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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
1-38 (COR)	Telo T. Taitague	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 26603(d)(5)(B) OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 26, TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION LEVEL TO THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND.	1/13/25 8:00 a.m.	1/16/25	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request: 1/16/25 2/11/25	9/9/25 2:00 p.m.	9/19/25	



Office of Senator Christopher M. Dueñas
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

September 19, 2025

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. 1-38 (COR) As INTRODUCED

Buenas yan Håfa Ådai Speaker,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on **Bill No. 1-38 (COR)** - Telo T. Taitague - **AN ACT TO AMEND § 26603(d)(5)(B) OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 26, TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION LEVEL TO THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND.**

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>5</u>	TO DO PASS
<u>0</u>	TO NOT PASS
<u>2</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u>0</u>	TO ABSTAIN
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Senator Christopher M. Dueñas
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COMMITTEE REPORT

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September 18, 2025

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. 1-38 (COR)

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 1-38 (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. 1-38 (COR), As Introduced
- Fiscal Note/Fiscal Note Waiver

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

Respectfully,

Senator 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

January 16, 2025

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

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 1-38 (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. 1-38 (COR)** – Telo T. Taitague. – “AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 26603(d)(5)(B) OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 26, TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION LEVEL TO THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND.”

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 forwarded to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

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

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





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FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing on September 9, 2025

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

Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 8:17 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

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Fri, Sep 5, 2025 at 8:00 AM

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Hafa Adai,

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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
September 9, 2025 - Guam Congress Building

2:00PM:

- **Bill No. 1-38 (COR)** – Telo T. Taitague - An Act To Amend § 26603(D)(5)(B) Of Article 2, Chapter 26, Title 11 Guam Code Annotated, Relative To The Annual Appropriation Level To The Guam Cancer Trust Fund.
- **Bill No. 177-38 (LS)** – Frank F. Blas, Jr. - An Act To Add A New § 1041, Chapter 10, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated; Relative To Designating December 10 As “Insular Force Guard Memorial Day”.
- **Bill No. 128-38 (COR)** – Therese M. Terlaje - An Act To Amend §6205 Of Chapter 6, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated Relative To Requiring That Copies Of Petitions For Above-Step Recruitments Be Posted On The Guam Public Notice Website And Sent To The Speaker Of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

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Office of Senator Christopher M. Duenas
Chairman, Committee on Finance and Government Operations

Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Bill No. 1-38 (COR) - Telo T. Taitague - AN ACT TO AMEND § 26603(d)(5)(B) OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 26, TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION LEVEL TO THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND.

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Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

The Committee on Finance and Government Operations invites you to a public hearing on [Bill No. 1-38 \(COR\)](#). The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Guam Congress Building.

We value your input and encourage you to attend and share your testimony. If you plan to present written testimony, please bring fifteen (15) copies.

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Si Yu'os Ma'ase!

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Håfa adai Senator Duenas and Senator Taitague,

Please find attached testimony in support of Bill No. 1-38 (COR). I have a conflict on the day of the scheduled hearing. If my meeting ends early, I will make my way to the hearing. Otherwise, Ms. Remylynn Yamanaka will be there to represent the Guam Cancer Trust Fund.

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Si Yu'os Ma'åse' (Thank you),



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Hafa Adai Dr. Paulino,

We are in receipt of your email and testimony.

Thank you,

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GUAM COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL COALITION

September 9, 2025

Honorable Senator Chris Duenas
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Written Testimony on Bill No. 01-38

An Act To “AMEND § 26603(d)(5)(B) OF ARTICLE 2, Chapter 26, Title 11 GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION LEVEL
TO THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND.”

Hafa Adai Honorable Senator Chris Duenas and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding Bill 01-38. On behalf of the Guam Cancer Coalition, we submit this testimony in **strong and unwavering support** of **Bill 01-38**, which proposes that fifteen percent (15%)—or a minimum of **\$4 million**—from collected taxes and subsequent gains be allocated to the **Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF)**.

Cancer remains one of the most pressing public health challenges on our island. It is the second leading cause of deaths and every year, over 300 Guamanians face the devastating reality of a cancer diagnosis. Many of our people must navigate limited access to care, financial hardship, and emotional trauma—all while fighting for their lives. So many of us in Guam know someone among our family, our friends, our relatives, who have died from cancer, and still many more who have fought through and survived cancer. We have walked alongside them and continue to fight with and for them.

Bill 01-38 is more than a fiscal measure. It is a lifeline. By securing consistent and substantial funding for the GCTF, this legislation will provide the means to:

- Expand early detection and screening programs across the island;
- Strengthen treatment and support services for patients and families;
- Enhance education and outreach initiatives to promote prevention and awareness;
- Ensure equitable access to care, especially for underserved communities.



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The GCTF has already demonstrated its value. With limited resources, it has supported mobile screening, patient navigation, survivorship programs, health provider and community education, and stipends to assist with the financial burdens faced by cancer survivors and their families. Bill 01-38 allows the GCTF to scale these efforts, reach more families, and build a sustainable infrastructure for cancer prevention, screening, treatment, after-care, and support programs for cancer survivors.

