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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
13-38 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO DIVISION 4 TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC HOSPITAL.	1/13/25 9:23 a.m.	1/21/25	Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	Request 1/21/25 2/17/25	2/19/25 2:00 p.m.	5/13/25 As Amended.	



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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 38th Guam Legislature
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

May 8, 2025

Honorable Frank Blas Jr., Speaker
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
163 W. Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guåhan 96910

VIA: **The Honorable V. Anthony Ada, Vice Speaker** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: **Committee Report on the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 13-38 (COR)**, As Amended by the Committee.

Håfa Adai Speaker Blas,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 13-38 (COR), As Amended by the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs – AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO DIVISION 4 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC HOSPITAL.

Committee votes are as follows:

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Sincerely,



Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane
Chairwoman, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Public Hearing

[Bill No. 13-38 \(COR\)](#)

As Amended by the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO DIVISION 4 TITLE 10
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May 6, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

From: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane *Smat*
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on the Public Hearing relative to [Bill No. 13-38 \(COR\)](#), As Amended by the Committee.

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The report contains the following:

- COR Referral Memorandum
- Notice of Hearing
- Hearing Agenda
- Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Testimonies and Supporting Documents
- Committee Report Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 13-38 (COR)
- Bill No.13-38 (COR), As Amended
- Bill No.13-38 (COR), As Amended Markup
- Fiscal Note

Please take appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane.



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

January 21, 2025

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

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 13-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai,

As per my authority as Acting 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. 13-38 (COR)** – Therese M. Terlaje. – “AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO DIVISION 4 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR GUAM’S PUBLIC HOSPITAL.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs chaired by Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane. 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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February 12, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane *Smat*
Chairwoman, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

Subject: First Notice of Public Hearing – Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

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Office Senator Bri <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

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Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

Wed, Feb 12, 2025 at 12:36 PM

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Wed, Feb 12, 2025 at 1:03 PM

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Edward S. Pocaigue, Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms

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PUBLIC HEARING



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 **Posted by:** Genese Morrison

 **Public Hearing Date:** 02/19/2025 02:00 PM

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SENATOR: CASIMIRO SANCHEZ MATEO.

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Feb. 12, 2025

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February 17, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane *Smart*
Chairwoman, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

Subject: Second Notice of Public Hearing – Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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Office Senator Bri <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

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February 12, 2025

Subject: Invitation to Public Hearing on Bill No. 13-38 (COR)

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Thank you,

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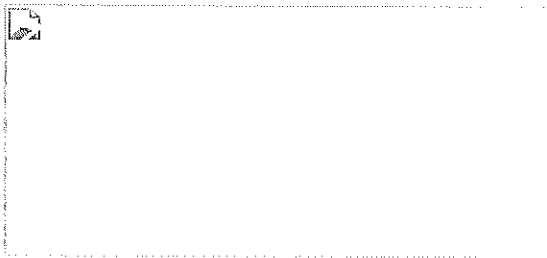
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Mae Ader	self				✓		✓	✓	
Peter Alexis Ader	Guam Oro		✓				✓		
Lillian Perez-Bonifas	GMHA		✓			✓			✓
Frances M Adams	Guam Oro				✗		✗	✗	
Rodilyn GERARDO	GMHA				✓	✓			✓
Zaldy Tugade	GMHA				✓	✓			✓
N. CANALDO	GECA				✓	✓			
Chal Palomo	DPHSS				✓		✓	✓	
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Julian Janssen	DPHSS-DPW				✓		✓		
RAYMOND SALAS	Detention/PC					✓	✓		
Theresa Arriola	DPHSS		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Mel Melendres	GMHA			✓		✓			
Dingo Mandiola	GEDA				✓				
YUKA HECARAOVA	GMHA				✓				
EDGAR REILLY	CHATHBOT				✓	✓			
Mitch Grossing					✓				
VAMSI GROSSING					✓				

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Chairwoman of the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

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**RE: Testimony in Response to the Public Hearing on Bill No. 13-38
authored by Senator Therese Terlaje**

**“An Act to add a New Chapter 98 to Division 4 Title 10 Guam
Annotated Relative to Establishing a Public-Private
Partnership for Guam’s Public
Hospital”**

Buenas Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Chairwoman of the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs; Senator Tony Ada, Vice Chairman of the Committee on Health & Veterans Affairs; Speaker Frank Blas and all Senators present at this public hearing.

As the GMHA Hospital Administrator, submitted herewith is our perspective and testimony in response to Senator Terlaje’s proposed legislation wherein, Bill No. 13-38, states on page 4, that “...it is the intent of I Liheslaturan Guahan “...***to solicit assistance for the management of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority by mandating that an RFP be developed and published by the GMHA P3 Committee for the purposes of creating a Public-Private Partnership for the Guam Memorial Hospital***”

We are not against a “Public-Private Partnership” model however, we do not support the proposal and process proffered in this bill as it is written.

Firstly, per the Organic Act of Guam, Sec. 29. [48 U.S.C. 1421g] (a) “...the Governor shall establish, maintain and operate public-health services in Guam, including hospitals, dispensaries, and quarantine stations...” This bill as it is written states that it is the intent of I Liheslaturan Guahan “...**to solicit assistance for the management of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority...**” contradicts and is not in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam that inaugurates the authority and power of the Governor.

Secondly, the basic, fundamental and inherent challenge of Guam’s public hospital is its financial inadequacy and underfunding. It is a government/public hospital with the mandate to provide healthcare services and medical treatment to all individuals regardless of the individual’s ability to pay. The Legislative branch has the authority and duty to appropriate the adequate funds for the hospital. Procuring a private partnership corporation will undoubtedly cost more money and funding that is not appropriated or identified in this bill. In order for an RFP to be published, funding must be appropriated to certify the RFP. If no funding is appropriated, GMHA cannot and does not have the financial means to certify the proposed procurement.

Thirdly, engaging a private entity for the purpose of improving the operational efficiency and healthcare provisions of the hospital means that the private company is most likely a “private for-profit” company and will expect to:

1. Strive for better and increase its return of investment potential
2. Make reasonable profit
3. Establish more opportunities to expand its business interests

GMHA has historically been in a deficit footing since the local government took over from the U.S. government the role and responsibility of providing hospital services to the people of Guam.

Prior to 1956, free healthcare and hospital services were provided. After 1956, the original Guam Memorial Hospital was constructed at the Satpon Point and therefore, **free** healthcare and hospital services continued. In the 1970s, because of this **free** healthcare & hospital services, the hospital’s deficit was \$9M. In 2015, the deficit increased to \$15M, and in 2019, the deficit grew to \$30M. The bill’s

findings and intent also acknowledges the underfunding of the hospital on page 2, lines 12-16:

“The Guam Memorial Hospital also submitted their 2025 Fiscal Year Budget request to I Lihesturan Guahan, requesting \$75.3 million for FY25 but received only \$37.7 million. GMH officials testified in an oversight hearing on October 7, 2024, that without an additional \$20 million, the hospital’s operations are at risk.”

Recently, in a preliminary meeting with our CMS Medicare Cost Report consultant, a review of our FY 2024 cost of services solely for the Medicare beneficiaries was \$31M however, our eligible Medicare reimbursement is only about \$14-16M. This is an enormous gap that compounds our financial viability.

It is also important to note, the last paragraph on page 2, line 23 statement regarding “...Medicaid rebasing,”, that statement is incorrect. There is no Medicaid rebasing, only Medicare.

If I may also point out on page 7, lines 6-8 states, “The Committee on Health shall conduct at least two (2) public hearings on the RFP and transmit appropriate recommendations on the RFP to the P3 Committee for consideration.” This statement would violate the Guam procurement regulations and statutes.

Lastly, we need to invest more in our own staff, our up-and-coming young people. We need to empower them and include them so that they stay on island and be more engaged/involved in these types of solutions and strategic discussions. We need to make our young people feel that they are valued and that they can be the future leaders, managers and professionals for our island. There’s been too much of a brain/talent drain. When we empower the staff to take ownership and provide them the tools to be fully engaged in the leadership and management of the hospital’s operations they will step up to the challenges thereby, attaining a higher level of accountability and long-lasting allegiance to GMHA. We have very intelligent and talented employees. As leaders, it is inherent in our roles to coach, develop, empower, mentor and motivate staff to be the future leaders with the mindset of being accountable, responsive NOT reactive. It’s really exciting and encouraging to see our young individuals being more engaged, interested,

involved and inquisitive in becoming leaders not just in healthcare but in the other industries.

I thank you for considering my comments on Bill No. 13-38 explaining our views and position in opposing this legislation.

Senseramente,

Lillian Perez-Posadas, RN, MN

February 19, 2025

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Hafa Adai Senator Salas Matanane and Committee Members,

I respectfully submit testimony *in favor of* Bill No. 13-38 (COR), AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO DIVISION 4 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC HEALTH HOSPITAL.

I have worked as a nurse at Guam Memorial Hospital since 2020. As we all know, GMH faces many, many problems. But the MAIN problem that has ALWAYS obstructed GMH from progressing and advancing in the right direction is the political stranglehold that determines its leadership. Leadership ultimately affects every aspect and inner workings of the hospital. The current problems GMH is facing are not solely isolated to and resulting from this administration. It is clear that this administration has not been effective with the management of GMH and I am utterly disappointed by the leadership I have worked under in the past several years. However, the reason GMH is as bad as it is, is due to DECADES of mismanagement and outdated systems that no longer apply to the current state of healthcare.

Healthcare has changed dramatically just in the past 5 years since COVID-19 and coupled with inflation, medical advancements and changing standards of healthcare, we are seeing decades of poor management boil to a head. I support this bill because I believe it is a start for systemic change for GMH. The systems that GMH was founded on do not serve the best interest of this island, systems like politically appointed directors of our island's health agencies who lack the qualifications, credentials, and leadership skills needed to run a healthcare agency. As I have publicly stated before, we need administrators who are hired based on their qualifications and who are credentialed to run healthcare organizations. Administrators who are competent, have experience in the field, and who are qualified to do the job. We cannot continue the appointee system and maintain the "I hope they will do well" attitude, when the agency handles the health and well being of our island. We need proactive leaders who are in touch with our most pressing healthcare needs and leaders who have the knowledge and innovation to guide us out of the great hole we are in.

A public private partnership is beneficial in many ways, such as better management practices, streamlined operations, and innovative solutions. A well-designed public-private partnership can help reduce operational costs by bringing in private expertise in

areas like procurement, management, and logistics, which can help with long-term cost savings.

We all live on this one island and we all either benefit or suffer from the choices of our leadership, regardless of the branch of government. I support this bill as I believe it is a step in the right direction for systemic change for GMH. As I have previously stated publicly, GMH *must* be de-politicized. Anyone who is against this idea is against the health and well-being of our people, and they are against improving our island.

I am optimistic that new, qualified leadership brought in under a public-private partnership will foster the professionalism and maturity required for hospital management and staff to work together and with other branches of our local government to bring about the progress and change in our healthcare system that Guam so desperately needs. For that reason and the others mentioned above, I fully support the public-private partnership concept outlined in Bill 13-38 for Guam Memorial Hospital and any future public hospitals on our island.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase,



Isabel Flores, BSN, RN, CCRN





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RE: Testimony in Support of Bill No. 13-38 (COR) Relative to Establishing a Public-Private Partnership for Guam's Public Health Hospital - Guam Memorial Hospital

Håfa Adai Chairwoman & Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to advocate for a transformative approach to healthcare on our island — specifically, the establishment of a public-private partnership for Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH). For far too long, our public hospital has operated as a standalone entity, attempting to navigate the complexities of the healthcare landscape with limited resources and an ever-changing set of challenges. Despite the dedication and hard work of our healthcare professionals, it has become increasingly clear that we cannot continue down this path if we wish to provide the people of Guam with the level of care they deserve.

The healthcare industry is intricate and dynamic, requiring expertise, innovation, and efficient management to thrive. A public-private partnership (PPP) presents an opportunity for GMH to benefit from the strengths of both sectors. By collaborating with private entities, we can leverage their resources, knowledge, and experience to enhance the quality of care, improve operational efficiency, and expand services to meet the diverse needs of our population.

One of the primary advantages of a PPP is access to a broader network of healthcare professionals. Private partners bring with them a wealth of expertise and specialized knowledge that can be instrumental in addressing the unique health challenges faced by our community. This collaboration can lead to better training for our staff, the introduction of advanced medical technologies, and the implementation of best practices that have been successful elsewhere. Ultimately, this means improved patient outcomes and a healthier population.



Sen. Sabrina Salas Matanane and Members of the Committee

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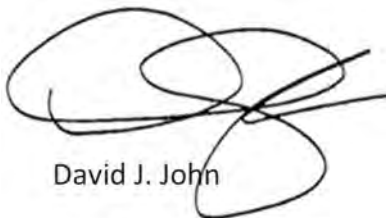
Moreover, a PPP can provide the financial stability and investment necessary to modernize GMH's facilities and services. Whether structured as a for-profit or not-for-profit initiative, the infusion of capital that comes with a partnership can enable us to upgrade our infrastructure, expand our service offerings, and implement innovative healthcare solutions. This is particularly crucial in an era where healthcare costs continue to escalate, and many families struggle to access the care they need.

The urgency of this initiative cannot be overstated. Our community deserves timely access to quality healthcare, and the current model is insufficient to meet this demand. We must act swiftly to explore and implement a partnership that will empower GMH to thrive rather than merely survive. Delaying this decision only prolongs the challenges we face and jeopardizes the health of our residents.

In closing, I urge all stakeholders to come together to support the establishment of a public-private partnership for Guam Memorial Hospital. This is not just about improving a facility; it is about ensuring that every individual on our island has access to the healthcare they need and deserve. Let us harness the strengths of both the public and private sectors to create a sustainable model of care that will benefit our community for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention and for your commitment to the health of our people. Let us move forward with this initiative in a timely manner, ensuring that Guam Memorial Hospital can fulfill its mission of healing and hope. Please feel free to contact me at (671) 477-2724 with any questions.

Sincerely,



David J. John



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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW:

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs conducted a Public Hearing on Wednesday February 19, 2025, scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M., in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

Among the other items, on the agenda for discussion was:

- I. **Bill No. 13-38 (COR)**, Introduced by Therese M. Terlaje – AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO DIVISION 4 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC HOSPITAL.
- a. Introduced on January 13, 2025
 - b. Referred to the Committee on January 21, 2025

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with Open Government Law, public notice for the Public Hearing was disseminated via email to all senators and main media broadcasting outlets on February 12, 2025, and February 17, 2025. The public notice was also posted on the Guam Legislature website and the Public Notice Portal.

Senators Present

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Vice Chairperson on Health
Senator Vincent Anthony V. Borja, Vice Chairperson on Veterans Affairs
Senator Shelly Calvo, Committee Member
Senator Shawn Gumataotao, Committee Member
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator William A. Parkingson
Senator Therese M. Terlaje
Senator Chris Barnett

Written Testimony Submitted By:

David J. John, Managing Director, ASC Trust Corporation and Chairman, Guam Economic Development Board of Directors
Isabel Flores, BSN, RN, CCRN, Nurse at the Guam Memorial Hospital
Hospital Administrator Lillian Perez Posadas, Guam Memorial Hospital

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II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

BUENAS YAN Hafa Adai the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs is now called to order the time is 2 o'clock and today is Wednesday February 19th thank you to everyone joining us both in person and online for this public hearing on bills 13 and 31 Bill 13 introduced by Senator Therese Terlaje seeks to establish a public private partnership for Guam's public hospital aiming to enhance health care services through collaborative efforts between the government and private sector Bill 31 introduced by Senator Will Parkinson proposes amendments to Guam law regarding administrative rules and regulations to expand options for assisted living facilities ensuring greater accessibility and improved care for our elderly community notice of this hearing was provided to senators stakeholders and the local media on February 12th 2025 and February 17th 2025 thus meeting the requirements of the open government law in addition notice of this hearing was also posted on the Guam legislator's website and the Guam public notice portal materials for this hearing were shared in the committee drive and are available for print upon request recording of today's hearing will also be available online via Guam legislature media on YouTube I would like to acknowledge and recognize the committee members that are present here today vice chair vice speaker Senator Tony Adda Senator Shawn Gumataotao Senator Vince Borja and Senator Shelley Calvo I'd also like to recognize other lawmakers that are with us today Senator Therese Terlaje Senator Chris Barnett and Senator Telo Taitague at this time I'd like to invite all invitees and participants in today's public hearing for Bill 13 again a bill to establish a public private partnership to manage GMH to come forward this one is on Bill 13 for the public private partnership 13 the PPP bill introduced by Senator Therese Terlaje starting on my right if you could please state your name and whether you represent any government agency or organization

RAYMOND SALAS, RESIDENT OF YIGO: MR RAYMOND SALAS I'M FROM YIGO I'M A PRIVATE CITIZEN

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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: LILLIAN PEREZ POSADAS GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU

DR. V. KWASI NYAME, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: GOOD MORNING BUENAS AND HALF ADAI VARAM NYAME NEUROSURGEON CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR GMH HAPPY TO BE HERE

