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BILL STATUS

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358-38 (COR)	Sabrina Salas Matanane	AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 58D103 TO CHAPTER 58D, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO <i>AMEND</i> §§ 58D103, 58D104, 58D105, 58D106, 58D107, 58D108, 58D109, 58D110, 58D111, AND 58D112 OF CHAPTER 58D, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO RENUMBER SAID SECTIONS AS §§ 58D104, 58D105, 58D106, 58D107, 58D108, 58D109, 58D110, 58D111, 58D112, AND 58D113, RESPECTIVELY, AND FURTHER TO <i>AMEND</i> § 58D108 TO REDUCE THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FINANCING AUTHORIZED THEREUNDER; AND TO APPROPRIATE NINETEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$19,885,394) FROM SECTION 30 FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2026, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING AND FUNDING THE SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION FUND AS A DEDICATED INFRASTRUCTURE FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITH A USEFUL LIFE OF TWENTY (20) YEARS OR MORE, AND TO PROPORTIONALLY REDUCE PRIOR DEBT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THESE PROJECTS.	9/3/26 1:08 p.m. ^9/4/26 2:58 p.m.	9/4/26	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request: 9/4/26 9/11/26 Addendum: 9/15/26	9/21/26 2:00 p.m.	9/30/26	



Office of Senator Christopher M. Dueñas

CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

September 28, 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. 358-38 (COR) As Introduced

Buenas yan Håfa Ådai Speaker,

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Committee votes are as follows:

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Senseremente,


Senator Christopher M. Dueñas,
Committee on Finance and Government Operations



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COMMITTEE REPORT

BILL NO. 358-38 (COR)

INTRODUCED BY

Sabrina Salas Matanane

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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

September 28, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Finance and Government Operations

From: Senator Christopher M. Dueñas
Chairperson, Finance and Government Operations

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 358-38 (COR) *As Introduced*

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 358-38 (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. 358-38 (COR), *As Introduced*
- Fiscal Note/Fiscal Note Addendum
- Checking and Funding Availability

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 Christopher M. Dueñas
Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Government Operations



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

September 4, 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. 358-38 (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. 358-38 (COR)** - Sabrina Salas Matanane. – “AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 58D103 TO CHAPTER 58D, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO AMEND §§ 58D103, 58D104, 58D105, 58D106, 58D107, 58D108, 58D109, 58D110, 58D111, AND 58D112 OF CHAPTER 58D, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO RENUMBER SAID SECTIONS AS §§ 58D104, 58D105, 58D106, 58D107, 58D108, 58D109, 58D110, 58D111, 58D112, AND 58D113, RESPECTIVELY, AND FURTHER TO AMEND § 58D108 TO REDUCE THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FINANCING AUTHORIZED THEREUNDER; AND TO APPROPRIATE NINETEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETYFOUR DOLLARS (\$19,885,394) FROM SECTION 30 FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2026, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING AND FUNDING THE SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION FUND AS A DEDICATED INFRASTRUCTURE FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITH A USEFUL LIFE OF TWENTY (20) YEARS OR MORE, AND TO PROPORTIONALLY REDUCE PRIOR DEBT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THESE PROJECTS.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Finance and Government Operations chaired by Senator Christopher M. Dueñas. I also request that the same be copied to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill, to the Office of Finance and Budget (OFB) 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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Mon, Sep 14, 2026 at 2:00 PM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 14, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, and Media

From: Senator Christopher M. Dueñas
Chairman, Committee on Finance and Government Operations

Re: First NOTICE of Public Hearing on September 21, 2026

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 14, 2026

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September 14, 2026

MEMORANDUM

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PH Notice fo Bills 356, 357, & 358-38 (COR)

Date of Event: 9/21/26 **Start Time:** 2:00 PM AM/PM

End Time: 6:30 PM AM/PM

Location: Public Hearing Room

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Second Notice of Public Hearing - 092126 2pm

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Fri, Sep 18, 2026 at 2:00 PM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 18, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, and Media

From: Senator Christopher M. Dueñas
Chairman, Committee on Finance and Government Operations

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 18, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, and Media

From: Senator Christopher M. Dueñas
Chairman, Committee on Finance and Government Operations

Re: Second NOTICE of Public Hearing on September 21, 2026

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INVITATION: Public Hearings on September 21 & 22, 2026 – Call for Testimony

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Karl Pangelinan <karl.p@guamlegislature.gov>

Wed, Sep 16, 2026 at 11:30 AM

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Hafa Adai Key Stakeholders,

On behalf of Senator Christopher M. Dueñas, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Government Operations, you are cordially invited to participate and provide oral or written testimony at the upcoming public hearings. Please forward on to those within or beyond your respective organizations who can add to these hearings.

The hearings will take place in the **Public Hearing Room at the Guam Congress Building** on the following dates and times with links to each bill:

Hearing 1: Monday, September 21, 2026, at 2:00 PM

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Hearing 2: Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 2:00 PM

[Bill No. 1 \(11-S\)](#) – *Committee on Rules by request of I Maga'hågan Guåhan, the Governor of Guam*

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF NINETEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$19,885,394) FROM THE SECTION 30 TAX REVENUES RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT ADOPTED IN PUBLIC LAW 38-136 TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM AND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UOG BLUE ECONOMY INNOVATION CENTER.

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Written Testimony & Confirmation: To confirm your attendance to provide oral testimony or to submit written testimony, please email senator.duenas@guamlegislature.gov or call (671) 989-9554.

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Your expertise and perspective on these proposed measures are greatly valued. We look forward to your participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse',
Karl Pangelinan

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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

21 September 2026 - Guam Congress Building

02:00 PM:

I. Call To Order

Ii. Opening Remarks

Iii. Senator Christopher M. Dueñas, Chairman, Committee On Finance And Government Operations

Iii. Legislative Agenda

- Bill No. 356-38 (COR) – William A. Parkinson - An Act To Appropriate Sixteen Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$16,800,000) From Fiscal Year 2027 Section 30 Revenues Received Above The Level Adopted In Public Law 38-136 To The Guam Power Authority For A Three (3)-Month Extension Of The Prugrãman Ayuda Para I Taotao-Ta Energy Credit Program, Relative To Providing Customers With One Hundred Dollars (\$100) In Monthly Energy Credits For September, October, And November 2026.
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Iv. Public Testimony / Announcements

Iv. Adjournment



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Date: Sept 21, 2026

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 Office of Senator Christopher M. Duenas
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Time: 2:00 p.m.

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1	Haden Gurunao				✓		✓	
2	Rian Ocampo				✓		✓	
3	Christian Guevara				✓			
4	Mynette Dixon						✓	
5	Draven Dixon						✓	
6	Jun Escalona						✓	
7	Princen Mc Comon						✓	
8	Aluna Jade Anderson						✓	
9	JDEC, JIBH247h						✓	
10	Kathryn Parua						✓	
11	Shienne Carale						✓	
12	Carl Dorion						✓	



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Testimony on Bills 356-39, 357-39, 358-39 and on Bill 1 (11-S)

1 message

Michael J. Gawel <mgawel@guam.net>
To: senator.duenas@guamlegislature.gov

Wed, Sep 16, 2026 at 12:49 PM

Hafa Adai Senator Duenas,
Please accept this as my personal testimony on Bills 356-39, 357-39, 358-39 and on Bill 1 (11-S) .
The voting public is well aware of the general needs mentioned in Bills 356, 357 and 358, that are long overdue and promoted now before elections rather than being addressed in earlier budget decisions. The more specific needs of Bill 1 (11-S), not related to last minute campaign vote-getting actions, for the hospital health records system and for aquaculture development at Fadian for the economy and Guam food sustainability are what I recommend should be awarded the funding being discussed.
Thank you for filing these, my comments, at your hearings both on Monday September 21 and Wednesday September 23.
Sincerely,
Michael Gawel, Guam voter since 1974.



Senator Chris Duenas <senator.duenas@guamlegislature.gov>

Written Testimony in Support of Bill No. 358-38 (COR) – Simon Sanchez High School Modernization Fund

1 message

Mynette Dizon <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Sep 20, 2026 at 11:44 PM

To: "senator.duenas@guamlegislature.gov" <senator.duenas@guamlegislature.gov>

Honorable Senator Chris Dueñas
Chairman
Committee on Finance and Government Operations
38th Guam Legislature

Dear Chairman Dueñas and Members of the 38th Guam Legislature:

Håfa Adai Chairman Dueñas and Senators:

My name is Mynette Dizon, and I respectfully submit this testimony in support of Bill No. 358-38 (COR), introduced by Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, which would appropriate \$19,885,394 in Section 30 funds to establish and fund the Simon Sanchez High School Modernization Fund.

I write to you from three very personal perspectives: as President of the Simon Sanchez High School PTO, as a proud alumna of the Class of 1999, and as a mother of two children whose lives are connected to the future of Simon Sanchez High School.

My husband, Joe, also graduated from Simon Sanchez in 1994. His class was supposed to be among the last classes to graduate from the old Simon Sanchez High School.

That was 32 years ago.

I graduated five years later, in 1999.

And now, 27 years after my own graduation, our son is a senior at Simon Sanchez High School. His class will be the first graduating class that has never set foot in Simon Sanchez High School as students.

They wear the name Simon Sanchez. They call themselves Sharks. They represent our school at athletic competitions, academic events, activities, and throughout our community. Their diplomas will say Simon Sanchez High School.

Yet they will graduate without ever attending the campus that bears their school's name.

As a mother, that breaks my heart. As PTO President, it frustrates me. And as an alumna, it embarrasses me—not because I am embarrassed to be a Shark, but because after more than three decades, we are still having the same conversation about rebuilding our school.

The history of Simon Sanchez is not defined by the condition of its buildings. Its legacy is its people.

Simon Sanchez has produced medical doctors, aerospace engineers, biologists, educators, entrepreneurs, published authors, military members, public servants, community leaders—and yes, even senators.

Our alumni have gone out into Guam and throughout the world and accomplished remarkable things.

Over the years, classmates who moved away have returned to Guam and brought their children to see where their mom or dad went to high school. What should have been a moment of pride became one of disbelief. They were appalled by what had become of the campus they once called home.

Imagine wanting to tell your child, *"This is where I went to high school,"* only to find yourself explaining why, decades later, the school had been allowed to deteriorate rather than improve.

That is the source of my embarrassment.

I am proud of Simon Sanchez. I am proud to be a Shark. I am embarrassed that generations of Sharks have been asked to accept this.

Talk about rebuilding Simon Sanchez High School began more than 30 years ago. There were plans for a new campus on federal land near the Yigo Fire Station. That school was never built there, and the land was ultimately taken back.

Administrations changed. Legislatures changed. Superintendents changed. Plans changed. Procurement methods changed.

The one thing that did not change was the waiting.

Bill 358-38 itself acknowledges that Simon Sanchez students, faculty, and staff have endured emergency closures, health citations and structural failures, and that previous efforts to move the project forward have repeatedly encountered procurement and financing delays.

We do not need another generation to document the problem.

We need a school.

Why Bill 358-38 Matters

What gives me hope about Senator Matanane's bill is that this is not simply another promise that money will eventually find its way to Simon Sanchez.

Bill 358-38 would establish a separate Simon Sanchez High School Modernization Fund specifically for the design, construction, reconstruction, and furnishing of the new Simon Sanchez High School.

The bill also provides accountability. It requires GDOE to report quarterly on the fund's balance, deposits, expenditures, project status, encumbrances, and planned obligations.

Importantly, the funds would be non-lapsing and protected from transfer, reprogramming, reallocation, or being swept for unrelated purposes.

After decades of promises, dedicated funding and accountability matter to our families.

I understand that there are competing proposals for these Section 30 funds, addressing other needs of our island. I do not dismiss those needs. The Legislature has the difficult responsibility of weighing many legitimate priorities.