This bill reflects the values of compassion, equity, and foresight. It is a strategic investment in the health and resilience of our people. We urge this Legislature to act with unity in passing Bill 01-38.

The Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition represents a diverse group of public and private stakeholders and individuals whose collaborative work identifies methods to reduce the burden of cancer and eliminate gaps in cancer services in Guam. The Coalition has existed since 2007. The Coalition, and the work it does, is led by a vision that “The people of Guam will be cancer free, embracing a healthy lifestyle and living in a healthy environment.” Our mission is to reduce cancer incidence and mortality and eliminate gaps in cancer services through collaborative efforts of public and private community stakeholders. In fulfillment of our vision and mission, we stand in support of Bill 01-38.

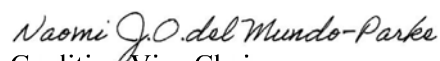
This Bill demonstrates a commitment to our people—especially those who are most vulnerable. We urge you to vote in favor of this bill and help build a future where cancer care is accessible, dignified, and effective for all Guamanians.

Si Yu’os Ma’åse for your continued leadership and for prioritizing the health of our island. We respectfully urge your full support of Bill 01-38.

Sincerely,

Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition


Coalition Chair
Lhyza Lin


Coalition Vice Chair
Naomi Del Mundo-Parke



Guam Cancer Trust Fund

TO: Senator Telo T. Taitague
Sponsor, Bill No. 1-38 (COR)

FROM: Dr. Yvette C. Paulino
Chairperson, Guam Cancer Trust Fund

DATE: September 7, 2025

Buenas yan Håfa Adai, Distinguished Senators of the 38th Guam Legislature! I hereby submit this testimony in support of Bill No. 1-38 (COR) “an Act to amend § 26603(d)(5)(B) of Article 2, Chapter 26, Title 11 Guam Code Annotated relative to the annual appropriation level to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund.” The University of Guam continues to strive to be good stewards of the trust fund.

In FY 2025, a total of \$3,500,000 was allocated to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund. Although the amount was insufficient to meet the requests of non-profit organizations that provide direct cancer services (see Table 1), the Council members and staff were grateful for the increase. It was the closest we received (14.9%) to the 15% permitted by Public Law 30-80.

Table 1. Non-profit organization funding requests and awards, FY 2025, Guam Cancer Trust Fund

Non-profit organization	Budget Bill (\$1,000,000) Funding Announcement		Supplemental Budget Bill (\$2,500,000) Funding Announcement	
	Requested	Awarded	Requested	Awarded
American Cancer Society	\$230,317.00	\$63,000.00		
Ayuda Foundation	\$773,402.00	\$407,741.00	\$688,670.00	\$300,000.00
Catholic Social Services	\$488,904.95		\$448,904.00	\$300,000.00
Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation	\$726,000.00	\$379,500.00	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00
Guam Cancer Care	\$1,184,600.66		\$1,279,661.33	\$600,000.00
Payless Community Foundation	\$166,449.78	\$100,000.00	\$66,671.36	\$66,671.36
Todu Guam Foundation	\$1,500,000.00		\$1,015,738.00	\$600,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,069,674.39	\$950,241.00	\$3,829,644.69	\$2,196,671.36

The 2025 funding in progress currently supports direct services (through non-profit organizations) such as off-island travel for treatment for patients plus one escort (Ayuda Foundation); lodging assistance to patients traveling for cancer treatment (American Cancer Society); respite care services (Catholic Social Services); financial assistance for treatment, nutritional supplements, doctor appointments, cancer medication, support services/counseling, at-home care, cosmetic items, and equipment (Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation); patient navigation services, supplies such as nutritional supplements, colostomy supplies and test supplies, and annual



Guam Cancer Trust Fund

screening program services (Guam Cancer Care); circle of cancer care and psycho-oncology support services for cancer patients and their caregivers (Payless Community Foundation); and cancer and cancer risk screening, referrals, and vaccination (Todu Guam Foundation).

Over the past few years, there has been a downward trend in the Healthy Futures Fund. Regardless of the decline in projected funds, cancer continues to be a leading cause of death in our community. According to the 2022 Guam Cancer and Health Disparities Report (https://pipche.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/GCHD-FINAL-DRAFT_OPT4.pdf), there were 1,587 new cancer cases and 806 cancer deaths over a 5-year period and the majority of the cancers was caught at late stages or could not be staged at diagnosis. It is imperative to maintain a minimum level of funding such as the \$4,000,000 in Bill No. 1-38 (COR). Awards channeled through the Guam Cancer Trust Fund not only provides treatment and related services to cancer patients but also helps to capture cancer at earlier stages through screening and early detection.

The 2022 Guam Cancer and Health Disparities Report also highlighted cancer risk factors, including alcohol consumption, tobacco use and vaping, physical inactivity, and overweight and obesity among adults and adolescents. In FY 2025, the Guam Cancer Trust Fund briefly paused funding allocation for education and outreach due to the limited availability of funds. With proposed Bill No. 1-38 (COR), we hope to reinstate funding for cancer education and outreach targeting our youth and young adults.