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
AGAIN THE TWO BILLS BEFORE US TODAY IF ENACTED INTO LAW WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY I SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE PRESENCE OF MY COLLEAGUES STAKEHOLDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO ENGAGE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS THE PURPOSE AGAIN OF TODAY'S HEARING IS TO GATHER INPUT DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THESE MEASURES AND ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN OUR DECISION-MAKING AS WE PROCEED I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT EACH SENATOR WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO SPEAK THE AUTHOR OF EACH BILL HOWEVER WILL BE AFFORDED 10 MINUTES TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THEIR LEGISLATION THESE TIME LIMITS ALLOW FOR A STRUCTURED AND EFFICIENT DISCUSSION WHILE ENSURING THAT ALL VOICES ARE HEARD I ENCOURAGE ALL SPEAKERS TO BE CONCISE AND MINDFUL OF TIME SO WE CAN ACCOMMODATE AS MANY PERSPECTIVES AS POSSIBLE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IS THE FOUNDATION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE AND YOUR INSIGHTS ARE INVALUABLE IN SHAPING POLICIES THAT BEST SERVE OUR ISLAND AT THIS TIME WE WILL BEGIN WITH REMARKS FROM THE AUTHOR OF BILL 13 SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR SO THIS BILL PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC HOSPITAL OR GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IT WAS INTRODUCED IN RESPONSE TO THE DIRE CONDITION THAT WE ALL AGREE IS OCCURRING AT THE GUAM MEMORAL HOSPITAL DESPITE THE VERY GREAT EFFORTS OF ITS PROFESSIONALS THAT ARE EMPLOYED THERE AND THE MANAGEMENT TEAM THIS BILL PROPOSES THAT A COMMITTEE WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND IT LISTS THE

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHO ARE STAKEHOLDERS AND THAT THEY WILL BE TASKED WITH DEVELOPING AN RFP FOR A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND THEN IT WILL MANDATE THAT THAT THAT RFP THAT THE COMMITTEE COMES UP WITH WILL COME DOWN TO THE LEGISLATURE THE LEGISLATURE WILL ALL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CHAIR WILL ALSO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING ON IT GET ANY OTHER PUBLIC INPUT AND THE LEGISLATURE MUST THEN DECIDE WHAT AMOUNTS IT IS ABLE TO APPROPRIATE TO BEFORE THAT RFP CAN BE SOLICITED SO WHEN THE LEGISLATURE DOES THAT THEN THE IT WILL SEND ANY SUGGESTIONS BACK TO THE COMMITTEE BUT IT WOULD BE THEN AN APPROPRIATION THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN A SEPARATE LEGISLATION SO THAT THAT RFP CAN THEN BE EVENTUALIZED RIGHT WHERE GMH WILL SEND IT OUT OR GEDA AND GET SOLICITATIONS BACK PROPOSALS BACK SO THE GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP THAT THE RFP SHOULD SOLICIT IS TO MAKE THE HOSPITAL OPERATE MORE EFFICIENTLY ENHANCE PATIENT CARE BY IMPROVING SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ENHANCING BILLINGS COLLECTIONS TO MAXIMIZE REVENUE UPDATING THE MEDICARE OR THE TEFRA REBASING STREAMLINING THE DAILY OPERATIONS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE COSTS THE IDEA IS NOT NEW IT WAS PROPOSED IN 20 PROBABLY PRIOR TO THAT BUT I ONLY WENT BACK AS FAR AS 2016 THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TASK FORCE ANALYZED VARIOUS OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDED EXCUSE ME THAT A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WOULD BE THE VIABLE LONG-TERM SOLUTION SO I HAD ASKED THE CHAIRPERSON TO PLEASE INVITE ALL THE MEMBERS OF THAT PREVIOUS TASK FORCE THERE WERE VERY MANY OF THEM AND LATER THAT SAME YEAR GEDA DID PUBLISH A REQUEST FOR INTEREST TO SOLICIT PUBLIC INTEREST RELATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF GMH AND THEY DID RECEIVE THREE RESPONSES AND THEY SUMMARIZED THE RESPONSES AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2020 A ANOTHER BILL WAS INTRODUCED WHICH SOUGHT TO INITIATE A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROCESS THIS BILL WAS OBJECTED TO BY GMH GMH GENERALLY SAID YOU KNOW THERE WERE ISSUES WITH THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND THEY THOUGHT THAT THEY COULD DO THIS THEMSELVES AND THAT WE SHOULD PUT OUR FAITH IN THEM TO CONTINUE AND ALLOW THEM TO BRING GMH UP TO THE STANDARDS THAT WE NEED IN 2024 SO THAT BILL DID NOT MOVE FORWARD IN 2024 THE GOVERNOR IN HER STATE OF THE ISLAND ADDRESS STATED QUOTE WITH REGARD TO GMH'S CURRENT MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES WE ARE IN ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH OFF ISLAND EXPERTS TO ASSESS OPERATIONS INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM AND REVENUE CYCLE AS WE KNOW GMH'S FINANCIAL SITUATION HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED TO US MOST RECENTLY IN OCTOBER 7 2024 AND EVEN I THINK EARLIER IN THE OVERSIGHT HEARING THAT WAS HELD IN THIS TERM THAT THE

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VENDORS WERE STILL IN NEED OF PAYMENT DESPITE THE LEGISLATURE HAVING BACK IN 2023 GIVEN A BUDGET HIGHER THAN WHAT THE GOVERNOR OR GMH HAD REQUESTED GIVEN AN ADDITIONAL \$30 MILLION OF GENERAL FUND MONEY TO PAY FOR VENDORS AND SUPPOSEDLY PROMISED \$20 MILLION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SO IN OCTOBER 2024 WE LEARNED AGAIN THAT THAT THE FINANCIAL SITUATION WAS STILL DIRE THEY BUT THEY HAD REPORTED AT THAT TIME THAT THEY WERE OBLIGATING ALL THE ARP FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WE LEARNED OF COURSE IN JANUARY THAT THE MONEY FOR THE ARP PROJECTS DID NOT MATERIALIZE FOR GMH IT WAS TAKEN AWAY SO THEY DID NOT HAVE THAT MONEY AND THAT WAS I DISCOVERED THAT AFTER THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED THE BILL WAS REALLY JUST MEANT TO MAKE A STABLE FUNDING FOR GMH WE WOULD HAVE TO PROMISE BY CONTRACT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO FUND AND THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK WITH THAT AND THERE WOULD BE NO MEDDLING OF TAKING MONEY OUT OR NOT ALLOWING THE MONEY TO GET THERE BECAUSE THERE'S A PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INVOLVED AND WE WOULD HAVE TO MEET OUR COMMITMENTS IN THAT CONTRACT AS WELL AS THEY WOULD HAVE TO MEET THEIR COMMITMENTS AND WHAT WE EXPECTED THEM TO DO IN OUR NEGOTIATION AND IN OUR CONTRACT SO ALL OF THIS IS TO ENSURE SOME STABILIZATION AND CONTINUITY AND PREVENT RECURRENCE OF SOME OF THE EXISTING ISSUES WHEN WE MOVE INTO A NEW HOSPITAL THIS BILL ALLOWS THAT THIS CONTRACT WILL EXTEND TO ANY NEW HOSPITAL THAT WILL BE EVENTUALLY BUILT AND THAT WAY THESE PROBLEMS HOPEFULLY WILL NOT CARRY OVER AND THAT IT WILL BE PROPERLY PLANNED AND THE WHOLE GOAL OF THE BILL IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PLAN AND WE ARE GOING TO FOLLOW THAT PLAN AND THERE IS NO SINGLE PERSON ON GUAM WHO CAN TAKE AWAY AND MAKE GMH DEPART FROM THAT PLAN THAT WE ARE ALL GOING TO BE WORKING ON THE SAME PLAN AND IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY PUBLIC PLAN THAT WE HAVE ALL AGREED TO SO I WANT TO THANK THE COMMITTEE ON FOR SCHEDULING THIS HEARING AND THOSE WHO'VE COME TO TESTIFY AND IF I COULD JUST READ THERE WAS A SORRY THE LIST CAN I READ YOUR LIST WHO WAS INVITED YEAH SO WE HAD ASKED THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE TO INVITE AND SHE HAS INVITED THOSE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE INCLUDING OH THEY'RE NOT LISTED HERE SORRY LET ME JUST YEAH

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR TERLAJE WE INVITED WERE THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GEDA GMH THE GMH BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE HOSPITAL FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR BBMR DIRECTOR MEMBERS OF THE 2016 GMH TASK

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FORCE THE GUAM MEDICAL ASSOCIATION GUAM MEDICAL SOCIETY GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS THE GUAM NURSES ASSOCIATION THE GUAM BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH THE GUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR SOME OF THOSE HOSPITAL TASK FORCE MEMBERS IN 2016 WHICH SPENT A LOT OF TIME REVIEWING OPTIONS AND COMING UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING OUR CURRENT GOVERNOR LOU LEON GUERRERO FORMER SENATOR DENNIS RODRIGUEZ WAS LEADING THAT TASK FORCE DOC MR DAVID JOHN MR CHRIS FELIX MRS JENNY CRUZ MR JOHN RIOS MR RICH WHANG MR RENEE RAMOS MR TONY SCROW ATTORNEY RODNEY JACOB DR FLORENO LIZAMA MR JOEY CALVO MR LESTER CARLSON MRS TINA GARCIAA MRS BENITA MANGLONA AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS DISCUSSION THANK YOU

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU SENATOR CHAHI WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON BILL 133 AGAIN AS YOU PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS PLEASE SPEAK CLEARLY INTO THE MICROPHONE STATE YOUR NAME AND INDICATE WHETHER YOU FOR TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF A GOVERNMENT AGENCY IN YOUR PERSONAL CAPACITY OR FOR AN ORGANIZATION IN THE COMMUNITY WE WILL START TO MY RIGHT MR SALAS

RAYMOND SALAS, RESIDENT OF YIGO: THANK YOU SENATOR GOOD AFTERNOON SENATORS HONORABLE SENATORS FIRST I WANT TO JUST ECHO WHAT THE GOOD SENATOR TERLAJE HE HAD MENTIONED OF THE FOLKS FROM GMH THERE ARE SOME REAL HARD WORKERS OVER THERE DEVOTED DEDICATED TO AND COMMITTED TO ENSURING THE HEALTH OF EVERY CITIZEN ON GUAM SO I ADMIRE THAT PART I SPENT OVER 21 YEARS WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND I'VE WORKED WITH GMH A LOT OF THEIR EMPLOYEES PERSONALLY SO I KNOW A LOT OF THEM ARE REALLY HARD WORKER HARD CHARGERS AND VERY COMMITTED FIRST OFF I JUST WANTED TO AS I WAS LOOKING TO THE BILL YOU KNOW FOR SO LONG WE'VE HAD MEETINGS PUBLIC HEARINGS INVITING THE GMH TO STATE THEIR POSITION AND THE DIRE NEED OF THE REPAIRS OF GMH I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT WE REALLY FOCUS ON THIS PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WE I DON'T KNOW IF WE WANT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING \$20 MILLION SHORTFALLS EVERY YEAR WANT TO HEAR THAT EVERY YEAR I THINK THAT NEEDS TO STOP AND VISIT THIS PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP I THINK THAT'S THE DIRECTION THAT WE NEED TO DO AS A COMMUNITY AS I READ THROUGH THE BILL HERE I NOTICED THAT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH REPORTED THAT WITH PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP THAT

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THE HOSPITAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS INCLUDE SERVICE QUALITY INDICATORS FURTHER HOSPITAL WITH PRIVATE PARTNER PARTNERSHIP WERE CONSIDERED ABLE TO REDUCE CORRUPTION WITH THE EXISTING ANTICORRUPTION MECHANISM TO DISCRETIONARY CONTROL SO I THINK WITH THAT ORGANIZATION AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL I THINK THAT PRETTY MUCH PROVIDES YOU AN INDICATOR THAT THIS IS A PROBABLY A FORWARD MOTION THAT WE ESPECIALLY THIS BODY SHOULD CONSIDER MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THE OTHER THING THAT I NOTED ALSO IS THE FORMULATION OF THE COMMITTEES I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ORIGINAL COMMITTEES THAT CAME UP WITH THE ORIGINAL PLAN DID NOT INVOLVE ANY MEDICAL FOLKS LIKE OUR DOCTORS WHEN THAT PLAN WAS FORMULATED AND I GUESS PUBLISHED SO THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT I WAS INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT AND IF I MIGHT JUST ASK OF THIS NEW HOSPITAL I UNDERSTAND THAT A HELIPAD IS ALSO ASKED TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE HOSPITAL WITH THE HOSPITAL IS THAT THAT TRUE

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: THAT WAS IN THE PLAN DEVELOPED BY MATRIX YES THE HELIPAD

RAYMOND SALAS, RESIDENT OF YIGO: OKAY WITH THAT MY CONCERN IN THIS COMMITTEE IS IF YOU DO HAVE A HELIPAD THERE AN OPERATION I BELIEVE THAT NOT ONLY THE MEDICAL DOCTORS YOU NEED PERHAPS THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND FAA TO BE INVOLVED BECAUSE NOW WITH YOU'RE INVOLVING YOURSELF WITH YOUR OPERATION THAT'S A VERY EXPENSIVE VENTURE EVEN OF ITSELF WHEN YOU HAVE THAT TYPE OF OPERATION YOU NEED TO HAVE YOU NEED TO PURCHASE A HELICOPTER YOU NEED MAINTAINERS FOR THAT HELICOPTER YOU NEED A MARTIAL AIR FOR THAT HELICOPTER SAFETY IN THAT AERODROME YOU NEED THE FAA TO ESTABLISH INFLIGHT ROUTE WE DON'T WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A HELICOPTER OPERATION THERE AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN IF I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER THE WASHINGTON DC CRASH WITH A HELICOPTER THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE REALLY NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT AS A SAFETY FACTOR WE DON'T WANT TO REPEAT OFF FOR WASHINGTON DC WHERE A HELICOPTER AN AIRPLANE HAPPENED TO COLLIDE SO IN THAT IN MIND I HOPE THAT THE GEDA GURU IS WOULD INCLUDE THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY IN THAT TASK FORCE OR THE COMMITTEE AND BECAUSE THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL PROBABLY BE ENGAGED WITH THE FAA BECAUSE OF THAT NEW OPERATION BUT I AM HERE TO SAY I SUPPORT THIS THIS MEASURE AND I HOPE THAT WHAT I SAID TODAY WOULD REFLECT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT JUST SAFETY BUT IN RECOGNIZING THIS ONGOING SITUATION WITH GMH AGAIN I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE GMH STAFF I THINK THEY'RE GREAT PEOPLE AND WITH MY 21 YEARS

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WITH GOVERNMENT OF GUAM I WAS ABLE TO WORK WITH A LOT OF THEM FACE TO FACE FIRST STAND THANK YOU SO MUCH

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU MR SALAS

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LILIAN THANK YOU BUENAS SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE CHAIRWOMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS SENATOR TONY ADA VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND ALL SENATORS WHO ARE PRESENT AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING AS THE GUAM MEMORAL HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR SUBMITTED HERE WITH IS OUR PERSPECTIVE AND TESTIMONY IN RESPONSE TO SENATOR TERALAJE'S PROPOSED LEGISLATION WHEREIN BILL NUMBER 13-38 STATES ON PAGE FOUR THAT IT IS THE INTENT OF I LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN TO SOLICIT ASSISTANCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GUAM MEMORAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BY MANDATING THAT AN RFP BE DEVELOPED AND PUBLISHED BY THE GMHA P3 COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSES OF CREATING A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GUAM MO HOSPITAL WE ARE NOT AGAINST A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODEL HOWEVER WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL AND PROCESS PROFFERED IN THIS BILL AS IT IS WRITTEN FIRSTLY PER THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM SECTION 29 SUBSECTION 48 OF THE USC THE GOVERNOR SHALL ESTABLISH MAINTAIN AND OPERATE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN GUAM INCLUDING HOSPITALS DISPENSARIES AND QUARANTINE SECTIONS THIS BILL AS IT IS WRITTEN STAT THAT IT IS THE INTENT OF THE I LIHESLATURAN GUAN TO SOLICIT ASSISTANCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CONTRADICTS AND IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM THAT IN GR THE AUTHORITY AND THE POWER OF THE GOVERNOR SECONDLY THE BASIC FUNDAMENTAL AND INHERENT CHALLENGE OF GUAM'S PUBLIC HOSPITAL IS ITS FINANCIAL INADEQUACY AND UNDERFUNDING AS YOU MENTIONED SENATOR TERLAJE WE'VE HAD TO COME DOWN HERE SEVERAL TIMES IT IS A GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HOSPITAL WITH THE MANDATE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND MEDICAL TREATMENT TO ALL INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S ABILITY TO PAY THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH HAS THE AUTHORITY AND THE DUTY TO APPROPRIATE THE ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR THE HOSPITAL PROCURING A PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COST MORE MONEY AND FUNDING THAT IS NOT APPROPRIATED OR IDENTIFIED IN THIS BILL AND I KNOW SENATOR YOU MENTIONED THAT LATER ON THERE WILL BE ANOTHER LEGISLATION TO THEN GET THE APPROPRIATION IN ORDER FOR AN RFP TO BE PUBLISHED FUNDING MUST BE APPROPRIATED TO