But I respectfully ask each senator to consider one question:

How many more times will Simon Sanchez be asked to wait?

There will always be another government need. There will always be another program that needs funding. There will always be another emergency.

If Simon Sanchez must wait until there are no competing priorities, our children will wait forever.

This nearly \$20 million will not, by itself, build the entire new Simon Sanchez High School. We understand that.

But every real dollar dedicated to the rebuilding of Simon Sanchez brings the school one step closer to becoming a reality.

And this appropriation would create something lasting. The bill restricts expenditures to capital improvement projects related to the new school that have a useful life of at least 20 years. It also provides for a corresponding reduction in previously authorized debt for the project by the amount appropriated.

Please Don't Make Another Generation Wait

My son will probably never benefit from the new Simon Sanchez High School.

He is a senior. His high school years are almost over.

So, in many ways, I am no longer fighting for him.

I am fighting for his little sister.

My daughter is currently in the fifth grade.

I want to believe that when it is her turn to enter high school, she will walk through the doors of a newly built Simon Sanchez High School.

I do not want to return to this Legislature years from now and give this same testimony for her.

Think about what this timeline means for just one family:

My husband graduated in 1994 believing a new school was coming.

I graduated in 1999 while the discussion continued.

Our son will graduate in 2027 without ever attending the Simon Sanchez campus.

And now we are hoping our fifth-grade daughter will finally be the generation that gets the school promised to the generations before her.

Thirty-plus years is not a temporary delay.

It is a generation.

Our children should not inherit our unfinished promises.

I respectfully ask you and your colleagues to give Bill 358-38 serious consideration and to recognize what this appropriation represents to the Simon Sanchez community.

The bill would appropriate exactly \$19,885,394 into the Simon Sanchez High School Modernization Fund.

For some, that may simply be another line in Guam's budget.

For us, it represents movement.

It represents permanence.

It represents the possibility that after more than three decades of hearing "*Simon Sanchez will be rebuilt*," those words might finally become concrete, classrooms, laboratories, athletic facilities, hallways, and a home for our Sharks.

At some point, "Simon Sanchez will be rebuilt" must stop being a promise and become a building.

Senator Matanane has put forward a measure that would dedicate real dollars toward making that happen.

Chairman Dueñas and members of the Legislature, I respectfully ask you to consider the generations of students behind this request—and the generations still to come.

My husband's generation waited.

My generation waited.

My son's generation ran out of time.

Please do not make my daughter's generation wait too.

Thirty years is long enough.

It is time to build our school.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for your time, your consideration, and your service to the people of Guam.

Respectfully,

Mynette Dizon
President, Simon Sanchez High School PTO
Simon Sanchez High School, Class of 1999
Parent of a Simon Sanchez High School Senior



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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Committee on Finance and Government Operations

Senator Christopher M. Duenas, Chairman

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 358-38 (COR) was introduced by Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane on September 4, 2026 and referred to the Committee on Finance and Government Operations by the Committee on Rules on September 4, 2026. The Committee held a public hearing on September 21, 2026, at 2:00p.m. in the Guam Congress Building's Public Hearing Room.

Notices for the hearing were posted on the Government Public Notices Portal and distributed via email to all senators and major media outlets on September 14, 2026 (5-day notice) and again on September 18, 2026 (48-hour notice).

SENATORS PRESENT

Christopher M. Duenas, Chairman

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Sabrina Salas Matanane

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William A. Parkinson

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ORAL TESTIMONY:

Hayden Grumo, Student, SSHS

Rianne Ocampo, Student, SSHS

Christian Guevara, Student, SSHS

Minette Dizon, Self

Robin Paulino, Teacher, SSHS

Carreon Princess, Student, SSHS
Alyssa Anderson, Student, SSHS

APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE:

Hayden Grumo
Rianne Ocampo, Student
Christian Guevara
Minette Dizon
Robin Paulino
Carreon Princess
Alyssa Anderson

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing for Bill No. 358-38 (COR) was called to order at **2:01PM.**

Bill 358-68 (COR) was discussed after Bill 357 was tabled by the author.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: So with that we will now uh go to the next bill on the agenda which will be 358-38. Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, you're recognized.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you to the uh Simon Sanchez high school students, parents, teachers, and community who are here today as well as those that are watching online. I'll start by saying that um I've listened to you. I went to your protests. I've heard what you had to say and I've stood with you. I stood proudly with you on the side of the road, several hundred strong, letting your voices be heard, your placards be seen, and your message sent to the drivers who shared their support with returned waves and loud honks. The thing is, you shouldn't have had to do all of those things because what you are asking for is not complicated or even unreasonable. You're asking, "Give me back my school." And that's really it. Simon Sanchez students want their school rebuilt. Some of these students have spent years dealing with double sessions and continue to deal with double sessions. Some have gone

through their entire high school experience without ever setting foot on a Simon Sanchez High School campus. Matter of fact, the students that are with us today, if you could let us know, have you even attended Simon Sanchez High School in *Yigo*? Can you stand it? Stand up if you have not? If you have not, if you've been going to a school, none of you have attended Simon Sanchez High School in *Yigo*. Thank you. Thank you. And that is why I introduced Bill 358, which puts real money, an additional \$19 million in cash toward the project using these additional Section 30 revenues. These students in the whole Simon Sanchez community have heard lip service for so long. Everyone, including we hear in this and previous legislatures, show our sympathy and support. And then what? Placing this money into this project can help reduce how much we are authorized to finance later. Plus, it takes us one step closer to a new Simon Sanchez High School campus, a reality. It doesn't magically rebuild the school tomorrow. We still have procurement and construction ahead of us. And that's exactly why I've been pushing to move this bill quickly. I requested an emergency session because the RFP for the new Simon Sanchez High School is expected to be issued by the end of this month. If we're going to consider putting additional cash into this project and reducing how much we may have to finance, then I believe we should have that discussion before the procurement moves forward or further down the road, not after. That is the urgency. And I acknowledge that we have several proposals before this legislature competing again for this same pot of money. We have the power credits which was introduced by Senator Will Parkinson to help families with their monthly bills. We have funding proposed for the repairs to our public schools which we just heard is being tabled because of another crisis happening at GDOE. We have proposals involving GMH and the University of Guam from the governor, which will be heard tomorrow. These are all real needs. So, I'm grateful that we're having a public hearing on Bill 358 today. Over the last 48 hours, I've been asked to back down from this bill. I've been told there are efforts to get other senators to come after me and tear this bill apart. And yes, I know that Bill 358 may be a long shot. There are competing priorities and there will be people who disagree with how I propose spending this money. But I didn't introduce this bill because it was easy. And I am not backing down because somebody tells me it's politically difficult. I'm not withdrawing this bill. I'm not walking away from it. And I'm not walking away from these students. If there are concerns about Bill 358, let's hear them. And when this hearing is over, I hope this bill is given a fair opportunity to move forward to

session where every senator can stand up, explain their position, and cast their vote. I introduced this bill because I believe these students, this community, I believe in all of you and future generations deserve to have this discussion before the full legislature. I'm not backing down. I stand with you even if I'm standing alone. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*, Mr. Chair.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: On the bill, we have um folks who have signed up. Um so there's several in support and then those who are here for oral testimony. I have Hayden. I will not um pronounce your last name as written. Maybe when you come forward you can do that. I don't want to mess it up. Uh and then also Rianne Ocampo and also Christian Guava, would you please come forward as you've signed up to testify, oral testimony. The rest of you just, I do want your names on the record. If you're not going to have oral testimony when this is completed, can you at least come up and and uh state your support for this? I want that on the record, but I don't want to mess it up and not read it inappropriately. So, I'm going to start to my left with a young lady and ask her to uh open with her testimony. Please identify yourself for the record. Speak clearly into the microphone and uh indicate your testimony. Thank you.

RIHANNA OCAMPO: Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Rihanna Ocampo and I'm a freshman at Simon Sanchez High School. I'm here today to talk about how this school crisis is affecting my education and my life. It has now been exactly 1 month since *Tiyan* campus was closed because plumbing and other problems. After only 3 days of the actual high school, everything stopped. Since then, we had to learn from home. Learning by myself has been very hard. It feels lonely and it feels hard to stay motivated instead of having teachers explain lessons to us in person. We are expected to learn on our own through a screen. It is harder to ask questions, stay focused, and feel connected to my classmates and teachers. This is not how I expected my freshman year to begin. Now, the Guam Department of Education has announced that four schools will have double sessions. *Tiyan*, George Washington, Simon Sanchez, and *Ukudu*. *Tiyan* students will share George Washington High School while Simon Sanchez students will move to Ukudu High School. I'm glad that I will be able to see my teachers and friends again. But I also feel like I'm stuck in the same cycle. This is not new for me. I spent all three years of middle school at FBLG in double sessions at Ukudu. I spent my entire middle

school life without a normal school schedule or my own campus. FBLG finally returned to its own campus, but I never got to experience that. I graduated, started high school, and now I'm going into my fourth year of double session at Ukudu. Once again, we are a guest on another school's campus, and we do not know how long we will have to stay here. These double sessions are affecting thousands of students. Students have to wake up at different times, get home late, have shorter classes, and miss out on a normal school activities. It can also make it harder for students to join clubs, sports, and other activities after school. We are students who want to learn, grow, and enjoy our school years. But it is very difficult when school situations keep changing. I have never had the chance to experience what a normal and stable school year feels like. We should not have to keep adjusting to one temporary solution after another. The students of Simon Sanchez and students from the north have been making sacrifices for years. We have done packets, online learning, and double sessions. We have been patient. We have adjusted. And we have done everything we've been asked to do. But we still do not have a stable school. We should not have to keep waiting for another temporary solution. We need action and we need a real plan for the future. Please treat the rebuilding of Simon Sanchez with the urgency it deserves. We do not want temporary fixes. We want a safe, permanent, and stable campus where students can learn, teachers can teach, and our school community can finally have a place to call home. We deserve the same chances as every student to have a normal high school experience. Thank you for your time and for listening to the students who have been affected by this situation. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.*

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Please uh identify yourself for the record and proceed with your testimony.

HAYDEN GRUMO: *Buenas yan Håfa Ådai* and good afternoon. My name is Hayden Grumo and before I begin, I would like to express my gratitude and *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the 38th Guam Legislature. Mr. Chair, *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*, Senator Salas Matanane *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* as well for the proposition of this bill and as well as and as well as to the Shark faculty, students and staff present with us today. Good afternoon once again. My name is Hayden Grumo, a Simon Sanchez freshman shark. If I if I may recap, on August 24th, we Sharks alongside our Titan brothers and sisters, our Gecko by God brothers and sisters, our Southern High

School *Tuninos* brothers and sisters, and our Ukudu Bulldogs brothers and sisters sat before our Guam Department of Education leadership demanding transparency, accountability, and to stop the fingerpointing, responding to claims that nobody was aware of whose responsibility it was to maintain and ensure the conditions of Tiyan High School. That same day, in front of frustrated, exhausted, and pleading students from all across our school districts, Superintendent Dr. Judith Wonpat stated that she is, and I quote, “putting her neck on the line” in an effort to reopen Tiyan High School by August 31st, otherwise double sessions would need to be discussed. We come back to this very statement nearly a month later. We were not able to go back to face-to-face instruction on August 31st. And at the end of the day, once again, us students are paying the price and enduring what some may refer to as the unforeseen repercussions of a faulty input obligated decision. And if I may further add, myself alongside my fellow student leaders are products of middle school double sessions. And I proudly sit before all of you today as the former Francisco Baza Leon Guerrero Student Body Association President and National Junior Honor Society chapter President. And throughout my tenure, I have been taught and held to the highest standards and expectations with the values of transparency, accountability, and responsibility highly emphasized. Today, I am proud, I am able to proudly share that FBLG is back at their home campus. Student leaders such as myself never stopped speaking up until change was seen and heard. And that is the same vow I carry with me into *Simon Sanchez* High School. So with all that being said, we students have and continue to do our part. It's time for our government leadership to do theirs. And enough with the fingerpointing because at the end of the day, nothing beneficial happens as a result of it. Students remain on non ideal alternatives to their education while our government bickers and throws the blame off of each and everybody. Ultimately expressing that when our leaders begin to act like children, us children are to act like leaders. It is not the funding. We, the students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders of Simon Sanchez High School understand that the issue at hand is not about the funding. And I can concur from um from what Senator Vince Borja, Chair of Education shared during a press conference for Sanchez that the issue at hand is of course not the funding, but it is more so being able to get past the procurement, the procurement and all of the obstacles that come within the legislature. And yes, it is about identifying the procurement process and instead of allocating the time to argue and point fingers at who's responsible for what, but instead work collaboratively towards the biggest

main goal today, which is to get us students back to our campus. And as we embark on this new yet not unfamiliar journey, I can only hope for little to no more disruptions because we have seen the effect that it has on students and under no circumstances should that be deemed okay or acceptable. Once again, I appreciate and recognize the opportunity to deliver testimony on this September 21ST, 2026 afternoon. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.*

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Young man, please.