In closing, on behalf of the Guam Cancer Trust Fund and the University of Guam, we support Bill No. 1-38 (COR) which maintains a minimum funding of \$4,000,000 to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund. The funds will continue to help our non-profit organizations provide the services desperately needed by our cancer patients.

Sincerely,

Yvette C. Paulino, PhD, CPH
Chairperson, Guam Cancer Trust Fund



Committee on Finance and Government Operations
Chair Senator Christopher M. Dueñas
Public Hearing Date: September 9, 2025

ACS CAN SUPPORTS Bill No. 1-38 (COR) – AN ACT TO AMEND § 26603(d)(5)(B) OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 26, TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION LEVEL TO THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND.

Cynthia Au, Government Relations Director Hawaii Guam
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Chair Dueñas and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of Bill No. 1-38 (COR), which seeks to amend § 26603(d)(5)(B) of Article 2, Chapter 26, Title 11 of the Guam Code Annotated, to increase the annual appropriation to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF) to 15% or Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000), whichever is greater.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society. We advocate for public policies that reduce the burden of cancer through prevention, early detection, access to care, and research.

In 2025, it is estimated that one person per day in Guam will be diagnosed with cancer. The GCTF plays a critical role in supporting nonprofit and charitable organizations in delivering essential services related to cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, education, and outreach.

Despite the intent of Public Law 30-80, which mandates that 15% of the Healthy Futures Fund be appropriated annually to the GCTF, ACS CAN remains concerned that full funding has not consistently been met. We appreciate the legislature's action in 2024 to pass Bill 355-37, which was signed into law providing an additional funding of \$2.5 million to the GCTF.

While we support establishing a \$4 million floor for the GCTF, we respectfully raise concern on any impact of Healthy Futures Fund revenue currently designated for tobacco control efforts, which remain a critical component of cancer prevention.

Cancer affects not only patients and families but also employers and the broader community. Early detection and prevention are proven to reduce both the human and financial costs of cancer. Studies show that early-stage diagnosis can cost 20% to 33% less than late-stage treatment. Ensuring that nonprofits have the resources to provide free cancer screenings and prevention services is essential to reducing cancer incidence and mortality in Guam.

We respectfully urge the Committee to support Bill No. 1-38 (COR) and ensure that the Guam Cancer Trust Fund receives no less than 15% or \$4,000,000 annually, whichever is greater. This investment will save lives and strengthen Guam's public health infrastructure.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at Cynthia.Au@Cancer.org or 808.460.6109.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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**TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF BILL 1-38 – AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION
26603(d)(5)(B) of ARTICLE 2, Chapter 26, Title 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION LEVEL TO THE GUAM CANCER TRUST
FUND**

Hafa Adai Senator Chris Duenas and members of the 38th Guam Legislature,

My name is Terry Cuabo, Executive Director and co-founder of Guam Cancer Care, a Guam non-profit organization whose focus is to provide direct support services to Guam residents afflicted by cancer, in the form of providing patient navigation, financial assistance, transportation, screening and early detection.

Guam Cancer Care is celebrating 14 years this year, and I am pleased to say that since our inception, we have served over 4400 Guam residents afflicted by cancer, issued out \$2.1million in financial assistance grant payments, brought in over \$33.8 million dollars in outside resources and issued over \$600,000 in patient supplies, ranging from nutritional supplements (Ensure, Glucerna), colostomy supplies, adult diapers, wipes, wheel chairs and rollators.

I am submitted this official written testimony "IN FAVOR" of Bill 1-38, as it is intended to secure a minimum amount of funds to be given to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund on an annualized basis. Although Public Law 30-80, which created the Guam Cancer Trust and mandated that 15% of taxes collected under the Healthy Futures Fund be transferred to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund for programs supporting cancer screening, treatment, support services, education and outreach programs, funds allocated by various legislatures over the past 14 years "did not" appropriate funds in accordance with the aforementioned provision of the law.

It is our recommendation that the law be amended to "strengthen" the language in the law to enforce the transfer of the 15% of Healthy Futures Fund (HFF) to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF) without having to have these funds appropriated via the annual budget act process. Although we commend the author of the bill for putting a minimum budgetary amount of \$4million dollars to be appropriated to the GCTF, this might have a funding impact to other programs that are tied to the Healthy Futures Funds, and should revenues decline under the HFF this will have a negative impact to other health related programs that are dependent of HFF monies.



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Please also note, there has been a significant decrease in HFF tax collections of which we believe is tied directly to Guam smokers transition from tobacco use to vaping, of which studies have shown vaping can contribute the cancer. We suggest that the 38th Guam Legislature look into the possible taxing of vape products, similar to how tobacco products are taxed. This can contribute to offsetting the decrease in HFF collections due to smokers transitioning to vape use.

With the creation of the Guam Cancer Trust Fund in 2010, access to much-needed cancer care has dramatically improved over the past many years. The GCTF funds critical non-profit organizations (NPOs) to include but not limited to; Guam Cancer Care, Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation, American Cancer Society, Todu Guam Foundation and Ayuda Foundation, all of which provide unique and distinct direct support services and program benefiting the thousands of Guam residents afflicted by cancer. It is critical to ensure that the GCTF has a constant and dedicated funding source and that funds are made available annually to ensure program continuity these direct cancer support programs that benefit hundreds of our fellow Guam residents afflicted by cancer.