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CERTIFY THE RFP IF NO FUNDING IS APPROPRIATED GMHA CANNOT AND DOES NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO CERTIFY THE PROPOSED PROCUREMENT GHMA HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN IN A DEFICIT FOOTING SINCE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER FROM THE US GOVERNMENT THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF PROVIDING HOSPITAL SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM PRIOR TO 1956 HEALTH CARE FREE HEALTH CARE AND HOSPITAL SERVICES WERE PROVIDED AFTER 1956 THE ORIGINAL GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WAS CONSTRUCTED AT THE SATURN POINT AND THEREFORE FREE HEALTH CARE AND HOSPITAL SERVICES CONTINUED IN THE 1970S BECAUSE OF THIS FREE HEALTHCARE AND HOSPITAL SERVICES THE HOSPITAL'S DEFICIT WAS 9 MILLION IN 2015 THE DEFICIT INCREASED TO 15 MILLION AND IN 2019 THE DEFICIT GREW TO 30 MILLION THE BILL'S FINDINGS AND INTENT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THE UNDERFUNDING OF THE HOSPITAL ON PAGE TWO LINES 12 TO 16 THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ALSO SUBMITTED THEIR 2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REQUEST TO I LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 75.3 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR 25 BUT RECEIVED ONLY 37.7 MILLION GMHA OFFICIALS TESTIFIED IN AN OVERSIGHT HEARING ON OCTOBER 17 7 2024 THAT WITHOUT AN ADDITIONAL 20 MILLION THE HOSPITAL'S OPERATIONS ARE AT RISK AND SO THANK YOU FOR THAT FOR APPROPRIATING THAT ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF MONEY RECENTLY IN A PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH OUR CMS MEDICARE COST MEDICARE COST REPORT CONSULTANT A REVIEW OF OUR FISCAL YEAR 2024 COST OF SERVICES SOLELY FOR THE MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES WAS 31 MILLION HOWEVER OUR ELIGIBLE MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT IS ONLY 14 TO 16 MILLION THIS IS AN ENORMOUS GAP THAT COMPOUNDS THE OUR FINANCIAL VIABILITY IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE LAST PARAGRAPH ON PAGE TWO LINE 23 STATEMENT REGARDING MEDICAID REBASING THAT STATEMENT IS INCORRECT THERE IS NO MEDICAID REBASING IT'S ONLY MEDICARE IF I MAY ALSO POINT OUT ON PAGE SEVEN LINES 6 TO 8 IT STATES THAT THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SHALL CONDUCT AT LEAST TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE RFP AND TRANSMIT APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE RFP TO THE P3 COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION THIS STATEMENT WILL VIOLATE THE GUAM PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS AND STATUTES THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO COMMENT ON SENATORS AND SO I THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING MY COMMENTS ON BILL NUMBER 13-38 EXPLAINING OUR VIEWS ON POSITION IN OPPOSING THIS LEGISLATION THANK YOU

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
DOCTOR

DR. V. KWASI NYAME, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: BUENAS AND HABA ADAI

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MADAME SPEAKER VICE SPEAKER SENATORS OF 30 PLEASURE IT IS WITH PROFOUND HUMILITY THAT I ADDRESSED THE LEGISLATURE TODAY ON BILL 1338 BEING A MEDICAL ADMINISTRATOR AT THE HOSPITAL AND ALSO A NEUROSURGEON I'VE HAD A CHANCE TO BE INTIMATELY IN TUNE WITH SOME OF THE NEEDS OF THE HOSPITAL NOT JUST WITH COST BUT ALSO WITH PROVIDING CARE AND I I GIVE THIS TEST BASED ON MY BACKGROUND AS A PHYSICIAN AND ALSO AS A HEALTHCARE POLICY OF INTEREST SO THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN A PUBLIC SECTOR AND PRIVATE SECTOR FOR DELIVERING A PROJECT OR A SERVICE IS USUALLY WHAT A PPP IS AND THAT PROJECT CAN BE USUALLY INFRASTRUCTURE SEWAGE ROADS HOSPITAL BUT FOR A PPP TO MANAGE HEALTH CARE THAT IS A NEW VENTURE THAT HAS NOT BEEN EXPLORED QUITE YET BUT IT IS IT IS POSSIBLE SOME OF THE INTRICACIES INCLUDE THAT SOME OF THESE PPS ALLOW FOR LARGE SCALE GOVERNMENT PROJECTS SUCH AS BRIDGES AND HOSPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE NOT MANAGEMENT BUT BUILDING THE HOSPITAL THESE PARTNERSHIPS WORK WELL WHEN THE PRIVATE SECTOR USES THEIR KNOWHOW TECHNOLOGY ALONG WITH INNOVATION WITH THE PUBLIC SECTOR TO ACTUALLY INTERTWINE TO COMPLETE WORK ON TIME AND ON A BUDGET TYPICALLY IT INVOLVES PRIVATE CAPITAL FUNDING AND FINANCING UPFRONT AND THEN THERE'S TAXPAYER MONEY THAT'S PAID FOR IT IN THE BACK END OR THE USERS OF THE SERVICES PAY FOR THIS SO THIS IS NOT WITHOUT COST THIS WILL COST AND IT WILL COST A LOT OF MONEY USUALLY PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS ARE USED AGAIN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR EXAMPLE MAINTAINING SCHOOLS HOSPITALS TRANSPORT SYSTEMS AND SEWER SYSTEMS HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE AND HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT IS VERY COMPLEX IT'S NOT JUST THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE BUILDING IT'S ALSO THE SERVICES FROM RADIOLOGY TO INTERNAL MEDICINE TO ICU SERVICES IT'S A VERY COMPLEX NETWORK OF SYSTEMS THAT COME TOGETHER TO PROVIDE CARE FOR PATIENTS IN A HOSPITAL SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE TO DEFINE EXACTLY WHAT WE MEAN AND WHAT WE WANT IS IT THAT WE WANT THE PARTNERSHIP TO RUN THE MEDICAL SERVICES RUN THE DIETARY SERVICES RUN THE MAINTENANCE SERVICES I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE FLUSHED OUT BEFORE WE EVEN BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT THESE PARTNERSHIPS ARGUMENTS AGAINST PPPS THESE TYPICALLY ARE LONGER MORE COSTLY IN COMPARISON WITH TRADITIONAL PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS THERE IS ADDED COST FOR TRANSACTION FEES THERE'S LOANS THAT NEED TO BE HAD THERE'S ALSO COMPLICATED AND FLEXIBLE CLAUSES THAT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE SENSE THAT YOU CAN'T ENVISAGE OR ENVISION FUTURE PROBLEMS THAT COME WITH THESE THINGS AND BECAUSE OF THEIR INFLEXIBILITY IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO AUGMENT YOUR PLANS AND SO THESE

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BECOME VERY COSTLY IN THE FUTURE THE PPPS USUALLY ALSO ARE FINANCED PROJECTS BECAUSE THE PUBLIC THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS HIGHER COSTS AND SO IN THE LONG RUN IT'S GOING TO COST THE PEOPLE OF GUAM A LOT MORE MONEY TO IMPLEMENT THIS COMPARED TO THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND I THINK THESE HIGH INTEREST COSTS NEED TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE WE GO THROUGH THIS THIS PROCESS THESE THINGS ARE ALSO CONTROVERSIAL IN THE SENSE THAT THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT IS NOT BEEN THE BEST BASED ON RESEARCH NOW ARGUMENTS FOR INCLUDE THIS ENSURES THAT THERE'S NECESSARY INVESTMENTS INTO THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND EFFECTIVE USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGAIN THIS IS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE NOT HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT IS A VERY COMPLEX SYSTEM THAT YOU CAN'T ASCRIBE TO A PRIVATE PARTNER BECAUSE IT REQUIRES DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF PROCURING SUPPLIES DEALING WITH CONTRACTS WITH DOCTORS DEALING WITH DOCTORS GETTING SICK AND BEING HAVING TO REPLACE SOME OF THESE DOCTORS THESE ARE NOT THINGS THAT CAN BE RUN BY A PRIVATE COMPANY ONLY BECAUSE THE LOCAL THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT WELL KNOWN BY THESE PRIVATE COMPANIES AND SO THEY WE COME IN ALMOST BLIND AND RELY ON RESEARCH THAT HASN'T BEEN DONE TO BASICALLY IMPLEMENT SOME OF THESE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES IN THE LONG RUN THEY WILL COST US MORE MONEY THESE INVESTMENTS ALSO IMPOSE A LOT OF EXTRA EXPENDITURE ON THE TAXPAYERS BECAUSE COSTS ARE NOT FIXED COSTS ARE VERY FLUID IN THE SENSE THAT TODAY THE COST OF A BRICK IS NOT THE SAME COST AS IT IS NEXT MONTH OR IN TWO MONTHS AND SO AS THE COSTS GO UP SO DO THE TAXPAYERS EXPENSES THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PPPS INCLUDE WHERE THE PRIVATE COMPANY BUILDS THEY OPERATE AND THEY TRANSFER THE SERVICE OR STRUCTURE TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR ANOTHER OPTION IS TO BUILD THE STRUCTURE THEY OWN AND THEY OPERATE IT ANOTHER OPTION IS TO DESIGN AND THEN THEY BUILD AND THEY FINANCE IT BUT WITHIN THIS BILL THERE'S BEEN NO DONATION OF EXACTLY WHAT THE PLAN WOULD BE FOR HOW TO TRANSITION GOING FORWARD AND I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE FLUSHED OUT BEFORE WE EVEN LOOK INTO THIS PPP SYSTEM SO GOVERNMENTS IN THE PAST ESPECIALLY CASH STRAP GOVERNMENTS HAVE LOOKED TO PPPS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN HEALTHCARE DELIVERY THIS HAS BEEN MAINLY FOR AGAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IN CANADA IN THE UK AUSTRALIA THIS HAS BEEN DONE VERY WELL ONLY INDIA IS THE ONLY COUNTRY THAT I KNOW OF THAT HAS ACTUALLY TRIED TO USE PPPS TO ACTUALLY MANAGE HEALTHCARE THAT DATA IS NOT OUT THERE TO SEE HOW IT'S BEEN DONE AND WHETHER OR NOT SUCCESSFUL AND SO I CAUTION THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO NOT GO DOWN THIS PATH UNLESS RESEARCH

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HAS BEEN DONE TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WILL BE A SUCCESSFUL INVESTMENT OF THE MONIES IN MY OPINION IN IN THEORY YOU KNOW THIS SYSTEM WORKS WELL WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH AGAIN INFRASTRUCTURE BUT WHEN YOU HAVE TO MANAGE A HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITIES IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO CONTROL SOME OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS IN THESE CONTRACTS IF YOU LOOK AT THE MAKEUP OF THE PAYERS ON GUAM YOU HAVE ABOUT 50% OF PATIENTS THAT ARE UNDER MEDICARE MEDICAID AND MIP WE ALL KNOW THAT MEDICARE MEDICAID MIP HAVE LOW REIMBURSEMENT RATES BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE'RE IN TEFRA SYSTEM THAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO BE ABLE TO COLLECT ENOUGH MONEY TO RUN THE OPERATIONS OF A HOSPITAL WHICH IS THE REASON WHY GMH HAS COME BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE MULTIPLE TIMES TO REQUEST FUNDING BECAUSE HEALTHCARE COSTS ARE GOING UP IF YOU GO TO PAYLESS THE EGGS NOW COST \$10 WHEN I FIRST CAME TO GUAM IN 2018 EGGS COST \$3 IT'S NOT JUST THE HEALTHCARE COST THE COST OF LIVING ON GUAM IS GOING UP IF YOU LOOK AT THE PAYER MIX FOR THE HOSPITAL 20% ARE SELF-PAY I'M SORRY 22% IS SELF-PAY IF THEY'RE SELF-PAID AND EGGS COST \$10 HOW WILL THEY PAY FOR CARE FOR THEIR HEALTH SERVICES THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BECAUSE EGGS ARE MORE IMPORTANT IF YOU LOOK AT THE INSURANCE MAKEUP ONLY 20% OF GUAM PEOPLE ACTUALLY HAVE INSURANCE WITH THAT 20% THERE'S NO WAY YOUR HOUSE WILL MAKE MONEY THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE SO THIS PAY MIX IS NOT FAVORABLE FOR A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT MAKE ANY PROFITS AND THE GOAL OF PRIVATE COMPANIES IS TO MAKE PROFIT SO THERE'S NO WAY THAT THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DOING THIS UNLESS THERE'S A CASH INFUSION FROM THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND IF THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN THAT CASH INFUSION SHOULD GO TO GMH TO SURE OUR NEEDED SERVICES FOR THE MOST PART I BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THE CONCERNS FOR WHY THIS PARTNERSHIP IS BEING ADDRESSED IS THAT THERE'S THE CONCERN FOR REDUCED COST WHAT I SEE IS ACTUALLY INCREASED COST AND SO I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO GO UNLESS WE DEFINE EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR FROM THESE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS ONCE WE HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EXACTLY WHAT THE GOALS ARE I THINK WE CAN THEN MOVE FORWARD AGAIN THIS WITH THE MOST HUMBLE APPROACH I COME TO YOU WITH MY TESTIMONY THANK YOU VERY MUCH

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU DR KWASI MELANIE

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: HABA ADAI GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE MY NAME IS

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MEL MENDIOLA AND I'M THE ADMINISTRATOR CEO OF THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MY TESTIMONY YOU KNOW I DECIDED TO INCORPORATE SOMETHING NEW SO I'LL FORWARD THIS I'LL FORWARD THIS TO YOU MADAME CHAIR SO THAT YOU HAVE IT AFTER THE TESTIMONY AND I THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TODAY A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WHEN WE WERE HERE I WAS UP THAT NIGHT AND I WAS COULDN'T SLEEP AND I STARTED DOING SOME RESEARCH BECAUSE I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT AS SAID YOU KNOW THERE'S PUBLIC HOSPITALS ALL ACROSS AMERICA THAT ARE CLOSING AND I DON'T THINK WE'RE THE ONLY ONES AND SO I'D LIKE TO LOOK FOR JUST LIKE DOCTOR THE GOOD DOCTOR HERE LOOK FOR RESEARCH AND SEE WHAT'S REALLY THE PROBLEM AND WHERE IS THE PROBLEM AND SO I FOUND AN ARTICLE IN THE CENTER FOR HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND PAYMENT REFORM DATED JANUARY 2025 AND THE TITLE OF THE ARTICLE IS RURAL HOSPITALS AT RISK OF CLOSING AND ULTIMATELY WHAT IT TALKS ABOUT IS OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES NEARLY 200 RURAL HOSPITALS HAVE CLOSED IN ADDITION 35 HOSPITALS HAVE ELIMINATED INPATIENT SERVICES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2023 TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL GRANTS THAT ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS MORE THAN 700 RURAL HOSPITALS ONE-THIRD OF ALL RURAL HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY SO ABOUT THERE'S ABOUT 2,000 HOSPITALS 700 OF THEM ARE AT RISK OF CLOSING BECAUSE OF SERIOUS FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND OVER 300 OF THESE HOSPITALS ARE AT IMMEDIATE RISK OF CLOSING BECAUSE OF THE SEVERITY OF THEIR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS NOW I THOUGHT TO MYSELF THERE CAN'T POSSIBLY BE 700 POOR MANAGEMENT TEAMS ACROSS AMERICA THERE'S YOU KNOW THERE THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE WORKING AT ALL OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS JUST TRYING TO DO WHAT THEY CAN JUST LIKE THESE GOOD PEOPLE ARE DOING WHAT ARE WHERE'S THE PROBLEM HERE AND THE COMMON THEME THAT OCCURRED AMONG THESE HOSPITALS IS LOSSES ON PATIENT SERVICES ALMOST HALF OF THE RURAL HOSPITALS LOSE MONEY DELIVERING PATIENT SERVICES IT COSTS MORE TO DELIVER HEALTH CARE IN A SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY THAN IN AN URBAN AREA AND MANY HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS DO NOT PAY ENOUGH TO COVER THESE COSTS AND I THINK IF YOU TALK I SPENT A LITTLE BIT OF TIME WITH MISS LIL AND WITH HER FINANCE TEAM AND THEY'LL SHARE STORIES OF HOW A PATIENT ON MEDIC IT'S THIS IS THE NEGOTIATED DAY RATE AND IF IT'S \$10,000 TO DELIVER THEIR SERVICES TODAY THE MAX THEY CAN CLAIM IS \$1,000 SO THAT LEAVES THEM IN A \$9,000 HOLE FOR EVERY SINGLE DAY THAT THEY'RE THERE AND THAT'S WHERE WE ARE INSUFFICIENT REVENUES FROM OTHER SOURCES TO OFFSET LOSSES MANY HOSPITALS HAVE MANAGED TO REMAIN OPEN DESPITE LOSSES ON PATIENT REVENUES BECAUSE THEY RECEIVE LOCAL TAX REVENUES OR GOVERNMENT GRANTS HOWEVER THERE'S NO

