate Reaching Out. We were also sent testimonies, so some of them may provide it later on. We also recognize that we did this morning receive testimony from the Bureau of Women's Affairs, Sarah. So, she did call and apologized. She couldn't make it this morning. But that being said, if there are no more further questions or comments, I'm going to send you to go eat at a very, well-deserved lunch from being here from nine o'clock in the morning all the way through. Appreciate your time. It's very precious, and we don't take advantage of that. We try to get you in and out as soon as possible. So that being said, no more questions, or comments.

This concludes the discussion on 324-38 (COR), introduced by myself as well as, and I wanted to make sure I bring their names into play, was of course, first co-sponsor was Senator Shelly Calvo, Senator Therese Terlaje, Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes, Senator Tony Ada, Senator Chris Barnett, and Senator Joe San Agustin.

So, you have good support for this legislation. So that being said, we are now adjourned, this meeting. Create a great day. And the time now is 12:09 p.m. Thank you so much. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'.*

Public Hearing Adjourned at: 12:09 p.m.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee finds that Bill No. 324-38 (LS), as amended, addresses a significant gap in Guam's Criminal Injuries Compensation Program by authorizing the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (CICC) to consider late-filed applications upon a showing of good cause.

The Committee received unanimous testimony in support of the measure from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Bureau of Women's Affairs.

- Chairperson Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, on behalf of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (CICC), testified that the Commission has determined that denying applications solely because they are filed after the eighteen (18) month statutory deadline can produce unjust results. She explained that the statute of limitations is the second most common reason applications are denied and cited examples of victims who missed the filing deadline due to administrative error, severe trauma, fear of retaliation, or the need to leave Guam following domestic violence or sexual assault. Chairperson Barrett-Anderson further testified that most states provide some form of good cause exception to their victim compensation statutes and that such provisions have not resulted in an influx of stale claims. She also recommended an amendment clarifying that the legislation apply to pending victim applications so that individuals whose claims remain under review may benefit from the good cause provision.
- Commissioner Jayne Flores testified that victims of violent crime often continue to experience significant emotional trauma long after the offense occurs and that the application process itself may be retraumatizing for victims and surviving family members. She stated that providing the Commission with discretion to consider late-filed applications upon a showing of good cause would make the compensation process more compassionate while allowing the Commission to continue evaluating each claim on its individual merits.
- The Bureau of Women's Affairs likewise testified in support of the legislation, emphasizing that strict filing deadlines disproportionately affect victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, who frequently delay reporting crimes or seeking assistance because of fear of retaliation, trauma, psychological barriers, economic dependence, or concerns about not being believed. The Bureau further noted that the majority of jurisdictions recognize good cause exceptions and that recent amendments to the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) reflect a national trend toward greater flexibility in victim compensation filing requirements.
- The Office of the Attorney General submitted testimony in support of the bill, stating that many victims are unable to timely submit applications because they are focused on healing from the physical, emotional, and financial consequences of violent crime. The Attorney General further noted that nearly fifty percent (50%) of applications denied by the Commission are denied solely because they fall outside the statute of limitations and agreed that victims should not automatically lose the opportunity to seek compensation when good cause exists for the delay. While the Attorney General suggested an alternative approach tied to criminal convictions and victim notification, the Committee determined that the bill's good cause standard more appropriately preserves the Commission's existing authority to evaluate eligibility based upon the individual circumstances of each applicant rather than the outcome of a criminal prosecution.
- The Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (CICC) submitted supplemental comments on Bill No. 324-38 to address the Attorney General's recommendation to extend the filing period for claims following a criminal conviction. While the Commission supports policies that assist crime victims, it emphasizes the importance of maintaining the legal distinction between victim compensation, which is a statutory benefit administered by the CICC, and criminal restitution, which is a court-ordered remedy



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imposed on offenders. The CICC cautions that the proposed amendment could create procedural uncertainty and believes the bill's existing "good cause" provision already provides sufficient flexibility to accommodate delays in the criminal justice process, including those related to post-conviction restitution, making the additional language unnecessary.

During the public hearing, the Committee also discussed whether the legislation should establish an outer limitation on late applications and whether implementation would require additional resources. Chairperson Barrett-Anderson testified that the Commission believes retaining the existing eighteen (18) month filing deadline while allowing case-by-case good cause determinations strikes the appropriate balance for Guam and that determining good cause would involve factual findings rather than additional expenditures or staffing.

After considering the testimony and recommendations received, the Committee finds that Bill No. 324-38 (LS), As Amended, preserves the existing eighteen (18) month filing deadline while providing the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission with limited discretionary authority to consider late-filed applications when good cause is demonstrated. The Committee further finds that the amendment applying the Act to pending applications is consistent with the intent of the legislation by ensuring that individuals whose claims have not yet been finally adjudicated may receive the benefit of the good cause provision.

The Committee has amended the bill to include the amendment from Chairperson Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson to include "Section 3. This enactment shall apply and benefit pending victim applications."

The Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement hereby reports out **Bill No. 324-38 (LS), As Amended-Introduced by Telo T. Taitague/Shelly V. Calvo/ Therese M. Terlaje/ Tina Rose Muña-Barnes/ V. Anthony Ada/ Chris Barnett/ Joe S. San Agustin- "AN ACT TO AMEND § 161.90 (a) OF CHAPTER 161, TITLE 8, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION COMMISSION TO CONSIDER LATE APPLICATIONS UPON A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE,"** with the recommendation to report out only.

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Subject: **Fiscal Note Waiver for Bill No. 324-38 (LS)**

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The Bureau requests that Bill No. 324-38 (LS) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as amended for the following reason(s):

Bill No. 324-38 (LS) is an act to amend § 161.90 (a) of Chapter 161, Title 8, Guam Code Annotated relative to authorizing the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (CICC) to consider late applications upon a showing of good cause.

The proposed legislation seeks to amend Guam's CICC law to provide the Commission with discretionary authority to accept and review applications filed beyond the statutory eighteen (18) month deadline, provided the applicant shows "good cause" for the delay.

The Bureau had sought input on the proposed Bill No. 324-38 (LS) from the Office of the Attorney General and has not received any official comments as of the date of this fiscal note waiver. However, the bill is determined to be administrative in nature and poses no fiscal impact upon any funds of the Government of Guam.

Senseramente,

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