CHRISTIAN GUEVARA: Good afternoon. I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to share my testimony today. My name is Christian Gavara. I'm a freshman at Simon Sanchez, and I'm here to have my voice heard, not just for the sake of myself, but my fellow peers, regardless of a shark or a titan. The asynchronous learning has been a trouble for us all. Whether that will be slow internet, not being able to access Google Classroom, or not having the proper devices in order to do the assignments. Though we have hard copies, not many families are able to pick them up due to various challenges. According to Guam Pacific Daily News, as many as one in five students at Tiyan High School and Simon Sanchez have not engaged with the assigned schoolwork during our closure. They also state that about 12% of seasoned students and 20% of Sanchez students have not picked up hard copy learning packets, are logged into online assignments since we shut down in August 13, 2026. Since our shutdown, more inspections have been made and with that more problems have been found. As we all heard from the news, the violations noted were the ceilings not being kept in good repair, a cracked fire extinguisher casing, four exit doors which are not closed by themselves, and many more. These problems were found too late in order to do anything about it and therefore it cost us students valuable face-to-face learning time. If the inspections for both schools and repairs had taken place when students weren't in school, they would have addressed these problems sooner. The department leaders would have been able to plan on what to do next instead of having us students be trapped at home and having little to no interactions with our teachers other than a digital screen. Though it's not only us students who are suffering, it is also the principals and school staff had to pack up everything in their classrooms from JFK to move into Tiyan when they clearly weren't suitable

enough to house another school. We stakeholders are the ones paying the price for the decisions leaders make. It is not the leaders who are suffering. It is the students, families, principals, teachers, and school staff of the Simon Sanchez and Tiyan High School communities that have to struggle to adjust to find solution after solution to rally and to speak up without being given a direct, clear, and fair plan. We have to accept the fact that Sanchez is still not being rebuilt and Tiyan High School is still shut down. We had to adapt to the new ways of online learning and we didn't know how long it was going to take. As of today, it has been 39 days since we've been shut down. And during an interview with Dr. Won Pat, she stated that the principles are considering plan C which is double sessions. Now that plan C is happening my real question is how long will we be in double sessions? We were also told that we neither passed nor failed. That didn't give us closure, it only raised more questions about what they found or what else they might have been hiding from us. We deserve to know the truth and the truth only. We deserve to know where this money is going and also countless high school students from freshman to seniors stood on the side of the street cheering, chanting and yelling to rebuild Sanchez. We Sanchez students are tired of being called the homeless sharks because we all deserve a home. We are tired of the excuses and the delays and Tiyan students are tired of asynchronous learning. I'd finally like to say that enough is enough. Give Simon Sanchez the home we need and do your job as leaders to make sure we get the proper education that we deserve. *Si Yu'os Ma'ãse'* thank you for listening and let's make a difference for both Tiyan High School and Simon Sanchez High School.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: You're welcome. And thank you. Um, for the rest of the individuals that signed up, would you please just come forward and uh, we'll turn one of the mics on and indicate your support. I don't want to mess up your name. Sure. That's okay. Just you, can come up to the microphone and speak. Anyone else who would like to, I've got it recorded that you've signed up in favor. If you'd like to just come up and uh be on the mic and say I am in support of this bill, that's fine. And if not, that's fine as well. Ma'am, you may proceed.

MINETTE DIZON: Test. Okay. I'm just going to read my email that I sent. Thank you. And it says, "Dear". Dear Chairman Dueñas and members of the 38th

Guam Legislature, my name is Minette Dizon, and I respectfully submit this testimony in support of bill number 358-38 introduced by Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, which would appropriate \$19,885,394 in Section 30 funds to establish and fund the Simon Sanchez High School Modernization Fund. I write to you from three very personal perspectives. As president of the Simon Sanchez High School PTO, as a proud alumni of the class of 1999, and as a mother of two children whose lives are connected to the future of Simon Sanchez High School. My husband Joe is also a graduate of Simon Sanchez in 1994. In fact, his class was supposed to be among the last class to graduate from the old Simon Sanchez High School. That was 32 years ago. I graduated five years later in 1999. And now, 27 years after my own graduation, our son is a senior at Simon Sanchez High School. His class will be the first graduating class that has never set foot in Simon Sanchez as students. They wear the name Simon Sanchez. They call themselves Sharks. They represent our school at athletic competitions, academic events, activities, and throughout the community. Their diplomas will say Simon Sanchez High School. Yet, they will graduate without ever attending the campus that bears their school name. As a mother, that breaks my heart. As PTO president, it frustrates me. And as an alumni, it embarrasses me. Not because I'm embarrassed to be a shark, but because after more than three decades, we are still having the same conversation about rebuilding our school. The history of Simon Sanchez is not defined by the condition of its building. Its legacy is its people. Um, Simon Sanchez has produced medical doctors, aerospace engineers, biologists, educators, entrepreneurs, published authors, military members, public servants, community leaders, and yes, even senators. Our alumni have gone out into Guam and throughout the world and accomplished remarkable things. Over the years, classmates who have moved away from Guam and returned and brought their children to see where their mom and dad went to high school. What should have been a moment of pride became one of disbelief. They were appalled by what has become of the campus they once called home. Imagine wanting to tell your child, "This is where I went to high school." Only to find yourself explaining why decades later that the school has been allowed to deteriorate rather than improve. That is the source of my embarrassment. I am proud of Simon Sanchez. I'm proud to be a shark. I'm embarrassed that generations of sharks have been asked to accept this. Talk about rebuilding Simon Sanchez High School began more than 30 years ago. There were plans for a new campus on federal land near the Yigo Fire Station. That school was

never built there and the land was ultimately taken back. Administrations changed, legislatures changed, superintendent changed, plans changed, procurement methods changed. The one thing that did not change was the waiting. Bill 358-38 itself acknowledges that Simon Sanchez students, faculty, and staff have endured emergency closures, health citations, and structural failures, and that previous efforts to move the project forward have repeatedly encountered procurement and financing delays. We don't need another generation to document the problem. We need a school. Why bill 358-38 matters. What gives me hope about Senator Matanane's bill is that this is not simply another promise that money will eventually find its way to Simon Sanchez. This bill would establish a separate Simon Sanchez High School modernization fund specifically for the design, construction, reconstruction, and furnishing of the new Simon Sanchez High School. The bill also provides accountability. It requires GDOE to report quarterly on the funds balance, deposit expenditures, project status, incumbrances, and plan obligations. Our son will graduate in 2027 without ever attending the Simon Sanchez campus. And now we're hoping our fifth grade daughter will finally be the generation that gets the school promised. I'm sorry and plan obligations. Importantly, the funds would be non-lapsing and protected from transfer, reprogramming, reallocation, or being swept for unrelated purposes. After decades of promises, dedicated funding and accountability matter to our families. I understand that our competing proposals for these Section 30 funds addressing other needs of our islands. I do not dismiss those needs. The legislature has the difficult responsibility of weighing many legitimate priorities, but I respectfully ask each senator to consider one question. How many more times will Simon Sanchez be asked to wait? There will always be another government need. There will always be another program that needs funding. There will always be another emergency. If Simon Sanchez must wait until there are no competing priorities, our children will wait forever. This nearly 20 million will not by itself build the entire new Simon Sanchez High School. We understand that. But every real dollar dedicated to the rebuilding of Simon Sanchez brings the school one step closer to becoming a reality. And this appropriation would create something lasting. The bill restricts expenditures to capital improvement projects related to the new school that have a useful life of at least 20 years. It also provides for a corresponding reduction in previously authorized debt for the project by the amount appropriated. Please don't make another generation wait. My son will never benefit from the new

Simon Sanchez High School. He is the senior. His high school years are almost over. So, in many ways, I am no longer fighting for him. I'm fighting for his little sister. My daughter is currently in fifth grade. I want to believe that when it is her turn to enter high school, she will walk through the doors of a newly built Simon Sanchez High School. I do not want to return to this legislature years from now and give the same testimony for her. Think about what this timeline means for just one family. My husband graduated 1994 believing a new school was coming. I graduated 99 while the discussion continued. Our son will graduate in 2027 without ever attending the Simon Sanchez campus. And now we are hoping for our fifth grade daughter. She'll be the final generation that the school or at least the generation in my family that gets the school promised you know to the generations before her. 30 plus years is not a temporary delay. It is a whole generation. Our children should not inherit our unfinished promises. I respectfully ask you and your colleagues to give Bill 358-38 serious consideration and to recognize what this appropriation represents to the Simon Sanchez community. The bill would appropriate exactly 19.8 million into the Simon Sanchez High School Modernization Fund. For some, that may simply be another line in Guam's budget. For us, it represents movement. It represents permanence. It represents the possibility that after more than three decades of hearing "Simon Sanchez will be rebuilt". Those words might finally become concrete classrooms, laboratories, athletic facilities, hallways, and a home for our sharks. At some point, "Simon Sanchez will be rebuilt", must stop being a promise and become a building. Senator Matanane has put forward a measure that would dedicate real dollars towards making that happen. Chairman Dueñas and member of the legislature, I respectfully ask you to consider the generations of students behind this request and the generations still to come. My husband's generation waited. My generation waited. My son's generation ran out of time. Please don't make my daughter's generation wait too. 30 years is long enough. It's time to build our school. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for your time and consideration and for your service to the people of Guam.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*
Uh, sir.

ROBIN PAULINO: Alrighty. Uh, I do have a testimony prepared. Is Is it all right if I?

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Yes, please proceed. Identify yourself and uh proceed.