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GUARANTEE THAT THESE FUNDS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE INTO THE FUTURE OR THAT THEY'LL BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER HIGHER COSTS PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND THE PRIMARY REASON FOR HUNDREDS OF RURAL HOSPITALS AT RISK IS THAT THE PRIVATE INSURANCE PLANS ARE PAYING THEM LESS THAN WHAT IT COSTS TO DELIVER SERVICES TO PATIENTS SO IN NONE OF THESE THROUGHOUT THIS ARTICLE IT NEVER CITES THAT YOU KNOW THERE'S THE MANAGEMENT TEAM IS TOO HEAVY ON ACCOUNTANTS OR MAYBE WE WE'RE WE HAVE A MISMATCH IN OUR IN OUR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS BEEN CONTEMPLATED IN ALL OF THESE WAS JUST BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ABOUT WHAT IT COST TO RUN A PUBLIC HOSPITAL SO IF I WERE RUNNING THE HOSPITAL FOR EXAMPLE I WOULD NOT COME TO YOU AND SAY WE NEED \$30 MILLION AND IT WHERE IT'S AN EMERGENCY STATE I'D COME TO YOU AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR I'D SAY WE'RE GOING TO NEED \$40 MILLION THAT'S JUST HOW IT'S GOING TO BE AND THEN AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR I'D SAY WE ONLY SPENT 36 YOU'RE WELCOME MEANING I THINK WE ALL AS THE PEOPLE OF GUAM NEED TO UNDERSTAND FROM EVERYTHING AND I MEAN YOU KNOW AND YOU CAN DO THE RESEARCH YOURSELF BUT FROM EVERYTHING THAT I'VE READ PUBLIC HOSPITALS AREN'T MEANT TO PAY FOR THEMSELVES UNFORTUNATELY THEY'RE JUST NOT THAT'S NOT HOW INSURANCE IS SET UP AND IT'S NOT HOW THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS MEDICAID MEDICARE MEDIGAP ALL THOSE THINGS THEY DON'T GIVE YOU A PREMIUM ON THE SERVICE YOU'RE PROVIDING AND SO IF WE'RE ALWAYS PLAYING CATCHUP AND WITH THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION HE'S PUSHING A LOT OF THE RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE STATES SO THE TREND IS MOVING UPWARDS THAT THE STATE IS GOING TO HAVE TO ABSORB MORE OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY GOING FORWARD IT'S NOT A MATTER OF OH HOW MUCH ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO BAIL OUT OF THE HOSPITAL IT'S HOW MUCH ARE WE GOING TO DEDICATE TO THE HOSPITAL THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR AND IF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM COMES BACK TO US AND DELIVERS THEY DEFEND A NUMBER THEY SAY WE BELIEVE WE'LL BE IN THE WHOLE \$30 MILLION SO THAT'S HOW MUCH WE WANT AND THEN IF THEY COME BACK AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND YOU SAID HA YOU CAME TO US IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND YOU SAID YOU NEEDED 30 BUT NOW YOU NEED AN EXTRA 10 WHAT WERE YOU DOING MISS LIL YOU KNOW AND THEN YOU DO THOSE SORTS OF THINGS RIGHT BUT THEN IF YOU COME BACK AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND MISS LIL SAYS I ACTUALLY ONLY SPENT 25 THEN WHAT DO WE DO WE GIVE HER A RAISE OR I MEAN YOU KNOW WE YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING I'M BEING FACTIOUS BUT WE GET BUT IF WE ALL CHANGE OUR MINDSET RIGHT ALONG THOSE LINES THAT TO ME IS A LOT MORE PRODUCTIVE OF AN APPROACH TOWARDS DEALING WITH

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HOSPITALS RATHER THAN TRYING TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURES OF THINGS AROUND PEOPLE YOU KNOW IN ANY EVENT I'LL SEND THIS ARTICLE FOR ALL OF YOU TO REVIEW RELATIVE TO THIS SPECIFIC LEGISLATION WE LIKE THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION GEDA LIKES P WE'RE ALL ABOUT PPPS OKAY PPPS ARE THE WAY OF THE FUTURE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW YOU HAVE AT GUAM POWER AUTHORITY MUCH OF THE POWER GENERATION OCCURS WITH PPPS BUT THE TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OCCURS WITH THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY AT THE GUAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY JUST LIKE THE DOCTOR MENTIONED PPPS ARE VERY EFFECTIVELY USED TO BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE OUR SCHOOLS THE ONES THAT WERE ALL BUILT YOU KNOW THREE OR FOUR THE LAST SIX SCHOOLS I WANT TO SAY ALL PPPS RIGHT IN FACT IN THE LAST LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE HOSPITAL PUBLIC LAW 37-9 OH NO I'M SORRY PUBLIC LAW 26-56 STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT DA DA DA BUT I'M SORRY THE PUBLIC LAW THAT AUTHORIZED THE 35 MILLION PER YEAR FOR THE PAY OF THE HOSPITAL IT CONTEMPLATES IT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A PPP MEANING IT'S A LEASE LEASE BACK RIGHT SO THERE'S A PPP ALREADY EMBEDDED IN THAT LEGISLATION RIGHT SO WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST PPPS THEY TEND TO BE A GOOD WAY FORWARD A PPP SPECIFIC TO OPERATIONS AS THE DOCTOR SAID MAYBE WE NEED A LITTLE MORE RESEARCH WITH THAT JUST FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE OF THE NEWER INDIVIDUALS SERVING IN THE LEGISLATURE IF YOU VISIT GUAM MEDICAL CAMPUS.COM FORWARD SLASH TASK ORDERS YOU'LL SEE STUDIES THAT GO BACK TO 2010 WELL BEFORE THIS ADMINISTRATION A COMMON TREND AMONG THESE INITIATIVES HAS BEEN WE DO A STUDY AND THEN NOTHING EVER ADVANCES BEYOND THAT STUDY USUALLY IT'S BECAUSE OF FISCAL CONSTRAINTS AND NOW WE'RE IN A POSITION WHERE THE FISCAL CONSTRAINTS ARE A LITTLE LESS CONSTRAINED RIGHT WE HAVE A LITTLE MORE BREATHING ROOM WITH THE 5 YEARS OR SO OF SURPLUSES UNDER THE LEON GUERRERO TENORIO ADMINISTRATION WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE FORWARD AND WHEN THE 36 GUAM LEGISLATURE ACKNOWLEDGED THIS BY PASSING LEGISLATION TO ALLOW FOR THE FINANCING OF THE NEW HOSPITAL UNDER THE TRADITIONAL LEASEBACK MODEL IT WAS A CONSTRUCTION FOCUSED ON A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP LEVERAGING BOTH THE BOND MARKET AS WELL AS POTENTIALLY THE FEDERAL MARKET OF THE FEDERAL AGENCIES SUCH AS USDA WHICH ALLOWS FOR 40 YEARS FOR YOUR REPAYMENT TO OCCUR OVER 40 YEARS THIS PUBLIC LAW OUTLINE STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT INCLUDING GEDA DPW LAND MANAGEMENT BBMR DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION GMH PUBLIC HEALTH GUAM BEHAVIORAL SO THIS WAS THERE WAS THERE WAS THIS WAS THE THESE WERE THE NUMBER OF AGENCIES INVOLVED CONTEMPLATED IN THIS IN THIS LAW THERE'S ALSO BEEN PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING

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STAGES OF THE MEDICAL CAMPUS IF YOU GO BACK TO THE MEDICAL CAMPUS WEBSITE FORWARD SLASH MEETINGS THERE'S ABOUT 10 OR SO MEETINGS THAT TAKE PLACE AND EVEN ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE BUT THROUGH IT ALL ONE CONSISTENT PIECE OF FEEDBACK DURING THE COMMITTEE DURING THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS WELL AS ALL THE VILLAGES WHEN WE VISITED TO TALK ABOUT I THINK IT WAS AND ALSO SPEAKER FRANK BLOSS JR ALSO MADE HIS CONCERN AND PARENT ABOUT NEEDING TO FIX THE HOSPITAL OPERATIONS RIGHT SO IT KIND OF GOES BACK TO THAT QUITE A BIT WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT HOSPITAL OPERATIONS SO IN AN EFFORT TO DO THAT GEDA ISSUED RFP 24-6 THIS NOT THIS WASN'T THE MEDICAL ACTION PLAN THIS WAS NOT FUNDED BY OLD CC WE WANTED TO TARGET ARP FUNDING BUT THEN DURING THE PROCUREMENT AND ALL OF THE NEGOTIATION ARP DEADLINES CAME AND WENT AND THEN WE HAD TO KIND OF FIGURE IT ALL OUT RIGHT SO THE AIR DEADLINE WENT AND WE SAID OKAY WE HAVE THIS STUDY THAT WE WANT TO DO OR WE WANT TO CONTINUE WE WANT TO CONTINUE DOING THE WORK ON THIS TO LOOK AT AND ANALYZE THE OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE OF GMH SO WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW SO THE RFP DOES THE FOLLOWING IT PERFORMS IT CONTEMPLATES THE FOLLOWING IT WANTS AN ANALYSIS OF HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION INCLUDING THE SUBGROUPS AND REGION AND A PROJECTION OF FUTURE HEALTHCARE NEEDS A DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRAMMATIC AND FISCAL CHALLENGES BEING EXPERIENCED BY RURAL SMALL COMMUNITY PUBLIC HOSPITALS ACROSS THE STATES AN ANALYSIS OF REGULATORY AND ACCREDITATION MANDATES AN ANALYSIS OF CURRENT HOSPITAL REVENUE STREAMS POTENTIAL UNTAPPED REVENUE STREAMS A DESCRIPTION OF CHALLENGES AND OR CONTINUING NEED FOR GOVERNMENT FUNDING SUPPORT SO THIS IS HOW I THINK WE CAN COME UP WITH THAT WHAT IS THE MAGIC NUMBER THAT THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO THINK ABOUT EVERY YEAR AND A RECOMMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE THAT COULD FURTHER ENSURE THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESSFUL SUSTAIN OF A SUCCESSFUL SUSTAINABLE HOSPITAL SO ARE WE TOO TOP-HEAVY ARE WE TOO OR DO WE HAVE TOO MANY I DON'T KNOW CAFETERIA WORKERS WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE OUR RFP ASKS THE EXPERTS TO ANALYZE OUR CURRENT HOSPITAL SITUATION AND RECOMMEND STRATEGIES NOT A ONE FIT IT DOESN'T ASK REALLY TO FOCUS ON A ONE SIZE FIT ALL BUT BECAUSE THIS IS OF INTEREST OF COURSE THIS WILL BE SOMETHING THAT WILL BE THAT WE WILL REQUEST THEM TO LOOK INTO AND THE BILL SUGGESTS THE FORMATION OF A P3 COMMITTEE TO CREATE THE RFP BUT I THINK WE ALREADY HAVE IN THE RFP WE ALREADY HAVE QUITE A BIT OF STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT REQUIRED IN THE CONTRACT INCLUDING MEETING WITH ALL OF THE DIFFERENT PARTIES THAT

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WERE INVOLVED THE LEGISLATION REQUESTS 10 OR SO MEMBERS AND YEAH IT SAYS THE RFP 24006 REQUIRES THAT THE HEALTH CONSULTANT SHALL INTERVIEW POLICYMAKERS SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS HEALTH OFFICIALS COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS I READ THIS LEGISLATION IT PUTS A LOT OF A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY ON THE BACK OF GEDA DOESN'T ACTUALLY PUT ANY FUNDING JUST PUTTING THAT OUT THERE BUT PUTS A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY ON GEDAS BACK AND WE'RE FINE WITH THAT BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING THE HEAVY LIFTING WE ARE COMFORTABLE THAT THERE HAS BEEN STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND THERE WILL BE MORE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND I BELIEVE IN THE LEGISLATION FOR THE LEASE BACK ALSO REQUIRES STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SO THERE'S A LOT OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ALREADY HAPPENING MORE WE DON'T I DON'T FEEL LIKE WE NEED ANY MORE OF THESE ANY MORE COMMITTEES FOR THIS IN 2023 I THINK I WAS QUOTED AS SAYING SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT OF WE WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT AND BUT SOMETIMES YOU KNOW THESE BILLS GIVE MICROMANAGEMENT AND IF YOU'RE PUTTING US IN CHARGE BECAUSE YOU LIKE US YOU THINK WE'RE COMPETENT AND DOING A GOOD JOB THEN I WE APPRECIATE THAT BUT IF YOU WANT JUST US TO IF YOU WANT US TO FOLLOW IF THE RFP THAT WE'RE ALREADY ISSUING IF YOU'D LIKE US TO DISCLOSE ON A MONTHLY BASIS HOW THAT'S GOING OR WHAT THEY'RE COMING OUT WITH OR HERE'S THEIR FIRST DRAFT HERE'S THEIR SECOND DRAFT YOU KNOW I WILL TAKE THAT FEEDBACK AND WE CAN DO THAT WE DON'T NEED TO PUT IT IN A BILL BUT RELATIVE TO THIS BILL I DON'T KNOW WE DIDN'T DO ANY RE OUR LEGAL DID NOT DO ANY RESEARCH ABOUT ORGANIC NOT ORGANIC WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT NEVERTHELESS WE THINK THAT IF YOU WANT TO PRESS FORWARD WE COULD DEFER THIS BILL FOR A COUPLE MORE MONTHS TO SEE HOW THIS STUDY COMES BACK THE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WITH THIS THIS CURRENT STUDY IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE LIKE 90 DAYS SO IF YOU WANT TO TABLE IT THAT'S COOL TOO SO IN CONCLUSION GEDA SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION THINGS THAT MAKE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MORE DELIVER SERVICES FASTER BETTER CHEAPER WE TEND TO BE ON BOARD WITH VERY MUCH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DRIVEN NEVERTHELESS THIS MIGHT BE ANOTHER COMMITTEE THAT MIGHT JUST CONVOLUTE THE END GOAL AND SO MAYBE IF WE JUST DEFER IT A LITTLE BIT AND WORK A LITTLE MORE ON IT I THINK WE COULD I THINK WE COULD I THINK WE CAN HAVE A WE CAN PRESS FORWARD ALL RIGHT THANK YOU THANK YOU

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE THAT WANTED TO TESTIFY ON BILL 13 AND IF SO PLEASE

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APPROACH THE TABLE NO IF YOU COULD PLEASE STAY BEFORE WE GET INTO QUESTIONING I DID WANT TO PUT ON THE RECORD THAT WE DID RECEIVE WRITTEN TESTIMONY FROM TWO INDIVIDUALS DAVID JOHN FROM JOHN FAMILY TRUST IN SUPPORT OF A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR GMH AND ISABELLE FLORES ALSO SUBMITTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY AND SUPPORT WE WILL NOW BEGIN WITH QUESTIONS FROM THE PANEL AND FROM SENATORS AGAIN YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES EACH BEGINNING WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL SENATOR TERLAJE

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: SI YU'OS MA'ASE I'M GOING TO START WITH GEDA WHO'S GEDA SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU ISSUED AN RFP AND ACCORDING TO WHAT I FOUND HERE THAT WAS ISSUED IN AUGUST 2024 AND IT WAS ALSO TO REVIEW THE CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE ANALYZE OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES INCLUDING PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS STATE FEDERAL PARTNERSHIPS REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS PRIVATIZATION PRIVATIZED MANAGEMENT OR PUBLICLY OPERATED HOSPITAL AND OTHER STRUCTURES THIS RFP WHEN WE ASKED YOU IN JANUARY WE WERE TOLD IT'S NOT YET AWARDED THAT'S ISSUED IN AUGUST 2024 NOT AWARDED IN JANUARY 6 AND WE THINK OUR ONE OF MY STAFF REPORTED THAT SHE HEARD ON THE RADIO MISS LILLIAN FROM GMH REPORTING THAT THE GA RFP ENDED IN ON FEBRUARY 3RD THAT WAS SHE WAS ON THE RADIO THAT IT ENDED BECAUSE OF COST SO ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOUR RFP IS STILL WHAT'S THE STATUS OF YOUR RFP

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: YES SO THE RFP WAS ORIGINALLY GOING TO BE FUNDED UNDER ARP WE DIDN'T MAKE THE FUNDING DEADLINE SO WE'RE JUST GOING TO PAY FOR IT OURSELVES AT GEDA

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: SO IS IT AWARDED WHAT'S THE STATUS

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: YES THAT'S CORRECT IT'S AWARDED WE ISSUE

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: WHEN WAS IT AWARDED

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: JANUARY END OF JANUARY END OF END OF JANUARY AND THEN BOTH SIDES WERE THE CONTRACT WHERE CONTRACT WAS BEING REVIEWED

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT DO YOU THINK IT'S INORGANIC FOR GEDA TO ASK ABOUT PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT

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MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: TO ASK THAT IT BE STUDIED

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: YES I DON'T

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: I DO NOT

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: I HOPE NOT BECAUSE YOU ISSUED THIS RIGHT AND IT'S BEEN AWARDED SO AND THEN YOU TALK ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO IT'S WE HAVE SO MUCH STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT BUT I BEG TO DIFFER BECAUSE THE REASON WE FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS RFP IS BECAUSE WE WERE HAVING AN OVERSIGHT HEARING ON GMH AND THAT THEY HAD JUST WE SAW IT IN THE PAPER WE TALKED TO THEM ABOUT IT THEY WERE NOT EVEN FAMILIAR WITH IT THEY ARE THE NUMBER ONE STAKEHOLDER FOR ANY MANAGEMENT OF OUR HOSPITAL BUT YET THEY WERE NOT INVOLVED AT ALL SO WHAT ARE YOUR FUNDING SOURCES FOR THAT RFP