Again, Guam Cancer Care submits this written testimony IN FAVOR of Bill 1-38. The nature of these support services are critical to getting these patients to receive much-needed cancer care and receive support services as they navigate through the cancer continuum of care.

If you have any questions regarding my written testimony or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to email me at tcuabo@guamcancercare.org or call me at 486-2886.

Best regards,

TERRY CUABO
Executive Director

September 9, 2025

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Subject: Written Testimony in Support of Bill No. 1-38 (COR) – Senator Telo T. Taitague

Dear Senator Duenas,

Si Yu'os Ma'åse for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Bill No. 1-38 (COR). I do so not only on behalf of myself, but also on behalf of every cancer patient, survivor, caregiver, and family who continues to fight this battle every single day. My advocacy comes from a deeply personal place, rooted in my family's journey, and strengthened by the countless voices of our community who deserve better care, prevention, and hope.

Cancer is not a distant issue—it touches every family on Guam. Whether it is the patient enduring painful treatments, the caregiver sacrificing everything to provide comfort, or the families struggling to raise funds through car washes, plate sales, and GoFundMe pages—cancer is everywhere, every day, 52 weeks a year. My own family lived this reality when my mother was diagnosed with cancer years ago. We did everything humanly possible to raise money for her urgent treatment. That desperate fight for her life is where my advocacy was born.

Through that journey, I co-piloted a show called *My Story* during my time at Sorensen Media Group. Month after month, I interviewed cancer warriors who bravely shared their struggles. They showed me the courage it takes to fight not only the disease, but also the stigma, fear, and financial burden that come with hearing those three devastating words: “*You have cancer.*” From those stories, I saw clearly the enormous disparity that still exists in prevention, screening, and treatment here on Guam.

Over the years, I have been honored to serve alongside passionate leaders through the Comprehensive Cancer Coalition. From the days of Kavita Hemlani's chairmanship to the leadership of today's co-chairs Lhyza Lin and Naomi Del Mundo, the coalition has been a lifeline of advocacy. We stand on the shoulders of giants like Rosalie Zabala, whose memory and activism still

drive our work forward. But passion alone is not enough—we need consistent funding, resources, and legislative support to turn advocacy into action.

When I served in the 34th and 35th Legislatures, I fought every session to protect the Guam Cancer Trust Fund. I saw firsthand how, time and again, cancer was overlooked in favor of other priorities. But cancer does not wait. It did not pause for COVID. It does not stop for politics. In 2020, when others fought for their share of the Healthy Futures Fund, I fought to ensure that at least \$1.6 million went directly to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund. My message was simple then, and it remains true now: our cancer patients cannot wait.

That is why Bill No. 1-38 is so important. This bill restores what should never have been taken away—ensuring that cancer patients and their families receive the resources they deserve, as the law intended. Passing this measure is not about politics; it is about people. It is about the mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, and children whose lives depend on early detection, treatment, and support.

I think of Rosalie Zabala, Julie Duenas, Braiden Manley, Carol Cruz, and so many others whose lives were lost to cancer. Passing this bill will not bring them back, but it will bring peace of mind to families currently fighting, and it will save lives in the future through prevention and early detection.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Every month, cancer takes more of our loved ones. We cannot stop every loss, but we can act with urgency and compassion to reduce the burden for Guam's families.

I urge you to stand with our community. Stand with the patients, survivors, caregivers, and advocates. Stand for life, for hope, and for justice by passing Bill No. 1-38.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse,

Louise Borja
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September 8, 2025

Senator Christopher M. Duenas
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Re: Testimony on Bill No. 1-38

Hafa Adai, Senator Duenas:

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Agaña, Inc., DBA Catholic Social Service (CSS), submits this written testimony in support of Bill No. 1-38, and specifically relative to the annual appropriation level of 15%, or \$4M dollars, whichever is higher, to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund.

Diagnosis of cancer and the forms of treatments is often catastrophic for the patient and their families, including the effects of the disease, the physical impact of treatment, and the financial strain from duration of treatment, including going off-island. The Guam Cancer Trust Fund, established by Guam Public Law 30-80, creates a resource to support the patient and their family through their journey of testing and diagnosis, treatment, and supplemental care.

CSS is a current grantee of the Guam Cancer Trust Fund through our Enkatgáo Project which provides personal care and in-home services to patients undergoing treatment, receiving palliative care, or end of life supports. Respite services are also provided to unpaid caregivers to support their physical and mental health, thus assuring positive care is provided and ongoing. These services may not be covered by health insurance, and paying for outside care would add to their financial burden.

Since 2019, CSS has provided services to 275 unduplicated cancer patients and/or caregivers. Between FY2023-FY2024, the majority of patients assisted are Chamorro averaging 60% with Filipinos second averaging 24%. The majority of patients averaging 55% are between the ages of 60-80 years, and patients over age 80 account for 30% of CSS cases. The top 5 cancer diagnosis based on total patients served were 1) lung cancer, 2) prostate, 3) colorectal, 4) cervical, and 5) breast. There are at least fifteen (15) types of cancer diagnosis among the patients assisted by CSS.