ROBIN PAULINO: *Håfa Ådai* families, faculty, students, and honorable senators. I know I had the opportunity to shake hands with a couple of you and uh really pick your brains about specifically this issue with Simon Sanchez. So, thank you all for your time. Uh my name is Robin Paulino and I'm a first year teacher at Simon Sanchez High School. I'm testifying in support of bill 358-38 to appropriate Section 30 funds for the rebuild of Simon Sanchez. So just a little bit about how the school year started. As a first year teacher, I haven't only just caught the initial wave of this ongoing issue of not having a permanent classroom or learning facility. I helped move even before I was formerly employed uh from the JFK campus all the way to Tiyan. So, I'm a choir teacher. So, I would help move music equipment. I'd move piano stands, microphones, speaker supplies, and music uh you know, actual sheets of music um or boxes of music uh from you know, multiple trips from one place to another. And it was initially a rough start. Uh and the four but the first four days it was a blast. Um but you know and everything felt really exciting as a new teacher. Then public health of course came in and shut the whole facility down and we've had over a month of asynchronous learning. So this morning we had moved into Ukudu uh in the interim because Tiyan facilities uh issue was just uh too big to be resolved. Um it's rough uh but we do what we have to do and we move together as a school community now uh at Ukudu. So students at Simon Sanchez they've proved time and time again how they continue to persevere in every situation that they are placed in. Sanchez teachers always show up for their students and our admin in my opinion should be given a medal of honor for having to face all these uh systemic issues headon. The one thing uh the one thing that has always been up in the air is the leadership on this issue of rebuilding Sanchez. When can we expect a leadership that can continue to show up um and put our faith uh in our students? You know, should we wait another 10 years? We don't have time to categorize Simon Sanchez as just a political issue. This is a human issue. And what are we as constituents supposed to think every year that passes by? So my seniors in my class, they're the first batch of students to

have never have set foot on the original campus uh which some of them had been highlighted. And I also want to highlight the freshmen here that have taken the time to speak and you know and they're very articulate and very eloquent as well. So imagine that they've been removed from the actual physical space where they learn and the only thing that they have to hang their identity on is their peers and the school community around them. So what whatever needs to happen with procurement needs to happen expeditiously. I think we can all agree on that. I believe that allocating funding to this bill um for this bill uh can help and also reduce the cost of the rebuild over time helping relieve the cost to taxpayers and move us closer to an actual educational facility. I don't know if it's special interests, bureaucracy or incompetence, but the damage has already been done and we can't wait any longer. Now the choice is ours. As a community, do we value our students future enough? Do we value their dreams? Do we value their hopes? Do we uh value their aspirations to act now? Every year that we continue to wait every month, every day, and every minute we don't work on this is a minute that continues to erode trust in the institution that is supposed to be lifting our students up. So we must decide that yes we do value our students and their families and their future which is our future. So as a first year teacher I join I did join the movement a little bit late I will admit but I'm here for my students. I'm inspired by their passion uh and I'm inspired by the passion of the faculty who've been working so hard through all these uh institutional shortfalls and all I know is that the fight will uh went on before me. The fight will go on with me and the fight will continue to go on far after I'm gone. Because the right to equality education should not be something to beg for. Yet here we are. Here we are and here we always will be. The bravery doesn't rely on me giving a testimony, but it always belongs to the students that continue to hope for a better future for themselves and for the island. So all existing problems that we face today as educators, teacher pay, student retention, the lack of educational resources, they're exacerbated without the stability of a place to learn. And it's not just Sanchez. Other schools have to bend to the most recent fiasco that has to take place. So let's support our students with bill 358-38 because that is the safest bet I think that we can all make. I mean, look around us. So, *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for your time and as always, *Biba Sanchez, Biba Ukudu, Biba GDOE, and Rebuild Sanchez*. Thank you.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: I'll start on the far end now. Uh, please, uh, turn on the microphone. Uh, indicate your name and your testimony.

CARREON PRINCESS: Okay. Is it? Is it the afternoon? Okay. Good afternoon. I am Carreon Princess. I am the class of 2027 who has never stepped foot in the Simon Sanchez campus. I don't have no serious testimony, but just like the previous ones, I have spoken up and I haven't missed any of them either. But it's funny how such a temporary issue became a permanent. It's sad that what the permanent issue is something that hasn't, that nothing's been done to yet. And it seems like the solutions are what's temporary. It's sad for me, my senior class, especially these freshmans who are just coming in because it's not something we want them to go through. And it's unfortunate that they had to go through this. I don't I just don't see how it's fair to them. And you can see them. They have the voice. They have the uniform. They have everything to represent Sanchez except for a campus. That's all they have. But they don't have like a place to call theirs. Just to keep it short and simple is just sad. And I want this, as much as I want this bill to go through, there's other opinions. And no matter what choice we make, everyone will be upset. No, nobody will ever be happy with one decision. Some will respect it, some will disrespect it. So no matter what, just choose what's right, what's right for us. And just think about the students who are the ones going through this. Thank you.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Yes, ma'am.

ALYSSA ANDERSON: Okay. Good afternoon. My name is Alyssa Anderson. I also spoke at the last board meeting. Um, this is also my friend from the class of 27'. And then it's also really sad as she once said to see that the freshman at Sanchez right now, even at Ukudu for FB, they spent all of their years there. I understand how they feel since I'm graduating possibly with no um campus. So for me to hear that with them, it's truly sad. And I don't I don't know how much longer it's going to take GDOE, the legislative board, whoever to truly understand us and feel for us to see how many of us are going to graduate without our school. It just has me wondering how many more generations will you listen to but not take



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action. As you guys have heard and as I've heard you guys, you all say that you stand for us, you hear us, you see us. And yet I also don't see any action because when it comes to a bill like this 358-31 or 38, I apologize. When it comes to that, you guys can say that you're here, you hear us, you understand us. At the town meeting, that was all we heard. But when it comes to actually taking action, where are the people that we trust to be our leaders? Because at this point, it really feels like rebuilding Sanchez, rebuilding FB, rebuilding Tiyan. feels all of all of it feels just like a campaign at this point for senators, governors, whoever. All I hear now is I'll rebuild Sanchez. I'll make sure that you guys get home, but where is it? I look you all in the eye right now and I'm asking you where is our campus? You can't say that it's a priority. I understand you all have different priorities and there's other things that need to be done, but Sanchez has been asked to be rebuilt for so long. How much longer will we have to wait to be top priority? I don't want to keep it too long, but all I ask is please hear us out on this bill because if freshman, senior, junior, sophomore, all of us are coming out, I just wonder how many more generations it's going to take for you guys to hear us. Thank you.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: So that will complete the panel that has come forward and like I said we have a record of uh the others who signed up. Senator Matanane, would you like to start or?

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE: I'll go last.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you. Senator Telo Taitague you are recognized.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. You know, I really wish the superintendent was here and even DPW because that could uh maybe answer some of the questions I had on the reality of what this bill is going to do because for me it's about getting it done right away and we all know this is a procurement issue. We all know that. It's about changing the procurement law that's fair and quick and uh until we can get that done, I don't see it happening no matter how much money we put toward the school. Um I know that bill 358, you know, is just a reflection of the community's deep deep frustration with a long delay in rebuilding Simon Sanchez. And we're going to get the same thing when the other



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schools start to, you know, fall apart. GW being one of the oldest schools having issues as well. We're finding out these schools that uh middle schools, elementaries that have, were just recently built. I mean, you can't say recent, recent maybe in the last 20 years and they're already starting to fall apart. So, it's obvious that we're not doing our due diligence when it comes to preparing for the future. And it's unfortunate that many of you had to suffer through this. Our students and families that of course obviously have waited way too long uh for a safe modern campus for our students. You know, but while the bill um acknowledges the problem, it does not meaningfully accelerate, you know, the construction or resolve the uh long-standing procurement and financing as I mentioned earlier and the barriers that it comes with it um caused by the delays in the first place. We actually need a solution that deals with procurement, not necessarily financing. Because even though, if we put this money and set it aside for Simon Sanchez for the building, this money sits there and sits there and sits there, it doesn't do what it's supposed to do, and that is changing the procurement law. So, um, we need a more symbolic legislation, um, something that's actionable with steps that finally honor. Honor the promise made by this legislature, by the governor, by all those politicians saying that they're going to build it and get it done. But still, again, nobody has addressed procurement. If we can get that done, we can do it right away, like within a month. I actually gave an idea to the attorney general of Guam who oversees procurement and having this done within a one-month time period to choose a contractor to build it. He said it was feasible and doable, but we still need the office of um accountability to also chime in. And we're still waiting on his uh comments on this uh proposal that we're putting forth. And hopefully, you know, before the end of this term that that bill will get through and then we're looking at something that is actionable right away. No more waiting. You know, I just excuse me, my throat. I've been down with a cold, but I thought it was so important to make sure I was here to see everyone and listen to your voices. It's important. And I totally recommend that, Don't stop. Don't feel that frustrated that you want to give up speaking because once you stop, then it goes silent. Stay loud, stay proud, and continue to fight for Simon Sanchez. Thank you so much,

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Senator Parkinson. You're recognized at this time.

SENATOR WILLIAM A. PARKINSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and uh thank you to all the Sanchez students that came here today. I truly appreciate your advocacy. Um, I'm always a big believer that our communities get better when people take ownership of it and um, advocate for improvements in it. And so, thank you all for being here. I completely understand your frustrations with what's going on with Sanchez because I remember what it was like when I was your age. I wasn't that far away. I was class of 2004 and I remember even then we had conversations of, "Hey, Sanchez about to get rebuilt any day now." And here we are 22 late years later and hey Sanchez is about to get rebuilt any day now. And it's not. The truth of the matter is um what's going on with Sanchez is the end product of really bad procurement practices from the past. And you know we hear this word procurement a lot. What does this mean? What does it have to do with anything? Well, what this has to do with anything is procurement is the rules that say what we can and cannot buy and how we buy things. And the procurement rules we are using today are based on the American Bar Association model procurement rules from 1979. We implemented these rules from 1979 in a time before internet, in a time before a lot of the modern things we have and we have never updated that system. And so that's if you if anyone's ever curious as to why things are so dysfunctional on just getting things done that's why it is. We had an attempt in the late 90s early 2000s to adopt the update to that but we didn't update the update to that. What we did was we decided we wanted to keep the 1979 version and instead just put on patches as we saw fit, as we needed it. And now we have this procurement code that is this Frankenstein of patchwork regulations on top of an outdated model. And the 1979 version that took a thousand lawyers 10 years to come up with those rules. So, it's not exactly something where we could just whip it up in a month and we'll have a working thing. This took hundreds, if not thousands of volunteers across the country working with each other to put up that version. And then the updated version that we turned down, that took hundreds of lawyers. And the version that's coming out in the next year or so from the National Bar Association, American Bar Association, that's going to take hundreds of volunteers. So the best we've been able to do here locally is just patchwork fixes to the law wherever we can. I introduced one recently because the uh procurement protest was my I believe was the thing stopping a lot of the construction happening. See, Guam is fairly unique in that a lot of systems will require that you produce evidence for why uh a construction needs to stop. But here on Guam, uh

we are one of the few jurisdictions that just stops all work as soon as any complaint comes whether there is any veracity to it or not. And I've long criticized that as the one being the big problem stopping this is that anybody that's disgruntled for any reason for business reasons can stop any public project. And so I had attempted to reform that by allowing us to um work around those issues, you know, and we had to work around these issues before. Um, a few years back we were experiencing load shedding all over the island because of difficulty of procurement and GPA had to come into this hall and we basically had to wave all procurement laws to get those emergency power generations built and we basically gave up all the all the controls and guard rails that we are necessary to make sure to fight against corruption to make it happen. And luckily, you know, GPA did what they needed to do and they played a fair game and we got the end of load shedding. But that showed me that we have a massive problem with procurement if we're having this with something as basic as electricity. This is happening with schools. This is happening with roads. And we need to make a comprehensive reform. And that's where kind of the rub is. We need to wait for a more comprehensive reform, when you folks need relief now. And so I asked this body to potentially consider some patchwork reform so we can get Sanchez built because otherwise we're going to be waiting for the next American Bar Association procurement model. And we're going to have to cross our fingers we accept it because continuing with this 1979 system is untenable. And this is the result of it. And so I ask for your patience. I ask you to not stop fighting. We're going to try and figure this out, but uh I ask my colleagues, too. Let's let's make a decision on what changes we need to make to procurement so we can get this done. And with that, I yield the rest of my time. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Senator. Senator Terlaje, you're recognized.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: Thank you. I appreciate all of your testimony and thank you for being here and for all of the other testimony that you have done throughout these years. Um, and I'm very sorry that you have to continue to do this. You have every right to be frustrated and feel disgusted and to feel like it's some kind of political football because I sometimes feel the same that that's how it does sound. Uh the laws to build to authorize the building of Simon