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: GEDA OPERATIONAL

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: PARDON

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: GEDA OPERATIONAL

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU AND THEN SO GMH ALSO IN THEIR TESTIMONY POINTS OUT THAT YOU KNOW THE GOVERNMENT HAS ORGANIC ACT AUTHORITY TO OPERATE MAINTAIN ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND HOSPITALS ON GUAM I TOTALLY AGREE THE ORGANIC ACT ALSO SAYS SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF GUAM AND THAT AND WE ALSO HAVE LAWS ON GUAM THAT ALREADY AUTHORIZE THAT THE HOSPITAL CAN CONSULT WITH PRIVATE MANAGEMENT RIGHT PRIVATE CONSULTANTS THEY HAVE DONE THIS IN THE PAST THEY DO THIS APPARENTLY ALL THE TIME AND SO DOES GEDA THIS IS NOT THEIR FIRST I DON'T BELIEVE EITHER SO I DON'T THINK IT'S A AND IF IT'S SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF GUAM THIS IS WHAT EXACTLY WE'RE TRYING TO DO MAKE IT A LAW SO THAT EVERYBODY'S ON THE SAME PLAN AND IT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE RFP HOW MUCH DO YOU EXPECT YOUR RFP TO COST

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: \$125,000

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT AND THEN ANOTHER THING THAT SO GMH IS OPPOSING THE THIS BILL THEY OPPOSED THE LAST ATTEMPT TO DO THIS AS WELL AND I REALLY FELT FOR YOU AT THAT TIME AND REALLY TRIED TO DO WHAT GMH ASKED US HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS OURSELVES WE CAN DO THIS OURSELVES I BELIEVE WE ARE VERY CAPABLE AND GUAM OF DOING THIS OURSELF MY ISSUE IS WE HAVE SEEN EVEN AT THAT TIME THAT WAS 2020 I BELIEVE AND 2023 WE CAME IN WITH WE GAVE YOU MORE MONEY THAN THE GOVERNOR HAD REQUESTED FOR YOUR BUDGET I THINK WE GAVE YOU MORE MONEY THAN GMH HAD REQUESTED FOR YOUR BUDGET AND THEN WE CAME IN A MONTH LATER BECAUSE IT WAS AN EMERGENCY BECAUSE WHAT GMH HAD PREDICTED THAT THEY WOULD DO THEY WERE UNABLE TO DO BECAUSE OF COMPUTER CRASHES THE WHOLE WORKS I DON'T KNOW BUT IT WAS NOT ABLE TO DO WHAT THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO DO REGARDING REVENUE AND THEN WE HAVE THIS CYCLE REPEATING WE WERE NOT ABLE TO PAY OUR VENDORS SO WE PUT MONEY IN THERE WE WERE NOT ABLE TO REPAIR THE FACILITIES SO SUPPOSEDLY THE MONEY WAS PUT THERE BUT REALLY TO ME WHAT REALLY JUST MAKES IT ALMOST INDISPUTABLE FOR ME IS THAT WHEN THE MONEY IS TAKEN AWAY THIS IS THE GAME THAT WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO PLAY WITH GMH IT'S LIKE WE TRIED SO HARD TO HELP YOU WE TRIED TO GIVE YOU MONEY THAT WOULDN'T EVEN GET TO YOU WE TRIED TO FIX EVERY EMERGENCY THAT YOU HAD WHEN YOU AND THEN YOU WANT TO SAY THIS IS ALL A FINANCIAL PROBLEM IT'S NOT ALL A FINANCIAL PROBLEM BECAUSE WE HAVE DONE THROUGH SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM COMPLETELY ACKNOWLEDGES WE WILL ALWAYS SUBSIDIZE OUR HOSPITAL BUT WE'VE ALSO TAKEN CARE OF A LOT MORE OF THOSE NON-PAYERS RIGHT SO ON EVERY ASPECT OF OUR GOVERNMENT WE ARE WORKING ON THIS AND IMPROVING BUT WE STILL HAVE LIKE YOU POINTED OUT MR MEDICAL DIRECTOR DOCTOR THAT WE STILL HAVE SOME UNCOLLECTED RIGHT AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HOPING PERHAPS THAT PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS ARE GOING TO DO WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT ABLE TO DO AND THAT IS COLLECT AGAINST THESE PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES COLLECT AGAINST I DON'T KNOW WE'VE GOT A VERY GOOD GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SELF INSURANCE THE OTHER THING IS ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT WAS STATED IS THAT THIS IS A VIOLATION OF THE PROCUREMENT LAW COULD YOU JUST TELL US HOW THIS BILL WOULD VIOLATE THE PROCUREMENT LAW

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: WHEN WE PROCESS SENATOR RFPS WE REALLY TRY AND MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THAT YOU KNOW

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WHEN THE PROPOSALS COME INTO IN RESPONSE TO THE RFP THERE IS THE PANEL THAT WILL REVIEW THOSE PROPOSALS AND THEN THEY RATE IT IT DOESN'T GET PUBLISHED IT DOESN'T GET YOU KNOW LIKE IT DOESN'T COME TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: YOU MEAN THE RESPONSES OR THE RFP ITSELF OR THE RESPONSES TO THE

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: THE PROCESS OF THE PROCUREMENT THE PROCESS OF THE RFP PROCUREMENT OKAY THE PROPOSALS COME INTO THE HOSPITALS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE IN A SEALED PACKAGE AND SO THEN THE PANEL THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO REVIEW THOSE PROPOSALS THEY GO THROUGH THE WHOLE PROPOSALS EACH PROPOSAL THEY RATE IT BASED ON THE SPECIFICATIONS THAT ARE PUT INTO THE PROPOSAL AND IF THERE THE SCORING BUT WE DON'T PUBLISH IT AND IT'S NOT EVEN DISCUSSED ANYWHERE IT'S JUST KEPT WITHIN THAT PANEL TO REVIEW

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: OH YES

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: AND SO TO HAVE IT INTO A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE THAT AGAIN IS NOT PART OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: MAYBE YOU MISUNDERSTAND BECAUSE THE BILL DOES NOT AT ALL GOING TO DICTATE WHO'S GOING TO GET THIS AWARD HOW YOU'RE GOING TO AWARD IT EVEN BECAUSE THAT WILL ALL BE DICTATED BY THE RFP RIGHT THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND THE PROPOSALS THAT COME IN THE LEGISLATOR IS NOT INVOLVED IN THAT THAT WE'RE ONLY INVOLVED IN THIS STAGE RIGHT HERE AND THAT IS MANDATING THAT A COMMITTEE GETS TOGETHER TO CREATE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS THE PART THAT HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO BE DONE GMH SAID THEY COULDN'T DO IT GEDA DIDN'T DO IT THEY SAID THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD DICTATE AND GET ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER THAT WAS THEIR RECOMMENDATION WE ARE FOLLOWING THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO GET THE STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER TO CREATE THE PARAMETERS OF THE RFP IT'S ONLY COMING BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE WHEN YOU CREATE YOUR REQUEST BEFORE YOU ISSUE IT OUT FOR RESPONSES THAT REQUEST WILL BE LOOKED AT BY THE LEGISLATURE WE WILL SOLICIT PUBLIC OPINION IN CASE IT WASN'T SOLICITED BY THIS COMMITTEE AND THEN WE WILL SEND IT ACCORDING TO THIS BILL SEND SUGGESTIONS BACK TO THE COMMITTEE

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AND THEN IT'S UP TO I THINK THE BILL DICTATES THAT IT WOULD BE GEDA RIGHT GEDA TO ISSUE THE RFP

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: THE P3 COMMITTEE BUT AGAIN SENATOR JUST TO

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: WHEN THAT'S ISSUED

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED IN THE BILL WHERE IT SAY

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: WE TRIED TO MAKE IT VERY VERY CLEAR BECAUSE THAT WAS YOUR OBJECTION TO THE LAST BILL SO THIS BILL IS VERY DIFFERENT IN THAT WAY AND THE OTHER THING IS ABOUT COST OF COURSE THERE'S COST HOW COULD WE ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND NOT PAY THEM ANYTHING WE ARE GOING TO PAY AND WE ARE WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO WE ARE PAYING SO MUCH RIGHT NOW ON TAXPAYERS SO NOBODY'S FOOLING ANYBODY THAT WE ARE GOING TO SAVE THE TAXPAYERS ANY MONEY OR WE ARE GOING TO INCREASE THE COST TO TAXPAYERS I'M HOPING THAT'S WHAT THE LEGISLATURE IS GOING TO HELP US DO IS PREVENT THAT SO WE GET A VERY FAIR AND A VALUE FOR VALUE CONTRACT AND THAT WE ARE ABLE TO DEDICATE ALMOST THE YOU KNOW RELATIVE TO WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DEDICATING NOW AND WHICH IS HUGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO GMH TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE THIS AND THERE AND I JUST ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT IF YOU LOOKED AT THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RESPONSES THAT GEDA OBTAINED AND SENT YOU KNOW AND THEIR REPORT MANY OF THEIR RESPONSE WELL AT LEAST ONE OF THEIR RESPONSES THE COMPANY THAT RESPONDED TALKS ABOUT THEIR HOSPITAL THEY OPERATE THEIR OPERATIONS AND THEY TALK ABOUT ORANGE COUNTY GLOBAL MEDICAL CENTER ANAHEIM GLOBAL MEDICAL CENTER SOUTH COAST GLOBAL MEDICAL CENTER GLOBAL MEDICAL CENTER HT VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY CALIFORNIA AND MENY VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER IN THE SAME COUNTY SOME OF THESE OTHER THINGS AND THEY TALK ABOUT YES THERE'S DIFFERENT WAYS TO DO THE RFP THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE ARE GETTING A COMMITTEE SO THAT THEY WILL FLUSH THAT OUT AND WHEN IT COMES TO THE LEGISLATURE WE ARE GOING TO GIVE WHAT WE CAN AFFORD AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PICK YOU KNOW IF THERE ARE COMBINATIONS OF MANAGE EVERYTHING OR JUST MANAGE THE EHR OR MANAGE WHATEVER AND THAT'S GOING TO BE PROBABLY BASED ON COST BECAUSE AT THE SAME TIME WE WILL BE STILL FUNDING GMH NOTHING STOPS THAT WE CAN'T STOP THAT BUT WE'VE GOT TO CHANGE WHAT WE'RE DOING

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BECAUSE OTHERWISE IT'S LIKE A BLACK HOLE THAT THE MONEY GOES DOWN AND WE CAN'T EVEN SEEM TO GET TO MOVE FORWARD IN

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: GETTING REPAIRED AND WE CAN'T AFFORD ANYMORE

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: THAT THE MONEY GETS TAKEN AWAY FROM GMH THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS THIS I THINK IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT BILL IN YOUR TESTIMONY YOU TALK ABOUT ALL THESE GREAT THINGS LILLAN THAT YOU WANTED TO IMPLEMENT WITH THE NEXT BRAIN YOU KNOW THE YOUNGER GENERATION BRINGING IN NEW IDEAS AND STUFF LIKE THAT I'M JUST SURPRISED THAT IT'S BEEN THIS LONG AND YOU HAVEN'T EVEN DONE MOST OF THAT YOU HAVEN'T DONE A LOT OF THINGS FOR THE HOSPITAL TO TRY AND FIND A WAY TO SOLVE SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT CAN BE VERY YOU KNOW EASILY DONE I MEAN I REMEMBER IN THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE WHEN YOU CAME IN FRONT OF US AND ASKED US FOR A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF MONEY AND WE WANTED TO GIVE YOU MORE AND YOU DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE IT I THINK JUST A SMALL AMOUNT AND WE WERE STANDING HERE READY TO GIVE YOU AT LEAST A \$10 MILLION MORE THEN THE FOLLOWING YEAR THE SAME THING HAPPENED YOU KNOW WE ALL KNOW THAT THE HOSPITAL CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED I MEAN BEFORE WE EVEN MOVE FORWARD PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK TODAY THEY'RE NOT GOING TO WAIT FOR 5 YEARS TO BE ABLE TO BE SEEN SO WE NEED TO FIX WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NOW AND IF THERE'S A PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP THAT WE CAN GET INTO AND LOOKING AT THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM THAT YOU MENTIONED THAT IT'S AGAINST THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM OTHER THAN THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS THE AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE HEALTHCARE WHAT SECTION OR WHAT PART OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM DOES NOT ALLOW A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOSPITAL THAT DOES NOT ALLOW IT

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LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: IT DOESN'T SAY THAT BUT YOU KNOW WHAT IT SAYS IS THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS THE AUTHORITY AND

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: BUT IT DOES NOT SAY THAT IT DOESN'T ALLOW FOR A PUBLIC

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: TO MAINTAIN AND TO OP OPERATE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS INCLUDING HOSPITALS THAT'S HOW THE VERBIAGE IS IN THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: YEAH BUT IT DOESN'T SAY THAT IT DOES NOT ALLOW IT

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: BUT THE BILL THEN CONTRADICTS IT BECAUSE THEN THIS BILL IS PROPOSING TO THEN MANAGE THE HOSPITAL

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: OKAY BUT IF IT'S PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ISN'T THERE A PERCENTAGE OF HOW MUCH THE HOSPITAL IS RUN BY A PUBLIC THE PUBLIC SECTOR VERSUS THE PRIVATE LET'S SAY YOU HAVE 60% YOU KNOW OF IT IS RUN BY THE HOSPITAL WHILE 40% IS RUN BY A PARTNERSHIP I MEAN HAS THE HOSPITAL EVER HAD A TASK FORCE OR A GROUP SPEAK OF HAVING A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP I MEAN I'VE HEARD IN THE PAST ON THE RADIO I THINK THE GOVERNOR EVEN SAID SHE WAS FOR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOSPITAL SO WAS THERE EVER A DISCUSSION TO DISCUSS THIS

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: I HAVEN'T HAD THE DISCUSSION BUT YOU KNOW SENATOR IF YOU DON'T MIND MY SAYING THAT WE'RE NOT AGAINST THE PPP AS I SAID THAT WE'RE NOT AGAINST IT BUT THE WAY THE BILL IS WRITTEN IS WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE THEN TWEAKED A LITTLE BIT MORE SO IT'S A LOT MORE CLEAR IN TERMS OF THE PLAN THAT THERE'S ALSO FUNDING IDENTIFIED AND TO SENATOR TERLAJE'S COMMENT WITH REGARDS TO THE RFP THE COMMITTEE ON THE ON HEALTH IS GOING TO BE CALLING TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS TO TALK ABOUT THE RFP TO REVIEW WHICH I THINK IS NOT REALLY YOU KNOW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCURING PROCESS AND THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT I JUST WANT TO BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT AND AS DR KWASI MENTIONED WE NEED TO REALLY LOOK THROUGH THIS MORE CAREFULLY AND CAUTIOUSLY WE'RE NOT AGAINST IT

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: OKAY THEN A LOT OF TIMES WHEN TESTIMONIES COME IN FRONT OF US THEY GO THROUGH LINE 16 PAGE 4 DESCRIBE YOU KNOW STRIKE OUT THIS SECTION AND INCORPORATE THIS SECTION OR THE NEXT PAGE LINE YOU KNOW 10 PAGE 18 YOU KNOW THINGS LIKE THAT BUT NONE OF THAT WAS DONE HERE YOU KNOW IT'S JUST OKAY WE NEED TO LOOK INTO IT WE'RE NOT AGAINST IT BUT I THINK WE'RE GOING TO NEED A LITTLE BIT MORE INFORMATION FROM THE HOSPITAL ON YOUR CONCERNS WITH IT YOU TALKED ABOUT FUNDING MEL YOU I REMEMBER WHEN I HAD A BILL THAT WAS CREATED FOR THE HOSPITAL IN 2019 A TASK FORCE YOU KNOW TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL AND WE NEEDED SOME MONEY AND I WAS YOU KNOW WISE ENOUGH TO COME TO YOU BECAUSE WE COULD WE FOUND ABOUT 1 POINT SOMETHING MILLION DOLLARS IN NOT ONE IT WAS 100 SOMETHING THOUSAND OR SOMETHING THAT I THINK IT WAS AROUND THAT AMOUNT THAT WE FOUND TO SUPPORT THIS TASK GROUP NOW YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE FOR AN RFP \$120,000 IN ORDER FOR THE RFP OKAY WHAT DID YOU GAVE A MONEY AMOUNT EARLIER TO THE