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In the current FY2025 grant period, CSS is providing services to 40 unduplicated cancer patients and/or caregivers. Demographics of our cancer patients reflect 52% are Chamorro and 27% Filipino, and 57% of our clients are between the ages of 60-80. The top 5 cancer diagnosis based on total patients served are 1) breast cancer, 2) lung, 3) colorectal, 4) cervical, and 5) prostate.

In the proposed amendment of the Health Future Fund's allocation, CSS interprets that the first \$1M will be allocated to the Guam Memorial Hospital in 1/12 increments during a fiscal period. After this amount, the remaining funds allocation follows the current allocation percentage, with an amendment to allocate the Guam Cancer Trust Fund at its current 15% or \$4M, whichever is higher.

The proposed amendment strengthened by law would assure the continuity of funding of the Guam Cancer Trust Fund to meet the needs of cancer patients as well as avoid disruption of vital services. CSS remains committed to improving the quality of life, as well as quality of end of life, for individuals and families battling cancer.

Senseramente,

Diana B. Calvo
Executive Director



Office of Senator Christopher M. Dueñas
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Bill No. 1-38 (COR), As Introduced “AN ACT TO AMEND § 26603(d)(5)(B) OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 26, TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION LEVEL TO THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND”

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Senator Vincent A.V. Borja <i>Member</i>	E-Vote 9/18/25	X				
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URGENT REQUEST FOR EVOTE: BILL No. 1-38 (COR)

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Thu, Sep 18, 2025 at 3:41 PM

Håfa Ådai Committee Members!

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To do pass.



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Hafa Adai,

To do pass. Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

Respectfully,



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All the best,

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To report out only. Thank you.

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Committee on Finance and Government Operations

Senator Chirstopher M. Dueñas, Chairman

In accordance with Section 6.04(c)(1) of the Standing Rules of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, this committee digest provides a *summary* of the public hearing detailed below. To assist the general public in navigating this report, please note that all [blue-highlighted](#) text contains hyperlinks. Clicking on these links will direct you to the corresponding referenced sections/documents. For any questions or assistance regarding this digest, please contact our office at (671) 989-9554 or email us at senator.duenas@guamlegislature.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL #1-38 / SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

I. OVERVIEW

Bill #1-38 was introduced on 1/13/2025 by Senator Telo Taitague, Therese Terlaje, and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the **Committee on Finance and Government Operations** on **1/16/2025**.

The **Committee on Finance and Government Operations** convened a Public Hearing on Bill No. 16-38 (COR) on **09/09/2025** at **2 PM** in the Guam Congress Building's Public Hearing Room.

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Public Hearing Notices were posted to the Government Public Notices Portal and disseminated via electronic mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **9/2/2025** (5-Day Notice), and again on **9/5/2025** (48-Hour Notice).

SENATORS PRESENT:

Chair – Sen. Chris M. Duenas

Vice Chair – Sen. V. Anthony Ada

Speaker Frank F. Blas Jr.

Sen. Jesse A Lujan

Sen. Shawn Gumataotao

Sen. Telo Taitague

Sen. Sabina Perez

ORAL TESTIMONY:

Terry L. Cuabo – Executive Director, Guam Cancer Care

Former Senator Louise Borja – Cancer Advocate

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Terry L. Cuabo – Executive Director, Guam Cancer Care

Former Senator Louise Borja – Cancer Advocate

Lhyza Lin & Naomi Del Mundo-Parke Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition

Dr. Yvette C. Paulino, PhD. – Chairperson, Guam Cancer Trust Fund

Cynthia Au – Government Relations Director, American Cancer Society

Diana B. Calvo – Executive Director, Catholic Social Services

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing for **Bill Number 1-38 (COR)** was called to order at **2 P.m.**

Sen. Chris M. Duenas: *Buenas yan Håfa Adai.* Welcome to your Guam Legislature, the 38th Guam Legislature. Today’s public hearing is conducted by the Committee on Finance and Government Operations and is called to order at exactly 2:00 p.m.

The first notice of this public hearing was disseminated to all senators and media outlets on September 2, 2025, with the second notice sent out on September 5, 2025. Notices were also made available on the Guam Legislature’s website, the legislative calendar, and the Government of Guam’s public notice portal.

This afternoon, the committee will hear testimony on Bill No. 1-38 COR, introduced by Senator Telo Taitague. The bill is titled:

“An Act to Amend §26603(d)(5)(B) of Article 2, Chapter 26, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to the Annual Appropriation Level to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund.”

At this time, I would like to recognize my colleagues present: Vice Chair of the Committee, Vice Speaker Anthony Ada; Speaker Frank Blas Jr.; Senator Telo Taitague, author of the measure; Senator Sabina Perez; Senator Jesse Lujan; and Senator Shawn Gumataotao.

Before we begin, I remind all attendees of the general rules of conduct: individuals testifying must be recognized by the Chair before speaking and must state their full name for the record. Testimony and questions must remain relevant to the substance of the bill. Personal attacks will not be tolerated. Anyone failing to observe proper decorum may be removed from the hearing pursuant to the Standing Rules of the 38th Guam Legislature.