Sanchez, they're done. They've been done for maybe a decade now. They're done. The money to build Simon Sanchez has been authorized also for maybe a decade now. 166 million is authorized already. So as you said, I think it was Mr. Ocampo, is that you? Sorry. You said um not about the funding. That's correct. There is nothing we need to do with the funding to build Simon Sanchez because that authorization already exists and we've actually already made at least one if not two appropriations for Simon Sanchez that they haven't yet spent because they got stuck. The design is completely done with stakeholder input. But what happened was the next step that they were supposed to do was just hire a contractor, give an award to a contractor, uh, you know, construction company to build, to actually build it with the money that we had already promised given them. But these contractors, well, the government agents went into a room, including DPW, the Guam Department of Education representatives, a paid contract manager that we the government hired, maybe others went into this room. And if you listen to some of the tapes that were made public a couple months ago, to our surprise, you would have heard that they went into the room and didn't decide on are you the contractor that's going to move forward. They started talking about things like changing the design, changing the amount that was already authorized by law, uh going back to the legislature to make changes so that the contractor uh would be happy, would make more money. And that doesn't, that tells me it's not a comprehensive procurement reform that we need. It's legal compliance with the laws and ethical people in that room and people who will insist that we are going to follow the law and get this done. The bill, you know, the Department of Administration, the finance people of the government, they're not here. They're the ones who take care of this. Not even GDOE. They're not here to answer will this bill reduce the amount of annual payments that we're going to be making. And even if it does, it actually really doesn't matter because we are already promised to make \$166 million unless we're going to go and agree to redesign of Simon Sanchez. And that to me would be starting from scratch. Uh, will the bill allow GDOE to avoid double sessions for current students? I don't think anything in here is even close to that. So, unfortunately, this is not going to help you graduating seniors. I'm so very sorry. And even the freshmen, I'm not sure. Right. It's proceeding with that original authorized procurement that is going to build the Simon Sanchez. And that's what we really need to do. Um, but uh I'm so glad that it was made clear to you and you understand this, that it's not a funding problem and it's the more I feel like we bring

this law back to the legislature to I mean that's what we've done. I think I sat through after this was passed. It was before I was even a senator and I've been a senator for 10 years. Simon Sanchez has been authorized to be rebuilt. So be but while I've been a senator I've seen laws come in to try to change it, try to change it and I think one of the recent ones kind of toyed with it enough to really create basis for protest. Toying with it in the middle of when we're trying to get an award from a contractor. We've already promised to make 30 years of payments. That's what the government needs to proceed with. And um..

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: This is not going to make it faster to get that done. It's at that that's my concern. And so I just want to be honest with the students. So, it might make in 30 years the amount less, but it's not going to it's not going to make it faster for any of you. And I think what we really need is the enforcement, the executive branch to get this done.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Senator. Senator Gumataotao, you're recognized at this time.

SENATOR EULOGIO “SHAWN” GUMATAOTAO: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I will be sending back to the committee uh a letter to kind of uh kind of go on the my line of questioning because the folks that I was hoping will be here are not here. Uh specifically from the administration, DOA, BBMR. But Mr. Chair, the FY26 budget act appropriated \$16.3 million from the net projected unobligated fiscal year 2025 general fund revenue balance as identified in the June 2025 uh CRER for the Simon Sanchez construction lease back payments. Recognizing that BBMR and DOA confirm, Mr. Chair through the CRER for the period ending July 31st, 2026. That the entire \$16.3 million appropriation remains available for a new Simon Sanchez High School. Has DOA established a separate account to manage this and future appropriations for the Sanchez High School project moving forward? Also, Mr. Chair, I'll be asking, does the appropriation language from the FY26 budget act adequately protect the 16.3 million appropriation from the governor's transfer authority? And does the provision allow the appropriation to

carry over indefinitely until these funds are used as intended by the Guam Legislature? And finally, Mr. Chair, recognizing that prior laws, including public law 32-63 and public law 32-120, prioritize a portion of real property tax revenues for debt service tied to the replacement or renovation of Simon Sanchez High School. Can anyone in the administration confirm if real property taxes have ever been reserved for a new Sanchez High School since the passage of the two laws during the 32nd Guam Legislature? And if so, Mr. Chair, uh where are these funds held in reserve? I will be sending that letter to your office uh this afternoon. But Mr. Chair, as I kind of think about what this is all about, I think about 2006, Mr. Chair in serving in the office of the governor watching for 22 months the construction of three schools at the end of it the fourth school was completed in three years Mr. Mr. Chair, I recall you were the uh director of the Department of Land Management at the time. So, we got to see four schools built in three years. It's just boggles the mind how we cannot possibly in that time since the law for Simon Sanchez was set in motion, that we cannot possibly or this government has not been able to build one school. And I will and I think all my colleagues have said it, Mr. Chair, that this sits clearly on the executive branch's inability to build a single school. There is the money has been there. You've said it. All the people up here have said it, but they have not been able to build a single school. Now, okay, if you wanted to redesign, that's not going to cost money. Just take the Ukudu design. It was done post Columbine. It's to protect students. The design's been paid for. Why not? Can we borrow the JFK's design? Maybe. Different footprint, but the cost has already been uh been has been spent already, Mr. Chair. And I just again, as we're here, uh it is to help us to reduce the cost of Simon Sanchez. But with all due respect to uh this administration, I was hoping that they can get some answers, protect the money, but they do have to get the school built. And I do appreciate all of you being here uh alumni and non-alumni, but this is something that is quite baffles me as a as a resident to sit here and uh keep going after year after year. But to be able to watch, call it, uh, I guess in the passenger seat of watching four schools built and here we are now in 2026 still trying to figure out, uh, the construction of a school. So, uh, shame on the executive branch. Uh, shame on us for not probably pushing hard enough. I will take some responsibility as a policymaker, but I will also uh defend the fact that we've spent a lot of time here and the policies are in place. It's time the executive branch builds a school in Yigo. Thank you, Mr. Chair, for the time,

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.* And yes, for the students that are here, four brand new schools, Ukudu expansion as well as Untalan Reconstruction and Expansion. All that was done during our executive time. At this time, I'd like to uh recognize uh well, first of all, the speaker of the legislature wanted you to know he really wanted to stay to hear you out. Uh but he is now the acting Lieutenant Governor. So, he is joining the Acting Governor uh to work with the department of education to address the current crisis of transportation. So, he had to leave. And so that um moves on to the next individual. Senator Perez, you're recognized.

SENATOR SABINA F. PEREZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and good afternoon to the Sharks. And um you know, we're really I'm really sorry that this has happened. It's been drawn out all this time. Um you know it's really you know we saw the most recent uh iteration of the Simon Sanchez procurement and um the some of the recordings that were released um you know it was really it really pointed to the the need for procurement training people in these positions that are carrying out capital improvement projects to be really trained in procurement. Um you know I myself learned procurement from the guru himself and I know there were definitely faults that took place. It's unfortunate that the practitioners of procurement of Simon Sanchez were not. It could have happened but it didn't. It was the practices and the training that really needed to be uh really prioritized. And so um you know I it's really concerning that 20% of Simon Sanchez students have not picked up hard copies. You know this is a failure of our education system. You know education is required, is a requirement and we cannot tolerate that. We cannot tolerate these kind of um you know the the lack of performance. Um you know the public auditor himself said that when he passed that law for procurement training protests were reduced significantly and we really need to ensure that the executive branch carries out procurement effectively. Of course there are other opportunities um you know to ensure procurement. So this procurement stayed with the agency for over 280 days without awarding a contract. And the discussion was, oh, we need to increase. Let's see if we can get more money to pay this contractor that they chose, when in fact they should have moved on to the next ranked offerer. And so in moving forward, you know, you're here because we want to ensure that this gets done. You know, we can't go back and say, okay, you know, the faults were here and there, but

we need to learn from these mistakes and move forward as expeditiously as possible. And so we want, we need to ensure that those that are carrying out procurement, know procurement and are doing it in the interest of the public interest. So again one of the things that are needed is you know they can't just sit on a solicitation for months and months. Um the bill that was passed most recently, the *Ma kâhat* bill in the 37th said that this procurement should have been out in 90 days. It didn't come out till the following term and then they sat on it. And so we have the money that has been assigned to Sanchez. We just need to make sure that the execution of procurement is done properly. So, I know there's a bill, too, to help expedite this process. That's uh I want to work with the committee chair to hold a hearing as soon as possible. I mean, if it's said that they're going to send out this RFP by the end of the month, we really need to look at the procurement process and see how we can better improve it. So, we're not back here today in this body. I know it's unfortunate I mean I'm really glad to see the you know the freshman's I mean they're taking the leadership here um you know this is a huge responsibility and to come into it you know this is really complex it's a complex issue uh because it's not just one agency that's involved there's multiple agencies here that are involved from DOA to DPW and others GDOE obviously. But unfortunately, the impact is felt by your community, our community. And I know the struggles. I've seen the struggles from, you know, the teachers, the students, the families, you know, going home at night. It's a safety hazard, too. It's been a hardship for families, and we really need to put a stop to this struggle. But this needs to be prioritized. And again, we're we're it's a failure of um that we're not ensuring that 20% of Sanchez students are not picking up the hard copies, 12% of Tiyan, you know, that that has repercussions. And so we need to really make sure that these measures help you. And I know you're here because you want to make sure things move forward. And there are other things that we can do to help this through like as my colleagues uh Senator Taitague mentioned. So we will work diligently to make this happen. *Si Yu'os Ma'âse'*,

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN:
Senator Senator Barnett, you're recognized.

Thank you.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT: *Si Yu'os Ma'âse'*, uh Mr. Chair, and thank you again to the Sharks uh family and madame PTO president for your uh

testimony uh here today. You know, one of the side effects of this failure of our government to deliver a new Simon Sanchez campus is we have created generations of activists and advocates centered around this uh issue. Uh and I think the silver lining is when you come of age and vote, we're going to be some very informed voters uh heading to the polls. Uh but the downside of course is that all of this energy that you dedicate towards advocacy and activism for the construction of a new Simon Sanchez high school I think would be better directed you know towards your academic studies and your high school uh career. And uh you know my son Channing uh went to double session at FB for his entire middle school. My daughter Calle-Jo, my son Chase, they're students at FB Leon Guerrero right now. Uh they want to go to Sanchez. So, I feel your pain. You know, um we've been standing by you every year, not just in election year. And in 2018, uh Governor Lou, Lieutenant Governor Josh, they campaigned on rebuilding a new Sanchez. And here we are in 2026, and we still have people campaigning on building a new Simon Sanchez. And it's unfortunate. It'd be very easy, too easy for me to sit here and say, "Oh, I got you. Yeah, this bill is the solution", but it's not about doing what's easy. The hard thing is to stand here, sit here, and tell you the truth that if you read this bill, how many of you guys read the bill? Okay, so if you read the bill, you'll see it says nothing about constructing a new Simon Sanchez faster. Show me in the bill where does it say that? Because it doesn't say that. We already have \$16 million set aside for the construction of a new Sanchez. This bill says, let's take the \$19 million in Section 30 revenues that we have and let's add that to the \$16 million, which might make sense to some of the Sharks family, but what do we say to the people who can't pay their power bills? What do we say to the patients at GMH who are probably literally in a life or death scenario because the EHR system hasn't been procured. And you're right, Madame PTO president, there's so many competing needs. But when we already have set aside \$17 million towards the construction of a new Sanchez, then I don't understand why we would put another \$19 million on top of that and tell people that it's going to lead to Sanchez being built quicker because it absolutely isn't. We need to build Sanchez faster, not pay it off faster. And the biggest issue has not been the funding, Mr. Hayden. Thank you. It's not been the funding. It's been, let's be honest, it's been the politricks. It's been the politricks. That's why I got mad at the governor at JFK because they continue to manipulate and jive the Simon Sanchez Sharks family for political points. I held my nose, ma'am, when we talk about action. What have we

done here? I held my nose to pass the bill that the governor said was needed to construct the new Sanchez. And what did they do with that law? They tried to bend it so that they could do the “par-curement” and give this project to a company that they're politically aligned with. And that's a crime in my book because they're putting politics ahead of the needs of the Simon Sanchez community. And like I said, it'd be very easy to come to you in this election season and all of a sardines tell you that I'm going to stand by you and I got your back and and don't worry and this bill is the solution. But it's not. It's not the solution because it doesn't do anything to build Sanchez faster. We could put \$19 billion in a fund for Sanchez, lock it up, but the politricks is what we need to get rid of. And so whether that means getting a new governor, lieutenant governor who uh is going to support a clean procurement for this uh process, then then that's what it means. And we also need to see more accountability from the legislature uh for Guam Department of Education. Um, you know, Superintendent Wonpat continues to make bad decision after bad decision, and you guys are the ones paying the price for that, and we have little to no oversight from our legislative committee on education. I don't even think they're on island right now. Uh, so again, thank you, Mr. Chair, for the opportunity to speak honestly to the Sharks uh family. And I hope uh those of you who haven't read the bill, please, you know, we're senators up here. You have to read the bill because a lot of us like to say what the bill does, but if you read it, that's not the case. So, I'm here to tell you what the bill really does, not what people think it does. So, thank you very much. And again, our apologies to the Sharks family. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.*