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: SENATOR TERLAJE ASKED HOW MUCH THE CONTRACT WAS FOR THE RFP THAT WE PUT OUT FOR THE MEDICAL CONSULTANT AND I SAID IT WAS \$125,000 OKAY HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST TO ISSUE THIS RFP IT REALLY JUST DEPENDS ON HOW ONEROUS THE PUTTING TOGETHER OF THE RFP IS I DON'T IT'S THE TIME OF ALL THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED BUT I THINK WE SHOULD BE FUNDING WISE THERE'S ALL THE OBVIOUSLY THE PUBLISHING THE THINGS THAT WE'RE USED TO RIGHT THE PUBLISHING IF THERE'S ANY THERE'S GOING TO BE LEGAL REVIEW OF AN RFP IF THERE'S ANY SPECIAL LANGUAGE I MEAN WELL SO OKAY SO FOR EXAMPLE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M THINKING ABOUT HERE AS I READ IT IS THE P3 COMMITTEE LET'S SAY THE QUESTION COMES UP WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ALL THOSE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES SO THEN THE DISCUSSION BECOMES DO YOU ROLL IN THE CONTINUED ONGOING EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES INTO THE P3 OR DO YOU DO THEY BECOME DO THEY BECOME EMPLOYEES OF THE P3 DO THEY BECOME EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT SOMEHOW ARE THERE TWO SEPARATE GROUPS OF EMPLOYEES RUNNING AROUND THE HOSPITAL OR ARE YOU MOVING ALL THE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OUT TO OTHER AGENCIES RIGHT SO NOW THAT THEN STARTS A CHAIN OF EVENTS OF OKAY LET'S GO LET'S DO THE LEGAL RESEARCH FOR WHERE WE GO WITH THIS OKAY I CAN SEE THAT TYPE OF THOSE TYPES OF THINGS CAUSING TIME AND YOU KNOW NEEDING HELP ADDITIONAL HELP BUT TO RUN A REGULAR PROCUREMENT YOU WOULD PROBABLY THESE ALL THESE INDIVIDUAL ROLES WOULD BE VOLUNTARY OR AS A MATTER OF COURSE OF THEIR ROLE

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SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: HOW MUCH I MEAN HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST I DIDN'T GET AN AMOUNT

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: WELL BECAUSE WE'RE NOT AT THE POINT

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: SO ESTIMATE AN ESTIMATE HOW MUCH

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: I WOULDN'T PUT AN ESTIMATE ON IT I THINK IT'S PREMATURE TO PUT AN ESTIMATE ON IT BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DON'T KNOW HOW DEEP YOU'RE GOING WITH THIS

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: TO GET STARTED THOUGH MEL TO GET STARTED AND IF WE WERE DO WITH THE SIDS WHERE WE FOUND THAT MONEY FOR THE TASK FORCE WOULD WE GO IN THAT DIRECTION TO TRY AND FIND THIS FUNDING THERE

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: DO YOU WANT A FULL PRIVATIZATION OF THE HOSPITAL

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: NO IT'LL BE A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: IN THE FORM OF A FULL SO THE EXAMPLE THAT SENATOR USED EARLIER IF THEY CREATED A HEALTH SYSTEM SO WE CALL IT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HEALTH SYSTEM AND ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES WERE NOW INSTEAD OF BEING EMPLOYEES OF GUAM MEMORIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THEY BECAME EMPLOYEES OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT OR DO YOU WANT GMH EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR THE HEALTH SYSTEM

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: IM ASKING ABOUT AN RFP

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: WELL I'M ASKING YOU FOR SPECIFICS MA'AM SO I CAN COME UP WITH

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: I JUST NEED AN RFP HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THE SCOPE OF WHAT YOU GUYS ARE ASKING FOR

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SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: SO WHEN YOU WERE DOING THE RFP FOR NOT THE RFP BUT WHEN YOU WERE DOING SOME OTHER PROJECTS THAT SIMILAR OR VERY CLOSE TO HOW MUCH DID IT COST YOU ON THAT RFP

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

SO IF WE'RE DOING AN RFP FOR LAND USUALLY IT'S THE COST OF HIRING THE APPRAISER TO TELL US WHAT THE FAIR MARKET VALUE IS PRIOR TO THE RFP IT'S ANY TYPE OF IF THERE'S ANY TYPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL WE NEED TO DO ESPECIAL ESPECIALLY FOR THAT LAND THEN IT'S THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THAT SO IT JUST DEPENDS ON THE RFP MA'AM IT JUST DEPENDS ON HOW EXPENSIVE THE RFP IS THE PPP IN ITS CURRENT FORM IS ALREADY COVERED IN THE \$35 MILLION ANNUAL APPROPRIATION THAT IS A LEASE LEASEBACK IT'S ANOTHER FORM OF A PPP IT'S A CONSTRU IT'S CONSTRUCTION INFRASTRUCTURE PPP NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OPERATIONS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CEO IS THE CEO OF GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HEALTH SYSTEM OR WHATEVER YOU CALL THE AWARDED THE AWARDEE IS THAT EMPLOYEE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OR IS THAT AN EMPLOYEE THE CEO OF THAT HEALTH SYSTEM

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MEL YEAH I MEAN YOU'RE JUST GOING AROUND AND AROUND

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

I DON'T THINK I'M GOING AROUND I THINK I'M ANSWERING QUESTION I YOU'RE JUST NOT ASKING SPECIFIC ENOUGH QUESTIONS TO GIVE ME TO GIVE YOU ANSWERS

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: YOU MENTIONED THERE'S A LOT OF VARIABLES

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: EXCUSE ME MADAM CHAIR I DIDN'T

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER:
THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: YOUR TIME IS UP YOUR TIME IS UP THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE

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SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER:
THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: NO YOUR WHOLE TIME YOUR WHOLE CONVERSATION WAS COUNTED TOWARD THE FIVE MINUTES NO WE'RE COUNTING YOUR PARTICIPATION YOUR QUESTIONS YOUR TIME IS UP THANK YOU

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER:
THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR FIRST OFF CAN I JUST SAY FROM A FRIEND RECENTLY THAT GOOD MEDICINE STILL HAPPENS IN GUAM SO I'M NOT DISCOURAGED BY THAT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT JUST TO START TODAY IF I CAN TO KIND OF BRING DOWN THE HEAT IF YOU WILL TODAY BUT I JUST WANT TO JUST IF I CAN ACCORDING TO THE BILL'S FISCAL NOTE THAT WAS PROVIDED BY BBMR THAT WAS DATED ON FEBRUARY 14TH GMHA HAD YET TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE MEASURE HOWEVER BBMR NOTED THAT GMH ADMINISTRATOR LILLAN POSADAS STATED THROUGH LOCAL MEDIA THAT THE HOSPITAL WAS LOOKING INTO PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP MAKE AN INFORMED OPINION ON BILL 13-38 SO I KNOW I THINK I HEARD IT EARLIER BUT FOR THE RECORD IF YOU CAN LILLAN HOW DOES BILL 13-38 CONTEMPLATE FUNDING CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS RESULTING FROM THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DISCUSSED IN THE MEASURE

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: CAN YOU ASK THAT AGAIN I'M SORRY I'M STILL EXCITED WITH YOUR COMMENT

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER: SURE HOW DOES THE BILL YOU MENTIONED IT EARLIER HOW DOES IT CONTEMPLATE FUNDING THE CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE OUTLINED THAT WOULD COULD RESULT FROM THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THIS PARTICULAR ACTION

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT QUESTION

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER: I THINK EARLIER YOU SAID I HAVE NO MONEY SO I'M TRYING TO GET ON THE RECORD DO YOU HAVE MONEY TO BE ABLE TO FUND AN RFP BASED ON THIS

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: NOT RIGHT NOW

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SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER: OKAY THAT'S FINE NO THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO FIND KNOW THANK YOU

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: THANK YOU

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER: ALSO THE BILL RECOGNIZES PUBLIC LAW 33-43 BY SENATOR DENNIS RODRIGUEZ WHICH REQUIRED THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION THE PURPOSE OF THE RFI WAS TO DETERMINE HOW AN INTERESTED CONTRACTOR HOSPITAL OPERATOR WOULD TRANSITION GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OF GMHA TO A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WHILE CONTINUING TO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM NOW ACCORDING TO BILL 13-38 AND BASED ON RESPONSES TO RFI 16-001 YOU TO DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE COMPANIES THAT MAY RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOW THE BILL ALSO CITES BILL 305-35 BY SENATOR BY FORMER SENATOR JAMES MOYLAN WHICH PROPOSED TO AUTHORIZE A PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR GMHA THE BILL STATES THAT BILL 305-35 DID NOT PASS INTO LAW DUE TO CONCERNS FROM GMHA INCLUDING THAT THE MEASURE DID NOT ADHERE TO GUAM PROCUREMENT CODE AND ADDITIONAL ASSERTIONS OF GMHA'S CAPACITY OR CAPABILITY EXCUSE ME TO MANAGE THE HOSPITAL INDEPENDENTLY FOR CLARITY NEITHER A COMMITTEE REPORT OR A VETO MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR IS AVAILABLE ON THE LEGISLATURE'S WEBSITE ON BILL 305-35 NOW PUBLIC LAW 36-56 BY SENATOR JOE S AGUSTIN THAT WAS ENACTED IN OCTOBER OF 2021 IT AUTHORIZED THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ENTER INTO A LEASEBACK AGREEMENT ARRANGEMENT WITH THE CONTRACTOR OR DEVELOPER FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO 40 YEARS TO INCLUDE THE DESIGN CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER NOW PUBLIC LAW 36 56 AUTHORIZED THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO PLEDGE NO MORE THAN 35 MILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND ANNUALLY FOR DEBT SERVICE TO SUPPORT THIS 21ST CENTURY HEALTHCARE CENTER NOW THE BILL REQUIRES THAT THE GMHA THE P3 COMMITTEE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A COPY OF THE RFP TO THE GUAM LEGISLATURE AND FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AT LEAST TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE RFP AND TRANSMIT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE RFP TO THE GMHA P3 COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION RECOGNIZING THAT THERE WAS SOME MOVEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM NEARLY 10 YEARS AGO TO GAUGE PRIVATE SECTOR INTEREST IN A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF GMHA WHAT ROLE CAN I WANT TO GET YOU INPUT FROM THE PANEL WHAT ROLE IF ANY

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SHOULD THE GUAM LEGISLATURE SERVE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BY REQUIRING AN RFP TO UNDERGO AT LEAST TWO LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS THE LEGISLATURE SETS POLICY IT DOES NOT EXECUTE THEM CAN I GET A RESPONSE

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: THAT WAS WHAT I WAS POINTING OUT IN TERMS OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS YOU KNOW IT'S THE AGENCY THAT ISSUES THE RFP AGENCY THEN MAKE SURE THERE'S FUNDING BEFORE THE RFP IS ISSUED OR PUBLISHED BUT THE ROLE OF THE LEGISLATURE IS IN OUR SITUATION AT GMH WE DON'T HAVE FUNDING SO I WOULD YOU KNOW HOPE THAT THERE'S THAT FUNDING APPROPRIATED AND INCLUDED INTO THIS BILL BUT IT ISN'T BECAUSE THEN IT'S GOING TO BE SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION THAT WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THEN APPROPRIATE THE FUNDING FOR THIS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THIS PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING BUT AGAIN I HOPE THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER: MEL
WHAT DO YOU THINK

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: THE QUESTION WAS WHAT IS THE LEGISLATURE'S ROLE SURE WELL MY JOB IS TO GET YOU GUYS IS TO GET ALL OF THE GOOD SENATORS COMFORTABLE THAT THE AMOUNT THAT YOU SET ASIDE IN THINGS THAT SUCH AS BOND FINANCING IS SUFFICIENT TO GET THE JOB DONE AND SO IN LEGISLATION SO IF THAT'S NOT IF I COME TO YOU FOR \$35 MILLION AND THEN I SAY YOU KNOW THE BUILDING COST WENT UP AND I COME TO YOU FOR 37 I COME TO YOU FOR 40 I WILL MORE THAN EXPECT TO BE RAKED OVER THE COALS AND ASK WHY THIS IS WHY IT IS

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER: SURE

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: IN ADVANCE THIS IS A LOT OF PLANNING WORK THAT I DON'T THINK NEEDS TO BE LEGISLATED IT'S FINE IT'S NOT IT'S NOT OFFENSIVE TO GEDA THAT YOU WANT TO LEGISLATE A COMMITTEE THAT'S COOL IT'S MORE JUST I'M FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE MANY TIMES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM YOU ASK US TO DO THESE PROJECTS AND IT'S LIKE A GROUP PROJECT WHERE ONLY ONE PERSON IS DOING ALL THE WORK AND WHAT I'VE BEEN FINDING IS THAT'S BEEN GEDA AND SO I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME TO CALL ALL THESE PEOPLE TO COME TO A MEETING THAT I NEED TO BUY THE AD AND BUY THE

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DONUTS AND ALL THE THINGS AND REPORT JUST SO THAT I COULD WRITE THE RFP ANYWAY THAT'S A VERY FRANK RESPONSE I'M REALLY SORRY BUT THAT'S I IT'S LIKE I SAID WE'RE NOT OFFENDED BY IT THIS IS NOT LEGISLATION WHEN THIS CAME TO US MY BOARD CHAIR FOR GOD'S SAKES PUT IN A LETTER OF SUPPORT WHY BECAUSE WE LIKE THE INTENT OF PPP IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE STAND IN THE WAY OF DO WE NEED IT AT THIS JUNCTURE NOT NECESSARILY BUT I THAT'S WHY WE RECOMMENDED WE SAID MAYBE GIVE IT SIX MONTHS AND THEN WE'LL COME BACK WITH THE STUDY AND SEE HOW YOU FEEL THEN YEAH

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER:
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CANDIDNESS DO I HAVE TIME FOR ONE MORE QUESTION MISS MADAM CHAIR

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: GO AHEAD

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER:
THANK YOU HOW WOULD THIS PROPOSED REQUIREMENT THERE'S A REQUIREMENT IN THE BILL TO SAFEGUARD NON-MANAGEMENT STAFF MEMBERS OF GMHA HOW DOES IT WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT ON ANY MAYBE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE P3 PARTICULARLY SUGGESTIONS THAT ARE OFFERED TO HELP STREAMLINE DAILY OPERATIONS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE COST IN THE BILL IT REQUIRES THAT ANY CONTRACT ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE MEASURE SHALL SAFEGUARD THE EMPLOYMENT AND GOVERNMENT PROVIDED RETIREMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS OF ALL NON-MANAGEMENT STAFF MEMBERS OF GMHA ANYONE WANT TO TAKE A CRACK

DR. V. KWASI NYAME, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: IF I MAY

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, COMMITTEE MEMBER:
THANK YOU

DR. V. KWASI NYAME, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: WHENEVER A PRIVATE COMPANY COMES TO FORM A PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP THERE'S ALWAYS AN AGREEMENT BEFOREHAND THERE'S RESEARCH THAT'S DONE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE NEEDS ARE IN THIS EXAMPLE THERE HAS NOT BEEN NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND SO WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE NEEDS ARE FURTHERMORE THERE'S NO DEFINITION ON EXACTLY WHAT THE PARTNERSHIP WOULD ENTAIL ARE WE RUNNING OPERATIONS FOR DIETARY FOR RADIOLOGY OR ARE WE DOING AN OPERATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE I THINK THESE THINGS NEED TO BE DEFINED

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BEFORE WE EVEN GET TO THE TABLE AND IN MY OPINION THAT HOMEWORK HAS NOT BEEN DONE AND SO WE CAN BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT HOW THE EMPLOYEES AT GMHA WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS I THINK THIS IS VERY PREMATURE IN MY OPINION I THINK THIS DISCUSSION IS VERY GOOD IT NEEDS TO HAPPEN BECAUSE GMH NEEDS TO BE RUN MORE EFFICIENTLY AND I'M I SUPPORT IT I REALLY SUPPORT IT BECAUSE MY JOB AS A DOCTOR SHOULDN'T BE TO TRY AND FIND SUPPLIES MY JOB AS A DOCTOR SHOULD BE TO TRY AND MAKE HEALTH CARE BETTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT WAS WHAT I CAME TO BE A DOCTOR FOR BUT HONESTLY I THINK AT THIS JUNCTURE HAVING THIS PARTNERSHIP IS JUST WAY TOO PREMATURE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR NEEDS ARE TO BE HONEST WITH YOU WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT AND SO BEFORE WE CAN DO THAT WE NEED TO ESTABLISH WHAT THAT IS AND TO YOUR QUESTION MADAM SENATOR TERLAJE YES THERE ARE COMPANIES AND HOSPITALS THAT ALREADY HAVE THESE OPERATIONS BUT AGAIN THESE OPERATIONS ARE FOR DIETARY THEY'RE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES THEY'RE FOR SERVICES THAT DO NOT HAVE FLUCTUATIONS IN PRICES IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH MEDICAL MANAGEMENT EVERY DAY THINGS HAPPEN ON A DAILY BASIS THAT NEEDS TO BE MANAGED IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY HAPPENS APPROPRIATELY AND THESE THINGS ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH THANK YOU SO MUCH THANK YOU AND THANK YOU PANEL FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

THANK YOU SENATOR GUMATAOTAO FOR THE RECORD YOU DID HAVE ONE MINUTE LEFT ON YOUR TIME SENATOR VINCE BORJA

SENATOR VINCENT A. V. BORJA, COMMITTEE MEMBER: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU TO THE PANEL FOR YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES FACING GMH WHILE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CAN OFFER POTENTIAL BENEFITS I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THIS PROPOSAL WILL ADDRESS THE LONG-STANDING OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL ISSUES AT GMH PARTICULARLY ITS IMPACT ON PATIENT CARE FOR GUAM'S UNDERSERVED AND UNINSURED POPULATIONS GMH IS OUR ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND AS WE CONSIDER NEW MANAGEMENT MODELS ENSURING IMPROVED SERVICES AND ACCESS THIS MUST REMAIN OUR OUR PRIORITY SO SOME QUESTIONS I HAVE TODAY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW THIS P3 WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUES FACING GMH HOW WE BELIEVE THIS PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WILL IMPROVE GMH'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PATIENTS WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY OR ARE SELF PAY ANYONE ON THE PANEL