We will now proceed to hear testimony on Bill No. 1-38 COR. I recognize the author of the bill, Senator Telo Taitague.

Senator Telo Taitague: *Saina ma’åse’*, Mr. Chair, and good afternoon to my colleagues, and especially to those who are here today or listening in.

Every year on Guam, hundreds of families face a cancer diagnosis. Cancer does not discriminate — it can affect anyone, regardless of background, lifestyle, or village. I have known people who never smoked a day in their life, yet were diagnosed with lung cancer. A good friend of mine, a trainer and athlete, developed cancer despite living a healthy life.

Cancer touches every family, every village, every faith. While we cannot prevent every case, we can choose how we respond. That is why I introduced Bill No. 1-38 COR — to make the health of our island a top priority and to give our people a fighting chance to survive.

This bill amends Guam’s Healthy Futures Fund statute to guarantee that 15% of tobacco tax revenues — at least \$4 million annually — is appropriated to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund. Current law requires this, yet for six consecutive years the fund has been shortchanged by more than \$19 million. In Fiscal Year 2019, not a single penny was appropriated. How many lives could we have saved if the law had been followed?

The Guam Cancer Trust Fund is not funded by the General Fund, but through “sin taxes” on tobacco and alcohol. This is not about numbers — it is about real lives. The fund provides:

- Cancer screenings, to catch disease early when treatment is most effective;
- Treatment support, to help families afford care;
- Patient and family services, so no one fights cancer alone; and
- Education and outreach, to raise awareness and save lives.

While a recent budget amendment secured funding for one year, we cannot rely on stop-gap measures. Bill No. 1-38 guarantees stable and consistent funding. This is more than an appropriation; it is a promise to every patient, family, and survivor that they are not alone.

I humbly ask for my colleagues’ support.

Sen. Chris M. Duenas: *Calls on Panel to Testify.*

Former Senator Louise Borja: *Buenas yan hãfa adai*, Mr. Chair and members of the committee. I testify in strong support of Bill No. 1-38 COR.

My advocacy is deeply personal. My mother was diagnosed with cancer years ago. My family struggled to raise money for her treatment, as so many families do today — through car washes, food sales, and online fundraisers. That desperate fight for her life is what inspired my advocacy.

During my time at Sorensen Media Group, I co-hosted a program called *My Story*, where cancer patients bravely shared their struggles. From them, I saw firsthand the courage it takes to face not only the disease, but also the stigma, fear, and financial burden that comes with it.

As a member of the 34th and 35th Legislatures, I fought to protect the Guam Cancer Trust Fund. Too often, cancer was overlooked in the budget process. In 2020, I fought to ensure at least \$1.6 million went into the fund, but even that was far less than what the law required. Our cancer patients cannot wait.

Passing Bill No. 1-38 restores what should never have been taken away. It ensures cancer patients and their families receive the resources they deserve. This is not about politics — it is about people.

I think of advocates and patients we have lost: Rosalie Zabala, Julie Dueñas, Braden Manley, and Carol Cruz, among many others. Passing this bill will not bring them back, but it will save lives in the future.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Every month, families on Guam are affected by cancer. Let us act with urgency and compassion by passing Bill No. 1-38.

Mr. Terry Cuabo: Mr. Chair and Senators, thank you for the opportunity to testify. I strongly support Bill No. 1-38.

Guam Cancer Care has been operating since the inception of the Cancer Trust Fund. Over the past 14 years, we have assisted more than 4,400 residents battling cancer. We have issued over \$600,000 in patient supplies, provided \$2.1 million in financial assistance, and leveraged over \$33.8 million in outside resources for Guam's patients.

But too often, families cannot afford treatment. Drugs can cost as much as \$30,000 a month. Patients with private insurance face high deductibles, and some prescriptions are not covered under formularies. Our nonprofit works tirelessly to secure free drugs and resources, but stable funding is essential.

When the Guam Legislature created the Cancer Trust Fund 15 years ago, under the leadership of Speaker B.J. Cruz, Vice Speaker Anthony Ada, and others, it had the foresight to dedicate sin taxes to cancer care. Unfortunately, the fund has never received its full share. Last year, projected Healthy Futures Fund revenues were \$23 million, which should have meant \$3.5 million for the Trust Fund. Instead, only \$1 million was appropriated until a supplemental budget restored funding.

Cancer patients should not have to lobby every year for funding guaranteed under the law. Bill No. 1-38 strengthens the law and ensures funding is consistent. I also urge consideration of expanding taxation to vaping products, since many smokers are shifting to e-cigarettes, causing a decline in Healthy Futures Fund revenues.

On behalf of our patients and families, I thank you for considering this measure.

Committee Discussion & Senatorial Remarks

Following testimony, several Senators asked questions and offered remarks:

- **Vice Speaker Anthony Ada** thanked the testifiers for their advocacy, emphasizing that every family is affected by cancer and that the Legislature must ensure support is consistent.