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Senator Matanane, you're recognized.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I really do also hope that you read the bill. And if you haven't yet, I'll just break it down for you in the most simplest of terms. First, I never said that this is going to get the school built tomorrow. We all know it's going to take time. What my bill says is that we're going to take this 19.8 million that we didn't know we were going to get and lock it up, put it in a fund where nobody can touch it, where it's not going to go to there's a crisis over at GDOE because we decided to open schools. Uh, and guess what? It's not it's not ready. It's shut down. things like that. It's just

going to go to Simon Sanchez High School. It's also going to lower the amount from 166 million to \$146 million. It's going to reduce the amount, the \$16 million that we would be paying down to \$14 million. That's what my bill does. It doesn't say we're going to end double sessionS. No. No, we're not. But today, what I've heard, I've heard, "Don't stop protesting. Don't stop." No, I'd like you to stop because you shouldn't be protesting. You shouldn't be coming here year after year asking for help, asking to rebuild Simon Sanchez High School. I heard problem is procurement. Well, some of these senators have been in office for several years. So, I'm sure some of you have heard problem is procurement for several years. I think what you've seen is just a record of rhetoric from a lot of these senators and not a record of results. So, that's what my bill does. It proposes results. Finally, after years of hearing, "Yeah, we support you. We're fighting for you. We stand by you." This says we are. This is a priority. So, I hope that you don't judge you don't judge us by or some of my colleagues about what they said today because they're really good at spinning and making noise. You judge us by what we do next and hopefully this will be added to the session agenda as soon as possible and we can take action on it. Thank you.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Thank you Senator. So I will close. Uh, as Senator Gumataotao mentioned, um, during my time in the executive branch, particularly um, with the Camacho administration, we built four brand new schools. We refurbished Untalan and expanded it. We added a new wing to Ukudu High School. During the Calvo administration, we were ready to build Simon Sanchez. I Believe it was around \$90 million. and we actually were going out to do additional refurbishments on schools and it was going to be somewhere around \$130 million. That procurement was protested. The clock ran out on the administration and it was handed over. Then the *Ma Kāhat* act came into be because the reason why the discussion of why it should change in terms of the procurement and go away from GDOE because that's where it was. They messed it up. So it came back to the executive branch. We said okay let's try that. And now we had a procurement that many on this panel has said that turned out to be problematic and that's being kind in terms of some of the negotiations. However, I feel like during this term, there's been an echo in the legislature. Because when battling so many different competing interests of trying to get revenue for projects, I kept on saying, "We don't have a funding problem. We have an execution

problem." Time and time and time again we've been having success on an execution now at Guam Memorial Hospital. If you go up there you'll see so many projects. They made a representation to us that they have somewhere around 50 projects. I think 40 of them are done already. They finally took \$130 million and took a money issue that they had money and executed. I don't know where this will go, but I want to close with this. Yes, there was authorization for almost a decade now of revenue for Simon Sanchez, but it was only in this fiscal year 2026 that was a real appropriation, not an authorization, money in the bank as well as fiscal year 2027. And for all the talk about the boogeyman, there was additional things that could have caused an additional protest. When we were on the floor, nobody even attempted to remove those provisions. So what you had here today, which is a real good civics lesson, was basically a front row seat at a floor debate that will continue, I'm sure, in the coming weeks. I don't know what my position will end up being on this bill. Obviously, it's got a lot of merit, but as the chairman, I will tell you, any bill in which an author wants it to be reported out, it'll be done to include tomorrow where we will take the bill from the governor who called us into special session that we recessed to make sure all of the proposals can be heard for their merit, and we will have a public hearing on the governor's bill as well. And then we will go back into session for the governor's bill as well as any one of these bills for which the author wants a full committee report and makes a motion on the floor to hear the arguments and the merits of the bill. So that's the commitment you have from the chairman and that's the commitment and the once again front row seat uh that you may have if you want to come down or if you want to simply watch the deliberations on uh during session uh we'll be glad to give you an update uh when these bills uh will be debated. So with that I want to thank you for coming today. I'm sure you might want to pay attention tomorrow if you have time on what might take place with the governor's uh proposal that will be part of a public hearing. And that will conclude uh discussions and deliberations uh in the public hearing on bill 358-38 (COR).

HADEN GRUMO: *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* Mr. Chair and *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the 38th Guam Legislature for holding this public hearing.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRMAN: Thank you all for being here. We will continue to accept testimony on the bill and provide also

committee report soon. This committee is now adjourned at 4:43. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'.*
We are adjourned.

[COMMITTEE ADJOURNED]

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee *finds* that students, families, faculty, staff and stakeholders of Simon Sanchez High School (SSHS) have endured prolonged displacement, repeated school closures, asynchronous instruction, double-session schedules and continued uncertainty resulting from the absence of a permanent SSHS campus. Testimony presented before the Committee emphasized that some students have spent multiple consecutive years in double-session arrangements, while members of the graduating Class of 2027 may complete their entire high school education without ever attending the SSHS campus in Yigo.

The Committee *recognizes* that Bill No. 358-38 (COR) seeks to dedicate \$19,885,394 in Section 30 revenues to SSHS Modernization Fund for capital improvements associated with the new school and to protect such funding for its intended purpose. The Committee *further recognizes* the testimony of students, parents, educators and community members who urged tangible action after decades of delays and expressed that dedicated funding would demonstrate a continuing commitment to completing a permanent and stable campus for present and future generations of SSHS students.

Based on the discussion, the Committee on Finance and Government Operations recommends that

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Introduced by:

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*

Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the Government of Guam has identified an unanticipated Section 30 revenue surplus of approximately Nineteen Million Eight Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$19,885,394). This fiscal windfall presents a unique and critical opportunity to address the island's

1 most pressing infrastructure crises without further exacerbating the territorial debt
2 burden. According to recent revenue projections and audits of the General Fund, the
3 stabilization of Guam's economy has resulted in collections that significantly exceed
4 previous conservative estimates, providing the means to transition from a reliance
5 on high-interest debt financing toward a "Pay-As-You-Go" (PAYGO) model for
6 essential capital improvements.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the reconstruction of Simon Sanchez
8 High School (SSHS) remains the highest priority for the Guam Department of
9 Education. For over a decade, the students, faculty, and staff of SSHS have endured
10 a facility that has been subject to multiple emergency closures, health citations, and
11 structural failures. Reports from the Guam Department of Public Works and the
12 Department of Education indicate that the current state of the campus is not only a
13 hindrance to the learning environment but also a liability to the safety of the
14 community. Despite previous legislative attempts to secure financing through
15 various procurement models and bond authorizations, the project has been
16 repeatedly delayed by procurement protests and financing complexities. By
17 establishing a dedicated infrastructure fund for SSHS, the government can provide
18 the immediate cash flow necessary to break the cycle of delays and ensure the
19 construction of a facility with a useful life exceeding twenty (20) years.

20 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that utilizing surplus revenues for capital projects
21 is a fiscally responsible alternative to long-term borrowing. According to the
22 Government Accountability Office and various fiscal policy institutes, infrastructure
23 projects funded through cash appropriations rather than debt save taxpayers millions
24 of dollars in interest payments over the life of the asset. Furthermore, it is the finding
25 of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that any direct cash investment into projects that already
26 have existing debt authorizations should result in a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the
27 government's authority to borrow. This ensures that the government does not

1 maintain unnecessary debt ceilings that could negatively impact Guam's credit rating
2 or lead to future over-expenditure.

3 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to establish a distinct special fund:
4 the "Simon Sanchez High School Modernization Fund. This fund shall be restricted
5 to capital improvement projects with a minimum useful life of twenty (20) years,
6 ensuring that today's surplus is converted into lasting assets for future generations.
7 It is further the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to mandate that all prior debt
8 authorizations for this specific project be reduced proportionally by the amounts
9 appropriated herein, thereby practicing prudent fiscal management and reducing the
10 overall debt liability of the Territory of Guam.

11 **Section 2.** A new § 58D103 is hereby *added* to Chapter 58D, Title 5, Guam
12 Code Annotated, to as follows:

13 **§ 58D103. "Simon Sanchez High School Modernization Fund," (the**
14 **"SSHS Fund").**

15 (a) Creation and Purpose. There is hereby created, separate and
16 apart from other funds of the government of Guam, a special fund to be
17 known as the "Simon Sanchez High School Modernization Fund" (the
18 "SSHS Fund"). The SSHS Fund is established for the exclusive purpose
19 of financing capital improvement projects for the design, construction,
20 reconstruction, and furnishing of the new Simon Sanchez High School
21 authorized under this Chapter.

22 (b) Deposits. The following monies shall be deposited into the
23 SSHS Fund:

24 (1) all sums appropriated to the SSHS Fund from Section
25 30 federal funds received by the Government of Guam pursuant

1 to 48 U.S.C. § 1421h, including the appropriation made by this
2 Act;

3 (2) all interest, earnings, and other investment income
4 accruing to the SSHS Fund, which shall remain within the Fund
5 and shall not be transferred to the General Fund; and

6 (3) any additional appropriations, grants, gifts, donations,
7 or other monies made available to the Fund by law.

8 (c) Administration. The SSHS Fund shall not be commingled
9 with the General Fund and shall be kept in a separate bank account
10 within the Treasury of Guam. The SSHS Fund shall be administered by
11 the Guam Department of Education, which shall carry out the purposes
12 of this Section through the Department of Public Works serving as the
13 technical construction agent for the Guam Department of Education
14 pursuant to § 58D105 of this Chapter (formerly designated as §
15 58D104).

16 (d) Authorized Expenditures. Monies in the SSHS Fund shall be
17 expended solely for capital improvement projects related to the new
18 Simon Sanchez High School that have a useful life of twenty (20) years
19 or more. All expenditures from the SSHS Fund shall be made in full
20 compliance with Chapter 5 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated (the
21 Guam Procurement Law), and no exception, exemption, or waiver from
22 that Chapter is authorized by this Section. The twenty (20) year
23 minimum useful-life requirement shall be strictly applied; provided,
24 however, that this requirement shall not apply to design costs that have
25 not been incurred as of the effective date of this Act.

26 (e) Reporting. Within thirty (30) days after the close of each
27 fiscal quarter, the Guam Department of Education shall submit a report

1 on the status of the SSHS Fund to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan*
2 *Guåhan, I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, and the Office of Public
3 Accountability. Each report shall set forth, at a minimum, the beginning
4 and ending balance of the Fund for the quarter; all deposits and
5 expenditures during the quarter; the status of each capital improvement
6 project financed in whole or in part from the Fund; and any
7 encumbrances or planned obligations for the next quarter.