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: WELL I'M NOT SURE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO BECAUSE LIKE I HAD MENTIONED EARLIER EVEN JUST THE MEDICARE POPULATION THAT WE SERVE YOU KNOW THE MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT WE'RE ONLY ELIGIBLE FOR 14 TO 15 OR 16 MILLION YET THE COST IS 31 MILLION SO I'M NOT SURE A PRIVATE COMPANY WILL BE ABLE TO THEN REALLY INCREASE THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEDICARE CAUSE THAT'S A FEDERAL YOU KNOW REGULATED INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES SIMILARLY WITH MEDICAID YOU KNOW AGAIN THEY'RE UNDER THE CMS AND SO THAT'S ANOTHER FEDERAL INSURANCE COVERAGE THEY MIRROR MEDICARE IN TERMS OF REIMBURSING THE HOSPITAL SO I'M NOT SURE THAT A PRIVATE COMPANY IS GOING TO EVEN IMPROVE ON THE COLLECTION ON THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THOSE POPULATIONS SELF-PAY AGAIN THEY DON'T HAVE ANY RESOURCES THEY DON'T HAVE THE SOURCE TO REIMBURSE THE HOSPITAL SO YOU KNOW PRIVATE COMPANY THEY'RE GOING TO EXPECT A RETURN ON THEIR INVESTMENT AND SO I'M NOT SURE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO INCREASE THE REIMBURSEMENT THE COLLECTION FOR YOU KNOW THAT POPULATION RECENTLY AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE READ THE RECENT TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER IS LOOKING AT CUTTING BACK ON MEDICAID FUNDING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT THAT'S GOING TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT NOT ONLY ON THE HOSPITAL BUT THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND OF GUAM BECAUSE PRIVATE CLINICS IF THEY'RE SERVING MEDICAID PATIENTS AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET REIMBURSED THEY MAY EITHER SHUT DOWN OR REFER ALL THOSE PATIENTS TO GMH AND GUESS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO THEN BE SLAMMED WITH THOSE PATIENTS AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE SO THAT'S AN IMPACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO WE'RE KIND OF CONCERNED RIGHT NOW THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION

SENATOR VINCENT A. V. BORJA, COMMITTEE MEMBER: YOU KNOW CONSIDERING SOME OF THESE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CHALLENGES INCLUDING DEBTS TO VENDORS AND BUDGET SHORTFALLS HOW DO YOU THINK THIS PARTNERSHIP WILL RESOLVE THOSE FINANCIAL ISSUES

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: MAYBE THE THROUGH A PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATION THAT WE EXPERIENCE WITH PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLIES YOU KNOW WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH SUCH RIGOROUS PROCUREMENT PROCESS A PRIVATE COMPANY MAY BE ABLE TO PROCURE THOSE SUPPLIES AND A MUCH MORE QUICKER MORE EFFICIENT AND SO THE SUPPLIES AS DR QUAZI SAYS HE SHOULDN'T BE WORRIED ABOUT GETTING SUPPLIES HIS JOB IS TO TAKE CARE

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OF THE PATIENT AND DO THE SURGERY BUT YOU KNOW THIS IS WHERE PROBABLY THE PRIVATE COMPANY CAN THEN GET THE SUPPLIES PROCURE THE SUPPLIES QUICKER AND THEN BE ABLE TO PAY HOPEFULLY THE VENDORS SO THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES THANK YOU

SENATOR VINCENT A. V. BORJA, COMMITTEE MEMBER: DO I HAVE MORE TIME MADAM CHAIR ONE MORE YOU KNOW JUST BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE AND YOUR TIME AT THE HOSPITAL YOU KNOW THE IN TERMS OF THE DAY-TO-DAY AT THE HOSPITAL HOW DO YOU THINK THE PARTNERSHIP WILL ADDRESS THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL INEFFICIENCIES AND IMPROVED PATIENT CARE

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: I'LL BE TRANSPARENT WE DO HAVE QUITE A BIT OF INEFFICIENCIES WITH OUR HOSPITAL BECAUSE YOU KNOW AGAIN LIKE OUR YOU KNOW INFRASTRUCTURE IT'S ANTIQUATED A LOT OF OUR STAFF WE'RE DOING PROCESSES MANUALLY EVEN THE RECRUITMENT OF APPLICANTS IT'S A MANUAL PROCESS WE'RE TRYING TO YOU KNOW DIGITIZE AND GO THROUGH ELECTRONIC PROCESSING SO MAYBE THIS IS WHERE THE PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CAN THEN HELP US MOVE TOWARDS A MORE EFFICIENT PROCESSING OF OUR SYSTEMS OUR PAPERWORK MINIMIZE THE PAPERWORK THAT'S HOW I SEE IT THAT ANSWER THE QUESTION

SENATOR VINCENT A. V. BORJA, COMMITTEE MEMBER: YES THANK YOU

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: OKAY

SENATOR VINCENT A. V. BORJA, COMMITTEE MEMBER: THANK YOU THAT'S IT MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU SENATOR BORJA DIRECTOR ARRIOLA DID YOU WANT TO COMMENT

THERESE ARRIOLA, DIRECTOR - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES: THANK YOU SENATOR AND SENATORS I WASN'T GOING TO TESTIFY ON BILL 13 BUT WHEN MY COLLEAGUE LILLIAN BROUGHT UP MEDICAID AND MEDICAID RATES I JUST I WAS LIKE BOUNCING OFF MY SEAT SO AS YOU KNOW THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES RUNS THE MEDICAID OFFICE AND I JUST WANT TO RE-EMPHASIZE WHAT LILLIAN MENTIONED I'M NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP I'M JUST GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE REALITIES AND THE REALITIES ARE IS THE MEDICARE

RATE WHICH YOU AND I DO NOT CONTROL IS LOWER THAN THE COST SO WE CAN COME UP WITH ALL KINDS OF POSSIBILITIES TO MAKE THINGS MORE EFFICIENT THAT CAN AS YOU KNOW MAYBE PROCUREMENT MAINTENANCE OF A OF A HOUSEKEEPING MAYBE MAINTENANCE AND THINGS LIKE THAT BUT THE REALITIES ARE IS THE COST OF REIMBURSEMENT IS NEITHER YOU OR I WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT HONESTLY THIS IS IN A CONGRESSIONAL LEVEL WE NEED TO ADVOCATE FOR MEDICAID MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT TO BE INCREASED IF IT'S INCREASED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL GUESS WHAT LILLIAN WILL GET MORE REIMBURSEMENT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DOESN'T HAVE TO SUBSIDIZE MEDICAID WILL GET REIMBURSEMENT WHY BECAUSE WE MIRROR THE MEDICARE RATE SO I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE REASON WHY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS SO COMMITTED AND THEY ARE BECAUSE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS HAS BEEN PUT INTO OUR ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HAS BEEN ALSO GIVEN TO PUBLIC HEALTH FOR MEDICAID IS BECAUSE YOU'RE SUBSIDIZING SOMETHING THAT IS LOWER THAN OUR COST SO WE NEED TO JUST REALIZE THAT IN THE BEGINNING THAT WE WILL ALWAYS SUBSIDIZE UNLESS THE MEDICARE RATE INCREASES WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO SUBSIDIZE AND UNFORTUNATELY MEDICAID IS IN THAT BOAT WE MIRRORED THE MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT RATE AND AS I MENTIONED EARLIER MEDICARE RATE IS NOTHING THAT YOU AND I CAN DO THAT'S AT A CONGRESSIONAL LEVEL NOW UNFORTUNATELY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION HAS I'VE BEEN ON CALLS FOR THE LAST 2 WEEKS AT 5 IN THE MORNING ANTICIPATING MAJOR CUTS TO MEDICAID AND WE WILL DEAL WITH THAT AND COME TO YOU FOR HELP WHEN THAT HAPPENS BUT THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL AND WE JUST NEED TO BRACE OURSELVES WHICH MEANS THE HOSPITAL'S CONCERNS ARE EVEN GOING TO GET WORSE SO I WAS JUST BOUNCING OFF MY SEAT BECAUSE I JUST WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THAT THAT IT'S NOTHING THAT YOU OR I CAN DO THE MEDICARE RATE IS NOT DICTATED BY YOU OR I IT'S DICTATED BY CONGRESS SO UNLESS IT MOVES UP WE'RE ON THE SAME BOAT EVERY DAY

DR. V. KWASI NYAME, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:

IF I MAY JUST PIGGY BACK ON WHAT A DIRECTOR SAID LET'S BE REALISTIC MOST OF OUR PATIENTS ARE EITHER MEDICARE MEDICAID OR MIP MIP PAYS EVEN LESS SO IF YOU LOOK AT OUR PAYER MIX WE ARE NOT A FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT TO MAKE MONEY FOR THE HOSPITAL THE HOSPITAL IS NOT A BUSINESS THE HOSPITAL IS MEANT TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE THE ONLY WAY WE CAN MAKE MONEY IS IF WE IMPROVE OUR PAYER MIX TO HAVE MORE PATIENTS THAT ARE PRIVATE INSURED THROUGH SOME OF THE PRIVATE PAYERS ON GUAM LIKE SELECT CARE TAKE CARE AND SO FORTH

BUT WITH SUCH A LARGE PERCENT OF SELF-PAY AND A LARGE PERCENT OF MEDICARE MEDICAID MIP WE WILL KEEP COMING TO LEGISLATURE TO ASK FOR MONEY IF IT'S NOT ME ITS GOING TO BE WHOEVER TAKES MY JOB IT'S JUST A FACT BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO MAKE THIS HOSPITAL MORE EFFICIENT WHETHER IT'S WITH A PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP OR WHETHER IS WITH TRYING TO ENFORCE LEGISLATION AT THE CONGRESS LEVEL TO AUGMENT OUR MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENTS IT'S NOT ONLY THE REIMBURSEMENT WE'RE ARGUING WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES TO COLLECT MONEY BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO PAY THIS THIS IS THE REALITY OF THIS HOSPITAL UNFORTUNATELY THANK YOU MADAM

THERESE ARRIOLA, DIRECTOR - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES: MADAM CHAIR IF MADAM CHAIR IF I CAN MENTION IT SEEMS BECAUSE I KNOW WE'RE TALKING AND FOCUSED ON THE HOSPITAL BUT FOR THE RECORD A LOT OF PRIVATE COMPANIES COME TO ME EVERY DAY I MEAN AT LEAST ONE PRIVATE COMPANY COMES TO ME EVERY WEEK ASK ME THERESE CAN YOU INCREASE OUR MEDICAID RATE AND WHAT DO I SAY TO THEM IF I INCREASE THE MEDICAID RATE FOR YOUR SERVICE WE HAVE ANOTHER ISSUE WE HAVE A CAP RIGHT WE ALL KNOW WE HAVE A MEDICAID CAP SOMETHING THAT THAT THAT OTHER STATES DO NOT WORRY ABOUT SO WE HAVE A CAP WE HAVE A LIMITED RATE THAT NONE OF US ON GUAM DICTATE TO REIMBURSE SO I JUST WANT TO SAY I KNOW THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT GMH BUT TRUST ME WHEN I TELL YOU THAT TALK TO ANY PRIVATE PROVIDER THEY'RE STRUGGLING AS WELL IN THEIR PRIVATE CLINICS ASKING HOW CAN WE GET BETTER RATES AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL THEM I MEAN I HAD A PRIVATE I HAD A PRIVATE COMPANY COME TO ME THEY PATIENT MIX IS 10% MEDICAID I'M SORRY SO OUT OF 700 PATIENTS THEY SERVE 100 IS MEDICAID 600 IS MEDICARE THEY WANT ME TO INCREASE THE MEDICAID RATE TO JUST MAKE IT OFF TO MAKE IT BALANCE IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN WHY WOULD I HOLD WHY WOULD I HOLD MEDICAIDS BACK FOR 700 PEOPLE WHEN ONLY A 100 OF MY PEOPLE ARE VISITING THEIR FACILITIES SO AGAIN WE'RE CONCENTRATING ON GMH BUT GMH IS NOT THE ONLY ONE PRIVATE COMPANIES COME TO ME ALL THE TIME WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THE RATE AND UNFORTUNATELY THE ONLY THING I CAN TELL THEM IS UNFORTUNATELY IT'S NOT EVEN AT OUR TERRITORIAL LEVEL IT'S AT A CONGRESSIONAL LEVEL WE NEED TO ADVOCATE FOR ONE HIGHER MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATE TO A CAP A LIFT OF THE CAP NOW IS THAT IS THAT GOING TO BE POSSIBLE IN LIGHT OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION I DON'T KNOW BUT I JUST TRY TO BE HOPEFUL EVERY DAY

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THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT: SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU TO THE PANEL FOR YOUR TESTIMONY MISS LILLAN IN YOUR TESTIMONY YOU SAY THAT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS NOT AGAINST A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODEL HOWEVER YOU DON'T SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL AND PROCESS PROFFERED IN THIS BILL AS IT IS WRITTEN I'M JUST TRYING TO GAUGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE BECAUSE YOU DID ALSO SAY THAT YOU FELT LIKE THE BILL JUST NEEDED A COUPLE LITTLE TWEAKS SO COULD YOU KIND OF EXPLAIN WHAT TYPE OF PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODEL YOU WOULD SUPPORT

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: IT'S NOT JUST THE MODEL BUT I THINK THE DETAILS OF AS DR NYAME MENTIONED HERE WE NEED TO HAVE SOME SPECIFICATION WHAT IS THE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GOING TO FOCUS ON BECAUSE YOU KNOW IS IT GOING TO BE THE ENTIRE HOSPITAL OR JUST A PORTION OF IT WHETHER IS IT GOING TO BE THE HOUSEKEEPING OR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES YOU KNOW THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE DETAILS SO IT'S CLEARLY WRITTEN OUT

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT: IN MY READ OF THE BILL IT SEEMS TO ME LIKE THOSE THINGS WOULD BE DETERMINED AFTER THE FORMATION OF THE TASK FORCE WHICH WOULD THEN LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF BUT YOU KNOW WE'RE TRYING HERE IT'S VERY FRUSTRATING YOU KNOW WE'RE SIX SEVEN YEARS INTO AN ADMINISTRATION WHERE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WERE TOLD ELECT A NURSE ELECT A NURSE FOR THE PEOPLE'S HEALTH CARE AND LOOK AT THE STATE OF OUR HEALTH CARE WE HAVE THE CHAIR OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE SAYING OUR HOSPITAL IS AN F WE'VE GOT THE PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC AND IN LAW AND BEING USED AS A WAREHOUSE WE HAVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC IN MANGILAO SITTING IDLE ABANDONED SO IN THE LEGISLATURE WE'VE TRIED IN THE 37 THEY TRIED IN THE 36 WE'RE TRYING IN THE 38TH TO DO SOMETHING TO AFFECT SOME KIND OF CHANGE BECAUSE WHEN I READ YOUR TESTIMONY WITH MISS LIL WITH ALL DUE RESPECT YOU QUOTE THE ORGANIC ACT AND YOU SAY THE GOVERNOR SHALL ESTABLISH MAINTAIN AND OPERATE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN GUAM AND I JUST HAVE TO ASK HOW'S THAT WORKING OUT FOR US NOT TOO WELL I'D SAY WITH ALL YOU KNOW ALL THE SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE HARDWORKING EMPLOYEES ACROSS ALL OF OUR DIFFERENT HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS BUT OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IT'S AN A

SHAMBLES AND SO WE'RE TRYING DESPERATELY TO FIND OUT WHAT WILL WORK AND WHEN YOU HAVE NURSES COMING IN HERE TO THE LEGISLATURE TALKING ABOUT YOU KNOW HOW POLITICS HAS PARALYZED OUR PEOPLE'S PROGRESS RELATIVE TO HEALTHCARE WHEN WE YOU KNOW ROUTINELY BAIL OUT A GMH WITH \$30 MILLION \$20 MILLION AND THEN YOU HAVE THE GOVERNOR STEALING MONEY BACK FROM OUR PEOPLE'S HOSPITAL I MEAN THAT THAT'S WHY WE'RE THE SPEAKERS COMING UP WITH THESE TYPES OF PROPOSAL IS BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO DO BETTER BY OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE WHEN YOU LOOK OUT ACROSS THE LANDSCAPE OF OUR PEOPLE'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IT LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED AND THEY DESERVE MUCH BETTER SO I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS I'VE HEARD A LOT OF THESE ANSWERS YOU KNOW REPEATEDLY OVER THE LAST 2 AND A HALF YEARS AND I THINK THAT YOU KNOW IN ORDER TO REALLY HOLD OUR LEADERS OUR LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE STATE OF OUR HEALTHCARE WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO STEP ON SOME ORGANIC ACT TOES THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS THIS ORGANIC ACT RESPONSIBILITY BUT IN MY OPINION SHE'S FAILED IN DELIVERING THAT RESPONSIBILITY WITH ALL THE DUE RESPECT THAT IS DUE I THINK YOU KNOW IF YOU LOOK ACROSS THE ISLAND I MEAN GMH RIGHT WE HEAR ABOUT IT EVERY DAY WE HEAR ABOUT NOT JUST THE CONDITION OF THE FACILITY BUT THE LACK OF YOU KNOW BASIC SUPPLIES LIKE CATHETERS PAPER TOWELS FOR CRYING OUT LOUD YOU KNOW AND SO FOR ME IT IT'S A LITTLE TONED DEAF TO HEAR YOU AND I FEEL FOR YOU GOT TO COME IN HERE AND YOU GOT TO DEFEND THIS BROKEN MODEL THAT ABSOLUTELY IS NOT WORKING AND YOU HAVE TO COME IN HERE AND YOU KNOW KIND OF ENGINEER YOUR TESTIMONY ABOUT JUST DEFENDING THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY OVER FOR HEALTHCARE WHEN IT'S CLEAR THAT I DON'T BELIEVE SHE'S USING THAT AUTHORITY TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM I THINK THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING SO SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR CALVO