- **Senator Jesse Lujan** shared that both his parents had battled cancer and expressed strong support for the measure.
- **Senator Sabina Perez** inquired about audits of the Cancer Trust Fund and ways to ensure funding is maximized for direct services and prevention.
- **Senator Shawn Gumataotao** raised questions regarding audit findings, non-taxpayer contributions, and the need for greater accountability in Trust Fund spending.
- **Senator Chris Barnett** expressed concern that patients should not be forced to protest or lobby for funds when the law already guarantees them, and urged action to strengthen revenue streams such as vaping taxation.
- **Speaker Frank Blas Jr.** raised questions about auditing the Healthy Futures Fund itself, noting that delays and uncertainty in appropriations undermine public trust.

Across the committee, Senators emphasized that Bill No. 1-38 is about saving lives and restoring trust by honoring the Legislature’s original intent for the Cancer Trust Fund.

Senator Telo Taitague: I want to thank everyone who testified and my colleagues for their thoughtful questions. Cancer has touched every family on Guam, including mine. This bill is about ensuring that no one is left behind, and that funding is consistent and reliable.

Bill No. 1-38 guarantees a minimum of \$4 million annually for the Guam Cancer Trust Fund, restoring the commitment we made to our people. I respectfully urge its passage.

Chairman Chris Dueñas: With that, we conclude testimony and discussion on Bill No. 1-38 COR. The committee will consider the testimony presented and address outstanding audit and fiscal matters during markup. The hearing on Bill No. 1-38 is hereby adjourned.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee finds that cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of death among the people of Guam and that nearly every family on island has been touched by this disease. The Committee further finds that the Guam Cancer Trust Fund has provided critical support for cancer screenings, treatment, patient assistance, education, and outreach since its inception. Testimony from former Senator Louise Borja, Mr. Terry Cuabo of Guam Cancer Care, and other advocates highlighted that the Fund has directly supported more than 4,400 residents and leveraged millions of dollars in outside resources for Guam’s patients.

The Committee finds that, while current law requires at least 15% of Healthy Futures Fund revenues to be appropriated to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund, for six consecutive years the Fund has been underfunded by more than \$19 million. In Fiscal Year 2019, no appropriation was made at all. This underfunding undermines the intent of the Legislature when the Fund was created and denies cancer patients and their families the full measure of support promised by law.

The Committee also finds that while recent budget amendments have provided one-time funding, this approach creates instability and forces cancer patients and advocates to return annually to

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[Public Hearing - Senator Christopher M. Duenas - September 9, 2025 2 PM](#)

lobby for resources that should already be guaranteed. Stable and predictable funding is critical to ensuring cancer patients and families have access to timely care and support.

The Committee concludes that Bill No. 1-38 COR provides a necessary correction to ensure that the Guam Cancer Trust Fund receives no less than \$4 million annually, consistent with the Legislature's original intent. The measure will strengthen accountability by reaffirming statutory requirements, while also sending a clear message that the health of our people is a priority.

The Committee further concludes that long-term sustainability of the Healthy Futures Fund should be reviewed, including consideration of extending taxation to vaping products, as suggested during testimony, to address revenue declines caused by shifting consumer behavior.

The Committee therefore reports Bill No. 1-38 COR, *“An Act to Amend §26603(d)(5)(B) of Article 2, Chapter 26, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to the Annual Appropriation Level to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund,”* with the recommendation to **do pass.**

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 1-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Telo T. Taitague 

**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 26603(d)(5)(B) OF ARTICLE 2,
Chapter 26, Title 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION
LEVEL TO THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. §26603(d)(5)(B) Article 2, Chapter 26, Title 11 Guam Code
Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

“(d) Creation of the Healthy Futures Fund. There is hereby created
the Healthy Futures Fund (Fund) which shall be maintained separate and apart
from other funds of the government of Guam and shall be kept in a separate
bank account and shall not be subject to any transfer authority of *I Maga’lahen*
Guåhan.

(1) The sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of the taxes
collected pursuant to this Section shall be allocated and is appropriated,
and shall continue to be deemed appropriated annually to the Guam
Memorial Hospital Authority for the sole and specific purpose of
funding for the line of credit pursuant to 10 GCA §80109(s).

(2) The annual allocation of One Million Dollars
(\$1,000,000), as appropriated pursuant to this Subsection (d), shall

1 continue and shall remain in full force and effect until specifically
2 revoked or amended pursuant to law.

3 (3) As taxes are received and deposited into the Fund, at least
4 one-twelfth (1/12) of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) shall
5 subsequently be transferred monthly to the Guam Memorial Hospital
6 Authority, the total amount not to exceed One Million Dollars
7 (\$1,000,000) per fiscal year.

8 (4) The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority shall establish a
9 bank account separate and apart from all other bank accounts of GMHA
10 and the government of Guam, and shall deposit all funds allocated and
11 appropriated pursuant to this Subsection into the account, and from
12 which such funds shall only be drawn upon for the sole and specific
13 purpose of funding for the line of credit pursuant to § 80104 (t), Chapter
14 80 Division 4, 10 Guam Code Annotated.