8 (f) Non-lapsing; Interest-Bearing; Protected from Transfer.
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, appropriations to and
10 balances within the SSHS Fund shall not lapse at the end of any fiscal
11 year and shall carry over from year to year until expended. The SSHS
12 Fund shall be interest-bearing, and all interest earned shall accrue to
13 and remain within the Fund. Monies within the SSHS Fund shall not be
14 subject to any general or special transfer, reprogramming, reallocation,
15 or sweep authority of *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, the Governor of Guam, or
16 of any other executive officer, including without limitation any such
17 authority conferred by the annual General Appropriations Act, by any
18 Executive Order, or by any other provision of law. No monies may be
19 transferred out of the SSHS Fund except for expenditures authorized by
20 subsection (d) of this Section or for reversion upon closure of the Fund
21 as provided in subsection (g).

22 (g) Sunset, Reversion, and Repeal. The SSHS Fund shall close
23 upon written certification by the Guam Department of Education,
24 transmitted to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and *I Maga'hågan*
25 *Guåhan*, that the capital improvement projects financed from the Fund
26 have been completed and that all obligations of the Fund have been
27 satisfied. Upon closure of the Fund, any unspent balance remaining in

1 the Fund shall revert to the General Fund of the government of Guam,
2 and this Section shall stand repealed effective as of the date of such
3 certification. The Compiler of Laws is directed to strike this Section
4 from the Guam Code Annotated upon receipt of the certification
5 described herein.

6 **Section 3.** §§ 58D103, 58D104, 58D105, 58D106, 58D107, 58D108, 58D109,
7 58D110, 58D111, and 58D112 of CHAPTER 58D, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE
8 ANNOTATED are hereby *amended* to read:

9 **§ 58D1034. Authorization to Enter Into Long-Term Leases.**

10 (a) The GDOE is authorized to lease the school property to the
11 Contractor for the purpose of facilitating the financing, construction,
12 FF&E services, and maintenance of the new Simon Sanchez High
13 School.

14 (b) The GDOE is also authorized to lease back from the
15 Contractor the new Simon Sanchez High School for a period mutually
16 agreed upon between the GDOE and the Contractor as may be
17 reasonably necessary to amortize over the leaseback period the costs
18 associated with the financing, construction, and FF&E services for the
19 new Simon Sanchez High School as provided in this Act. In no event
20 shall the end of such leaseback period be later than the date thirty (30)
21 years from the scheduled date of completion of the new Simon Sanchez
22 High School. The leaseback may be structured as an annually
23 renewable lease with a provision for automatic renewal to the extent
24 that pledged revenue under ~~§ 58D109~~ § 58D110 is available. The
25 leaseback shall not be construed as 'public indebtedness,' as that term is

1 defined in 48 USC § 1423a, §11 of the Organic Act of Guam, or Guam
2 law.

3 **§ 58D1045. Procurement.**

4 (a) Within ninety (90) days of the enactment of this Act, the
5 GDOE, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), shall issue a
6 solicitation in compliance with the Guam Procurement Law, for the
7 following services with regard to the new Simon Sanchez High School:
8 (1) financing; (2) construction; (3) FF&E services; and (4) insurance
9 and maintenance. The services provided shall utilize and incorporate
10 the school design.

11 (b) The determination of responsible offerors and responsive
12 offers shall be made by an evaluation committee comprised of the
13 Superintendent of the Department of Education, serving as the
14 Chairman, and including the Director of Public Works or Deputy
15 Director and the Building Permits Administrator; the Director of Land
16 Management or Guam Chief Planner; the Administrator of the Guam
17 Economic Development Authority or Deputy Administrator; and the
18 Principal of Simon Sanchez High School or his/her designee.

19 (c) The Committee shall evaluate offerors and the offers received
20 based on the requirements set forth in the solicitation.

21 (d) Upon completion of the committee's evaluation, the
22 Superintendent through the Department of Public Works shall issue the
23 award in accordance with the Guam Procurement Law.

24 **§ 58D1056. Responsibilities of Contractor.**

25 The Contractor shall be responsible for all costs, expenses, and
26 fees of any kind or nature, associated with civil improvements, on-site
27 and off-site infrastructure, construction, demolition of the existing

1 facility, permits, FF&E services, and financing associated with the
2 completion of the new Simon Sanchez High School, consistent with the
3 school design, as and to the extent provided in the solicitation. The
4 contractor shall also be responsible for maintenance of and insurance
5 for the new Simon Sanchez High School during the leaseback period,
6 but shall not be responsible for maintenance of the furniture and
7 equipment. The leaseback may provide that if sufficient funds are not
8 appropriated or otherwise available for the payment of amounts due
9 under the lease and any maintenance agreement, the GDOE will have
10 the obligation to vacate the new Simon Sanchez High School, and the
11 contractor shall have the right of use and occupancy of the new Simon
12 Sanchez High School for the remainder of the term of the lease, unless
13 the parties to the contract enter into new mutually satisfactory terms.
14 For this purpose, the lease may provide that its term shall be extended
15 for a period not to exceed the shorter of ten (10) years beyond the
16 original term of the leaseback or such period of time as is necessary to
17 repay in full any financing arranged pursuant to ~~§ 58D108~~ § 58D109.

18 Furniture and equipment maintenance costs shall be paid by the
19 GDOE on a periodic basis as incurred by the contractor on terms to be
20 agreed to in the contract.

21 **§ 58D1067. Contractual Safeguards.**

22 The contract for the new Simon Sanchez High School shall
23 provide for the construction of and FF&E services for the new Simon
24 Sanchez High School in accordance with the Guam Building Code
25 under Chapter 67 of Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, and any other
26 applicable requirements. The contract shall contain contractual

obligations typically found in government of Guam construction contracts, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) all major subcontracts shall be covered by a performance bond;

(b) the government of Guam and financing entities, or bondholders, shall be the named obligee under the bond;

(c) the government of Guam shall have the sole right to call on the bid bond;

(d) requirements to obtain performance and or payment bonds, indemnification, standard insurance specifications, technical building/construction specifications, construction progress schedule, applicable and or necessary maintenance schedules, and compliance with applicable rules, regulations, and Guam law; and

(e) there shall be a specific delivery date with liquidated damages for failure to deliver the new Simon Sanchez High School by the specified date, which may include warranties for liquidated damages.

§ 58D1078. Assignments.

To facilitate the purposes of this Act and to provide security for the holders of any financing instruments issued pursuant to this Act, the Contractor may assign, with the consent of GDOE, the contract, the lease, and the leaseback to any underwriter, trustee, or other party as appropriate, to facilitate the issuance of the tax-exempt obligations, other financial instruments or alternative financing for the new Simon Sanchez High School.

§ 58D1089. Financing.

1 To minimize the cost to the government of Guam, financing
2 utilized by the Contractor to fund the construction of and FF&E
3 services for the new Simon Sanchez High School shall be through tax-
4 exempt obligations, or other financial instruments; provided, that such
5 financing is available at an interest rate of no more than eight-and-a-
6 half percent (8.5%). The contractor may use an alternative method of
7 financing, including, but not limited to, a short-term debt, mortgage,
8 loan, federally guaranteed loan, or loan by an instrumentality of the
9 United States of America if such financing will better serve the needs
10 of the people of Guam, subject to approval by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.
11 The principal amount of financing authorized under this Section shall
12 not exceed ~~One Hundred Sixty-six Million Three Hundred Sixty-five~~
13 ~~Thousand Dollars (\$166,365,000)~~One Hundred Forty-six Million Four
14 Hundred Seventy-nine Thousand Six Hundred Six Dollars
15 (\$146,479,606).

16 **§ 58D10910. Leaseback Payments Under the Lease Payable from**
17 **Lawfully Available Monies.**

18 (a) Payments under the lease and the leaseback may be secured
19 by a pledge or other reservation of revenues payable from any lawfully
20 available monies of the government of Guam, and may be secured by a
21 pledge or other reservation of such monies on an annual basis.

22 (b) Any amounts pledged or reserved as provided in this Section
23 and subsequently appropriated for the purpose of making leaseback
24 payments may thereafter be pledged toward making leaseback
25 payments; provided, however, that any amounts reserved as provided
26 in this Section shall be subject to an annual appropriation by the Guam

1 Legislature for the purpose of funding the activities set forth in §
2 ~~58D104~~ § 58D105 of this Chapter, and making leaseback payments.

3 (c) Any such pledge or reservation authorized hereunder shall be
4 valid and binding from the time the pledge or reservation is made and
5 shall be limited to the sum of ~~Sixteen Million Three Hundred Seventy-~~
6 ~~seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$16,377,125)~~
7 Fourteen Million Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred
8 Eighty-eight Dollars (\$14,419,588) per year during the pre-
9 development, construction, and leaseback period. The revenues
10 pledged or reserved and thereafter received by the government of Guam
11 or by any trustee, depository or custodian shall be deposited in a
12 separate account and shall be immediately subject to such reservation
13 or the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery thereof or
14 further act, and such reservation or the lien of such pledge shall be valid
15 and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract
16 or otherwise against the government of Guam or such trustee,
17 depository or custodian, irrespective of whether the parties have notice
18 thereof. The instrument by which such a pledge or reservation is created
19 need not be recorded.

20 **§ ~~58D140~~11. Utilities and Routine Maintenance and Repair.**

21 The contractor shall be responsible for the connection of all
22 utilities, including without limitation, power, water, sewer, telephone
23 and cable, and all routine interior and exterior maintenance and repair,
24 and exterior groundskeeping and landscaping, and upkeep of the new
25 Simon Sanchez High School.

26 **§ ~~58D141~~12. Maintenance Fund.**

1 The contract and the leaseback shall provide that all maintenance
2 of the new Simon Sanchez High School not described in ~~§ 58D110~~
3 58D111 be performed by the Contractor as a separate cost, the terms of
4 which, and the manner for establishing the amount of payment, shall be
5 determined as a part of the contract; provided, however, that the
6 contract may, at the discretion of the GDOE, provide that maintenance
7 with respect to equipment (including collateral equipment), onsite
8 utilities, offsite utilities, access roads and other similar improvements
9 need not be performed by the Contractor.

10 **§ ~~58D12~~13. Severability.**

11 If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or
12 circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall
13 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given
14 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
15 provisions of this Act are severable.

16 **Section 4. Proportional Reduction of Prior Debt Authorizations.**

17 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any debt authorization enacted prior to
18 the enactment of this Act for the construction of a new Simon Sanchez High School
19 shall have its respective debt authorization ceiling reduced by an amount equal to
20 the sums appropriated by this Act into the Simon Sanchez High School
21 Modernization Fund.

22 This reduction shall take effect immediately upon enactment and shall
23 include, without limitation, the debt authorizations reduced in subsections 3 of this
24 Act.

25 **Section 5. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from Section 30
26 federal funds (48 U.S.C. § 1421h) received in calendar year 2026, or projected to be

1 received by the Government of Guam in Fiscal Year 2027, respectively, the sum of
2 Nineteen Million Eight Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-four
3 Dollars (\$19,885,394) into the Simon Sanchez High School Modernization Fund
4 created by § 58D103 of Chapter 58D, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, as added by
5 Section 2 of this Act.

6 **Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
7 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
8 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
9 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
10 severable.

11 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon enactment.