15 (5) All other proceeds from taxes collected under this Section
16 shall be deposited into the Fund and shall not be commingled with the
17 General Fund. The balance of the Fund is subject to the following:

18 (A) Seventy-two percent (72%) of the taxes collected
19 shall be subject to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s appropriation for the
20 following purposes:

21 (i) health, education, public safety and social
22 programs providing awareness on tobacco and alcohol and
23 substance abuse prevention, cessation, treatment and
24 control; programs and activities for improving overall
25 health and well-being; and, programs that enforce alcohol
26 regulations;

1 (ii) public safety and social programs that
2 enforce alcohol and substance abuse regulations, reduce
3 underage drinking, support traffic safety, reduce drug-
4 related violence and abuse;

5 (iii) community-based drug and substance abuse
6 prevention programs;

7 (iv) matters pertinent to the items, supra, as
8 deemed appropriate *by I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, with
9 preference given to programs directed towards youth, low-
10 income or at-risk persons and families; drug, alcohol,
11 tobacco substance prevention, cessation, and treatment;
12 preventative health care, and chronic disease management;
13 and the construction and maintenance of facilities to
14 provide a venue to promote a healthy lifestyle;

15 (v) to the Department of Public Health and
16 Social Services for health promotion and disease
17 prevention programs that attempt to reduce resources
18 spent on treating preventable illness and functional
19 impairment, enhance the quality of life, and/or reduce
20 disparities in the health status of populations; and

21 (vi) to the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness
22 Center for tobacco prevention and cessation programs that
23 attempt to reduce tobacco consumption;

24 (vii) to support educational training, cultural
25 enhancement and sports opportunities, and identify drug-
26 free adult and youth leaders who will mentor other

1 adolescents to live alcohol, tobacco, and drug-free
2 lifestyles.

3 (B) Fifteen percent (15%), or the sum of Four Million
4 Dollars (\$4,000,000), whichever is higher, of the taxes collected
5 and any subsequent gains shall be transferred into the Guam
6 Cancer Trust Fund for programs supporting cancer screening,
7 treatment, support services, cancer education, and outreach
8 programs;

9 (C) Twelve percent (12%) of the taxes collected to
10 Guam Memorial Hospital Authority for operating expenses; and

11 (D) One percent (1%) of the taxes collected shall be
12 used to maintain the Guam Cancer Registry.”



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson

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38th Guam Legislature

February 11, 2025

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
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Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 1-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 1-38 (COR).

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



Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 1-38 (COR)

AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 26603(d)(5)(B) OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 26, TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION LEVEL TO THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT)	Dept./Agency Head: Lizama, Marie P., Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$14,837,221
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Banking and Insurance Enforcement Fund (\$386,733); Better Public Service Fund (\$1,377,900); Tax Collection Enhancement Fund (\$1,133,635)	\$2,898,268
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$17,735,489

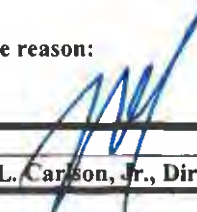
Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	Special Fund:	Total:
FY 2024 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Appro. (P.L. 37-125)	\$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 2025 (if applicable)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Analyst:  Raymond Rieta, BMA IV	Date: 2/10/25	Director:  Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director	Date: FEB 11 2025
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Notes:

1/ See Additional Comments.

Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Comments on Bill No. 1-38 (COR)

Bill No. 1-38 is an act to amend § 26603(d)(5)(B) of Article 2, Chapter 26, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated (GCA) relative to the annual appropriation level to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund.

The fund source for the Guam Cancer Trust Fund is the taxes collected under the Healthy Futures Fund (HFF). The current law appropriates \$1M of the taxes collected under the HFF to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) for the sole and specific purpose of funding for the line of credit pursuant to 10 GCA §80109(s). Additionally, the same law appropriates all other proceeds from taxes collected under the HFF accordingly:

- 72% - Subject to *I Liheslaturan Guahan*'s appropriation for specific health and medical programs as mandated by law.
- 15% - Guam Cancer Trust Fund
- 12% - GMHA Operating Expenses
- 1% - Guam Cancer Registry

The Bill proposes to amend the appropriation level to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund from "15%" to "15%, or the sum of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000), whichever is higher". Using the average collections from the HFF for the past five (5) fiscal years, the information below estimates the potential appropriation levels for the HFF.

Healthy Futures Fund Collections per Fiscal Year (Dollars)					
FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Average
\$39,941,027	\$39,742,027	\$36,336,400	\$27,737,593	\$20,703,098	\$32,892,029
\$32,892,029					
-\$1,000,000	GMHA Line of Credit - §26603(d)(1)				
\$31,892,029					
\$22,962,261	(72%) Legislative Appropriation - §26603(d)(5)(A)				
\$4,783,804	(15%) Guam Cancer Trust Fund - §26603(d)(5)(B)				
\$3,827,043	(12%) GMHA Operating Expenses - §26603(d)(5)(C)				
\$318,920	(1%) Guam Cancer Registry - §26603(d)(5)(D)				

Based on the estimated HFF collections, the above table shows that the 15% appropriated to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund is approximately \$4.7M, exceeding the \$4M proposed in the Bill. However, the table does not reflect any other appropriations from the HFF which could affect overall collections. Furthermore, absent comment from the Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT) specific to the HFF collections, the Bureau is unable to ascertain the fiscal impact of Bill No. 1-38.