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

September 11, 2026

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

From: **Senator Christopher M. Dueñas** 
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 358-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

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



**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 358-38 (COR)**

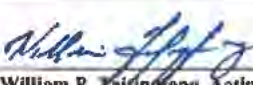
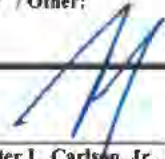
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Department/Agency Appropriation Information		
Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Department of Education (GDOE)	Dept./Agency Head: Judith T. Won Pat Ed.D., Superintendent	
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: P.L. 38-60: Operations (\$228,187,734); School Maintenance & Repairs (\$10,000,000); Chamoru Studies (\$513,824); Menstrual Hygiene Products (\$25,000); Textbooks from UOG Press (\$481,578); and Y Kuentan Salappe Prinsepai (\$1,200,000)		240,408,136
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		266,291,272

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Special Fund): 1/	Total:
FY 2025 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2026 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2026 Appro. (P.L. 38-60)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2026 (if applicable)	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$19,885,394	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$19,885,394	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions?
If Yes, see attachment 1/ / / Yes /X/ No
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation?
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ / / N/A /X/ Yes / / No
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Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? /X/ Yes / / No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason:
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date /X/ Yes / / No
/ / Other:

Analyst: 	Date: 9/10/24	Director: 	Date: SEP 11 2026
William P. Tandingan, Acting BMA Supv.		Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director	

Footnotes:

1/ See attached comments on Bill No. 358-38 (COR).

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 358-38 (COR)

The proposed Bill 358-38 (COR) is an act to amend Chapter 58D, the “*Ma Kāhat* Act of 2013”, of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated relative to the financing, construction and all related services for the new Simon Sanchez High School.

According to the Legislative Findings and Intent of Bill 358-38 (COR), the Government of Guam has identified an unanticipated Section 30 revenue surplus of approximately \$19,885,394 and this fiscal windfall presents a unique and critical opportunity to address the islands most pressing infrastructure crises without exacerbating the territorial debt. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the reconstruction of Simon Sanchez High School (SSHS) remains the highest priority for the Guam Department of Education (GDOE). It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to establish a distinct special fund, the “Simon Sanchez High School Modernization Fund”. This Fund shall be restricted to capital improvement projects with a minimum useful life of 20 years. It is further the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to mandate that all prior debt authorizations for this specific project be reduced proportionally by the amounts appropriated herein, thereby practicing prudent fiscal management and reducing the overall debt liability of the Territory of Guam.

Section 2 of Bill 358-38 (COR) creates the SSHS Modernization Fund and provides for its purpose, deposits, administration, authorized expenditures, and reporting. The Section also includes provisions making the SSHS Modernization Fund as a non-lapsing, interest bearing, and protected from transfer. The Section further includes a sunset, reversion and repeal provision.

Section 3 of Bill 358-38 (COR) amends and appropriately rennumbers the various Sections of Chapter 58D, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated. The Section §58D109. Financing, as renumbered, also amends the principal amount of financing authorized, from the current authorized amount of \$166,365,000 to \$146,479,606, a reduction of \$19,885,394 in the total principal amount of financing authorized.

Section 4 of Bill 358-38 (COR) provides for a proportional reduction of prior debt authorization. As such, any debt authorization enacted prior to the enactment of this Act for the construction of a new SSHS shall have its respective debt authorization ceiling reduced by an amount equal to the sums appropriated by this Act into the SSHS Modernization Fund. This reduction is to take effect immediately upon enactment and shall include, without limitation, the debt authorizations reduced in subsections 3 of this Act.

Section 5 of Bill 358-38 (COR) appropriates from Section 30 federal funds (48 U.S.C. § 1421h) received in calendar year 2026, or projected to be received by the Government of Guam in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$19,885,394 into the SSHS Modernization Fund created under Section 2 of this Act.

According to comments received from the GDOE, Bill 358-38 (COR) will currently not impact GDOE operations. As GDOE is not in charge in the procurement of the construction of Simon Sanchez High School, there is no immediate impact. However, the potential future impacts to

GDOE's budget should be considered. The reduction of principal would decrease future annual payments potentially allowing for higher annual budgets for GDOE.

The Bureau confirms that the Government of Guam will receive \$105,073,133 in Section 30 funds. This is an additional \$19,885,394 over Guam's official Fiscal Year 2027 Section 30 Cash Advance Request of \$85,187,739 which was also approved. The Office of Insular Affairs calculated adjustments to the 2027 estimate requested to reflect delayed certifications received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). These adjustments include fiscal year 2022-2024 actuals for Federal Agency Cover Over actuals, as well as 2018 Military Home of Record (filers) and 2018 Military Cover Over (non-filers) actuals. The adjustments resulted in a net increase of \$19,885,394 over the FY 2027 advance estimate provided.

However, the Bureau stresses that the amount of \$105,073,133 is still subject to reconciliation. Reconciliation is the federal government's process of comparing estimated Section 30 payments against actual tax collections and adjusting future payments accordingly. The payment is called an advance because it still requires reconciliation. The \$105,073,133 in Section 30 funds will go into the General Fund and aside from debt obligation tied to a Section 30 bond in the amount of \$17,767,875 [Limited Obligation (Section 30) Bonds, Series 2016A] for this year; the money is not earmarked for specific projects.

Additionally, the Bureau notes that there are currently three competing legislative measures seeking to utilize the additional Section 30 revenues: 1) Bill No. 356-38 (COR) appropriates \$16,800,000 for Guam Power Authority power credits; 2) Bill No. 357-38 (COR) appropriates \$20,000,000 to the Guam Department of Education for FY 2027 operations and restoring Guam's public schools; and 3) Bill No. 358-38 (COR) appropriates \$19,885,394 to the SSHS Modernization Fund. The total of these competing measures amounts to \$56,685,394, or \$36,800,000 more than the cited additional Section 30 fund revenues to be received for FY 2027.

As such, it appears there is sufficient additional Section 30 fund revenues to enact Bill 356-38 (COR) or Bill 358-38 (COR). The appropriation of \$20 million under Bill 357-38 (COR) is above the additional Section 30 fund revenues of \$19,885,394 expected to be received.



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

September 15, 2026

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

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

Subject: **Addendum to the Fiscal Note for Bill No. 356-38 (COR)**

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Bureau of Budget & Management Research
ADDENDUM to Fiscal Note of Bill Nos.: 356-38 (COR); 357-38 (COR); 358-38 (COR)

REFER TO THE PROPOSED BILLS FOR THE RESPECTIVE PREAMBLES.

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Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
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Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes / X / No
If Yes, see attachment 1/
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If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ / X / N/A
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Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes / X / No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / X / Yes / / No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: / X / Yes / / No
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst: William P. Furlong Date: 9/15/26 Director: Lester L. Carlson, Jr. Date: SEP 15 2026

Footnotes:

1/ The Bureau would like to provide clarification on the funding source for Bill Numbers 356-38 (COR), 357-38 (COR) and 358-38 (COR) relative to comments noted regarding the reconciliation of the \$105,073,133 in Section 30 funds. Be advised that only the initial FY 2027 Cash Advance Request of \$85,187,739 is subject to reconciliation. The additional \$19,885,394 in Section 30 funds received is the result of a reconciliation already completed by the Department of Interior and is not subject to additional reconciliation as may have been misinterpreted in the Bureau's comments on the proposed measures. See the letter from the U.S. Department of Interior attached for reference.



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

SEP 01 2026

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
Executive Chamber
P.O. Box 2950
Agana, Guam 96932

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero:

I received your letter requesting that the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) advance \$85,187,739 for estimated fiscal year 2027 Section 30 income tax collections. I am pleased to notify you that an advance payment of **\$105,073,133** will be transferred to Guam's designated bank account on September 15, 2026.

OIA calculated adjustments to the 2027 estimate provided by your office to reflect delayed certifications received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). These adjustments include fiscal year 2022-2024 actuals for Federal Agency Cover Over actuals, as well as 2018 Military Home of Record (filers) and 2018 Military Cover Over (non-filers) actuals. These adjustments result in a net increase of \$19,885,394 over the FY27 advance estimate provided.

	Adjustment
2022 Federal Agency Cover Over	- \$4,966,035
2023 Federal Agency Cover Over	+ \$8,995,242
2024 Federal Agency Cover Over	+ \$9,470,987
2018 Military Home of Record (filers)	+ \$3,029,155
2018 Military Cover Over (non-filers)	+ \$3,356,045
NET ADJUSTMENT	+ \$19,885,394

To date, IRS certifications for 2025 Federal Agency Cover Over, 2020 Military Home of Record (filers), 2020 Military Cover Over (non-filers), and 2019 Private Sector Source Income have yet to be received by OIA.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Julianna Rice at Julianna_Rice@ios.doi.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angel Demapan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Angel Demapan
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Insular, International, and Ocean Affairs

cc: The Honorable James C. Moylan, Delegate, U.S. House of Representatives



OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN

September 17, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Christopher M. Duenas
Chairman, Committee on Finance and Government Operations.

From: Stephen J. Guerrero
Director, Office of Finance and Budget

Re: Funding Availability Note: Bill No. 358-38 (COR)

Håfa Adai Chairman Duenas,

Pursuant to the Standing Rules of the 38th Guam Legislature, the Committee on Finance and Government Operations and/or the Office of Finance and Budget (OFB) shall determine in writing if the funding source cited in Appropriation or Authorization for Appropriations bills are sufficient.

The Office has received Bill No. 358-38 (COR), AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 58D103 TO CHAPTER 58D, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO AMEND §§ 58D103, 58D104, 58D105, 58D106, 58D107, 58D108, 58D109, 58D110, 58D111, AND 58D112 OF CHAPTER 58D, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED TO RENUMBER SAID SECTIONS AS §§ 58D104, 58D105, 58D106, 58D107, 58D108, 58D109, 58D110, 58D111, 58D112, AND 58D113, RESPECTIVELY, AND FURTHER TO AMEND § 58D108 TO REDUCE THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FINANCING AUTHORIZED THEREUNDER; AND TO APPROPRIATE NINETEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETYFOUR DOLLARS (\$19,885,394) FROM SECTION 30 FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2026, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING AND FUNDING THE SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION FUND AS A DEDICATED INFRASTRUCTURE FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITH A USEFUL LIFE OF TWENTY (20) YEARS OR MORE, AND TO PROPORTIONALLY REDUCE PRIOR DEBT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THESE PROJECTS.

The proposed bill establishes the Simon Sanchez High School (SSHS) Fund as a separate and dedicated fund within the Treasury of Guam and appropriates funds thereto for capital improvement projects related to the new Simon Sanchez High School. The SSHS Fund shall be administered by the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), with the Department of Public Works serving as the technical construction agent. Funds deposited into the SSHS Fund, including interest and investment earnings, shall remain within the Fund and may be expended solely for eligible capital improvement projects with a useful life of twenty (20) years or more. All expenditures shall comply with the Guam Procurement Law.

Based on the letter from the United States Department of the Interior addressed to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, received on September 1, 2026, an advance payment of One Hundred Five Million Seventy-Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$105,073,133) is



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scheduled to be transferred to Guam's designated bank account on September 15, 2026. This represents a net adjustment of Nineteen Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$19,885,394) from Guam's advance payment request for estimated Fiscal Year 2027 Section 30 income tax collections of Eighty-Five Million One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$85,187,739).

While additional Section 30 revenues are available, caution should be exercised in committing these funds, particularly as the SSHS Fund would restrict the appropriated resources to specific capital improvement projects. Sufficient resources should remain available for existing government operations, services, and unforeseen fiscal needs during FY 2027 and in the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Guerrero", is written over the printed name.

Stephen J. Guerrero



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Funding Availability Checklist on Bill No. 358-38 (COR)

- 1. Does the Bill contain appropriations or authorizations for appropriations from any fund sources?**

Check all that apply.

☒ YES

☐ NO

- 2. Does the Bill contain an authorization to expend government funds?**

Check all that apply.

☒ YES

☐ NO

- 3. Does the Bill contain Provisions that have POTENTIAL fiscal impacts on the government of Guam's budget?**

Check all that apply.

☒ YES

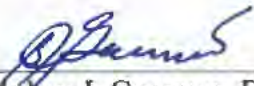
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