SENATOR SHELLY V. CALVO, COMMITTEE MEMBER: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE AGENCIES ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO TESTIFIED ON BILL NUMBER 1338 COR TODAY YOU KNOW YOUR INSIGHTS YOUR EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCES ARE INVALUABLE AS WE CONSIDER THIS CRITICAL PIECE OF LEGISLATION YOU KNOW THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS FACING SERIOUS CHALLENGES FROM FINANCIAL SHORTFALLS TO STAFFING SHORTAGES TO AGING INFRASTRUCTURE THESE ISSUES AFFECT THE QUALITY OF CARE PATIENT

OUTCOMES AND THE HOSPITAL'S LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY GIVEN THESE CONCERNS IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE WHY A PPP OR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IS BEING PROPOSED AS A POSSIBLE SOLUTION THE PRIVATE SECTOR COULD PROVIDE RESOURCES OPERATIONAL EXPERT AND FINANCIAL STABILITY THAT OUR HOSPITAL DESPERATELY NEEDS AT THE SAME TIME YOU MUST ENSURE THAT ANY PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP TRULY SERVES THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE AND DOES NOT CREATE UNINTENDED RISKS OR CONSEQUENCES I RECOGNIZE THE URGENCY OF ADDRESSING GMHA'S CHALLENGES BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE MUST PROCEED CAREFULLY ENSURING THAT WE ARE NOT RUSHING INTO A SOLUTION THAT MAY CREATE NEW PROBLEMS DOWN THE ROAD NOW I AM THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO DOES NOT SAY NO RIGHT AWAY WHEN SOMETHING IS PROPOSED ON A TABLE OR WE'RE CREATIVELY THINKING OF A SOLUTION FOR A PROBLEM THAT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR AGES SO I DON'T REALLY HAVE A QUESTION BUT I HAVE FEW REMARKS AND I WANTED TO SAY THAT I'VE SEEN A LOT OF PPPS THAT ARE SUCCESSFUL AND THERE ARE PPPS ALSO THAT DID NOT WORK OUT SO THERE'S A LOT OF WORK AND DILIGENCE AND VIGILANCE THAT NEED TO BE EXERCISED FOR US TO PROCEED BUT I WILL TELL YOU THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF PPP WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS FINANCIAL STABILITY IS ONE WE DON'T HAVE TO BORROW WE DON'T HAVE TO FLOW BONDS SOMEBODY WILL JUST COME IN AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL BACKING FOR US HERE IN GUAM IF YOU ASK ME TRUTH BE TOLD I DO NOT WANT TO INCUR MORE DEBTS FOR GUAM THAT'S ME PPP BRINGS IN IMPROVED HEALTH CARE SERVICES EFFICIENCY AND INNOVATION JOB AND BENEFIT PROTECTIONS JOB PROTECTION WAS RAISED EARLIER IN THE TESTIMONY AND YOU KNOW WHAT WITH PPP IT CAN STILL BE PROTECTED PUBLIC OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS ANOTHER FACTOR BUT ON THE OTHER HAND OF THE SCALE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT WOULD BE PRIVATE COMPANIES MIGHT PRIORITIZE REVENUE OVER PATIENT CARE SO THAT'S ONE THING FOR ME THAT IS VERY VITAL I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE GUAM IS PROTECTED I DO LIKE TO BE HONEST I'M INCLINED TO I SEE THE BEAUTY IN FORMING A COMMITTEE BECAUSE TO BE HONEST I WAS JOTTING IT DOWN AND I SAW THAT IT IS ACTUALLY COMPOSED OF HEALTHCARE GOVERNMENT AND FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND FOR ME MEDICAL EXPERTS THEIR OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BECAUSE YOU IT ACTUALLY BRINGS IN TRANSPARENCY AND INCLUSION AND OBVIOUSLY WE WANT A PPP THAT WILL BE RUN BY MAJORITY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS I DO WANTED TO RAISE SOMETHING THAT DR NYAME BROUGHT ABOUT AND THIS IS ALSO A GOOD THING BECAUSE I'VE SEEN THIS HAPPEN OR THIS THIS HAD BEEN A PRACTICE AND IT HAS BEEN A SUCCESSFUL NOT JUST PARTNERSHIP IN OTHER PLACES BUT BOT DOC YOU MENTIONED ABOUT BOT NOW FOR PEOPLE WHO

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DOESN'T KNOW WHAT BOT STANDS FOR IT'S BUILD OPERATE AND TRANSFER WHICH IS ACTUALLY VERY GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD ACTUALLY EXPLORE IT'S BEEN EXPLORED MANY TIMES OVER FOR DECADES IN OTHER PLACES AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD TAKE A LOOK INTO HERE ON GUAM NOW I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS BILL PP THAT PRO THAT PROPOSES PPP FOR HOSPITAL IS NOT REALLY A BILL ABOUT PRIVATE PRIVATERIZATION BUT RATHER IT'S AN EFFORT FOR SUSTAINABILITY SO I JUST KEEP I WILL KEEP AN OPEN MIND WITH REGARDS TO THIS BILL IT'S SOMETHING THAT THERE'S A LOT OF CONS AND THAT I SEE AND PROS THAT I SEE BUT SEVERAL CONS THAT I LIKE TO DELVE INTO BUT I JUST I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BECAUSE YOU ALL SATISFIED MY CURIOSITY AND MY THINKING TODAY IT'S MOSTLY JUST REMARK AND I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY AND THANK YOU MADAME CHAIR THAT'S ALL THANK YOU

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

THANK YOU SENATOR CALVO SENATOR PARKINSON I APOLOGIZE I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU WHEN YOU WALKED IN BUT THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE QUESTIONS

SENATOR WILLIAM A. PARKINSON: NO I HAVE NO QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: I DO HAVE A QUESTION AND IT WAS ABOUT A YEAR AGO THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR INDORSED THE CONCEPT OF MOVING PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO MANAGE THE HOSPITAL FORWARD AND IT WAS IN AN ARTICLE IN THE GUAM DAILY POST FEBRUARY 28TH 2024 AT THE TIME THE GOVERNOR HAD ASSEMBLED A FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH WAS TASKED WITH REVIEWING AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTUAL ISSUES AT THE ISLANDS ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL LILLIAN OR MELANIE ANYBODY WE DID ASK THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO ATTEND BUT DOES ANYBODY KNOW OF THE FINDINGS OF THIS ACTUAL REPORT OR IF THERE'S ANY UPDATES

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: I ATTEND THE MONTHLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AT DOA WITH DIRECTOR BIRN AND OUR CFO MISS YUKA AND OFTEN TIMES WHEN MISS MR LESTER CARLSON IS AVAILABLE AND NOT IN ANOTHER MEETING HE ATTENDS IT AND ALSO WITH THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR LISA FISHER BUT I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY REPORT ON THAT CONTRACT OR THE CONTRACTUAL REPORT THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT I HAVE NOT SEEN THAT REPORT

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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: AND HOW OFTEN DO YOU DID YOU SAY YOU MEET EVERY WEEK

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: MONDAY I MEAN MONTHLY EVERY MONTH

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: EVERY MONTH

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: EXCEPT FOR THIS MONTH IT GOT RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH BECAUSE MR BIRN HAD TO GO OFF ISLAND SEE

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: SO YOU'VE BEEN MEETING FOR THE PAST 11 MONTHS

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: MONTHLY QUITE CONSISTENTLY BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE YOU KNOW MISSED A MONTH MEETING CAN YOU PROVIDE ANY

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: KIND OF INFORMATION ON A WHAT KIND OF RESULTS OR WHAT YOU GUYS TALK ABOUT I MEAN THIS WAS TO REVIEW YOU KNOW THE FISCAL ISSUES WITH GMH CAN YOU

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: CORRECT ABSOLUTELY

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO BE PRODUCING A REPORT SO THAT WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON OR THE PUBLIC KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON OR

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: NOTHING REALLY WRITTEN IN TERMS OF YOU KNOW WHAT'S WHAT WAS DISCUSSED BUT WE DO DISCUSS PRIMARILY THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE OF THE HOSPITAL AND OUR CFO PROVIDES THE DOA DIRECTOR THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE HOW MUCH WE'RE BILLING HOW MUCH WE'RE COLLECTING AND SO THOSE ARE PROVIDED TO MR BIRN AND LISA AND WE DISCUSSED IT HE REVIEWS IT AND WE DISCUSS IT WE RECENTLY DISCUSSED ALSO THE MEDICARE COST REPORT THAT WE PROVIDED FOR A 10 YEAR PERIOD TO SEE HOW WE CAN THEN MOVE FORWARD WITH DOING THE MEDICARE REBASING OPTION SO HOPEFULLY HE'S STILL REVIEWING THAT REPORT THE 10 YEAR REPORT THAT HE RECEIVED AND SO IF WE THERE'S POSSIBILITY THAT WE MAY GET SOME

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MEDICARE REBASING MONEY WE JUST HAVEN'T SEEN THE OFFICIAL REPORT OURSELVES MR BIRN SAID HE'S REVIEWING IT STILL

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: OKAY AND THIS IS THIS RELATED TO TEFRA

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: WELL THE TEFRA IS WHAT DICTATES OUR REIMBURSEMENT RATE THAT'S THE TAX EQUITY YOU KNOW FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT THAT'S WHAT DICTATES HOW THE GMH GUAM HOSPITALS ARE TO BE REIMBURSED AND THAT'S WHAT TEFRA IS BUT AND IT IS MEDICARE WHO THEN PROVIDES THE REIMBURSEMENT SO THE MEDICARE ON A MED ON A YEARLY BASIS WE DO A COST REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR HOW MUCH IT COST US AND ALL THE VERY DETAILS AND SO FOR THE 10 YEAR PERIOD THAT WE PROVIDED MR BIRN HE SUBMITTED IT I THINK TO MEDICARE AND HE GOT A REPORT BACK SO THERE'S POSSIBILITY THAT WE WILL GET SOME REBASING MONEY

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: AND DO YOU HAVE A ROUGH ESTIMATE ON HOW MUCH THAT IS

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: NO IDEA HE HASN'T YOU KNOW HE'S STILL REVIEWING THE REPORT HE HASN'T SHARED WHAT THE YOU KNOW THE FINDINGS ARE AND HOW MUCH THAT'S GOING TO BE

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S AT ABOUT 14 TO 16 MILLION ACCORDING TO YOUR TESTIMONY

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: FOR THE YEAR YEAH BUT WE SPENT 31 MILLION TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: SO HOPEFULLY 31 MILLION

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: I DON'T KNOW BECAUSE THEY DO THEY GO THROUGH A FORMULA PROCESS TO THEN DO A SETTLEMENT IS WHAT IT'S CALLED A TENTATIVE SETTLEMENT FOR WHAT THEN THEY OWE US PER THE DISCHARGE RATE WHICH IS A DIFFERENT RATE COMPARED TO THE PERIDIUM THAT THEY REIMBURSE US ON A DAILY BASIS

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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: YOU DO HAVE YOU MIGHT HAVE LIKE AN ESTIMATE I WOULD ASSUME ON HOW MUCH YOU THINK YOU SHOULD BE REIMBURSED

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: BASED ON THAT MEDICARE COST REPORT THAT MR BIRN RECEIVED WE I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO BE BUT HE THINKS THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY WE WILL GET SOME REIMBURSEMENT OKAY THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: THANK YOU

LILLIAN PEREZ-POSADAS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: THANK YOU

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: SENATOR TERLAJE I'LL LET YOU CLOSE

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO'S TESTIFIED AND TO MY COLLEAGUES AS WELL FOR REVIEWING THE BILL OH WAIT SORRY I JUST WANT TO AGAIN REMIND EVERYONE WHAT'S REALLY IN THE BILL TO ELAY SOME OF THE FEARS MAYBE THAT HAVE BEEN STATED TODAY AND FIRST OF ALL THE IT'S TO CREATE A COMMITTEE THAT'S GOING TO WRITE THIS RFP THE RFP THAT WAS RECOMMENDED YEARS AGO THAT WAS JUST NOT ABLE TO WRITTEN BY GEDA TO DATE THE RFP THAT HASN'T BEEN WRITTEN BY THE HOSPITAL TO DATE THE RFP THAT THE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDED THE TASK FORCE THAT I READ THEIR NAMES INCLUDED VERY PROMINENT PEOPLE FINANCIAL EXPERTS DR LIZAMA DAVID JOHN BACK THEN OUR GOVERNOR AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN BACK THEN I BELIEVE MANY PEOPLE WHEN AND THEY ALL CONSIDERED THE DIFFERENT MODELS AND THEY ALL RECOGNIZED THE RISK OF MEDICAID RATES MEDICARE RATES AND THEY STILL RECOMMENDED THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER A PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP BUT THE PARAMETERS SHOULD BE DEFINED AND THAT'S WHAT THIS COMMITTEE IS GOING TO DO IS DEFINE THOSE OR DEFINE THE OPTIONS FOR US AND THEN IT COMES TO THE LEGISLATURE SO THAT WE CAN DEFINE WHAT WE CAN AFFORD RIGHT AND SO THAT'S WHY IT COMES HERE SO WE CAN AVOID THE RISK OR IF IT SAYS YOU KNOW TAKE AWAY ALL THE RETIREMENT OF THE EMPLOYEES HOPEFULLY WE CAN AVOID THE RISK SOMEHOW BY I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN BUT THAT'S WHY IT COMES BACK SO THAT SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS RFP BEFORE IT GOES OUT AND

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WE CAN SHOW THEM WHAT WE CAN FUND SO THAT WE HAVE A REAL MOVEMENT A REAL CONTRACT GOING FORWARD THE RFP COMMITTEE THAT THE BILL SETS UP AGAIN IT'S GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IT'S GOING TO BE OUR DIRECTORS OUR TOP FISCAL OFFICERS IT'S GOING TO INCLUDE GMH OF COURSE THE STAKEHOLDERS AND IT'S GOING TO INCLUDE THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION THE MEDICAL SOCIETY THE GUAM NURSING ASSOCIATION THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND I'M SURE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ENGAGE YOU KNOW EXPERTS AS THEY FIND NECESSARY BUT AGAIN WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ABATE THE RISK THEY'RE VERY AWARE NO ONE'S GOING INTO THIS THINKING WE'RE GETTING ANYTHING FOR FREE THE TAXPAYERS LEAST OF ALL THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING THIS ALL ALONG AND IT KEEPS GETTING HIGHER AND HIGHER AND THEY ARE DOING IT IT'S THEM AND SO ALL WE ASK IS NOT THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO SUBSIDIZE WE WILL SUBSIDIZE I THINK THAT'S NAIVE TO THINK WE WILL NOT HAVE TO SUBSIDIZE EVEN WITH A PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP HOWEVER WHAT WE WANT IS JUST TO ENSURE THAT WHEN WE DO THAT THAT MONEY IS THE TAXPAYERS MONEY IS PUT TO THE BEST USE POSSIBLE THE TAXPAYERS MONEY OR THE FEDERAL FUNDS THAT GO INTO TO GMH ARE NOT GOING TO BE REMOVED AND THAT GMH IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO WHAT IT SETS OUT IN ITS PLAN TO DO WHAT THIS CONTRACT SETS OUT THEY'RE GOING TO DO AND GMH IS GOING TO DO SO THAT EVERYBODY'S VERY CLEAR AND REALLY NO IN MORE INTERFERENCE AND THEY CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD THIS PARTNERSHIP WAS NOT CONTEMPLATED IN THE PREVIOUS LEGISLATION WHERE WE AUTHORIZE THE DESIGN CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A FACILITY RIGHT WE DID THAT THAT'S DONE THAT'S GOOD YOU'RE GOING TO GO OUT FOR FINANCING ON THAT WE AUTHORIZE ALL KINDS OF FLEXIBLE FINANCING THIS IS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE GMH HAS DONE THE SAME THING IN SMALL WAYS THEY'VE GONE OUT FOR PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH CONSULTANTS FOR DIFFERENT THINGS THEIR EHR SYSTEMS THEIR THERE WAS ONE THAT THE AUDITOR REVIEWED AND DIDN'T LIKE THAT YOU WENT OUT FOR THIS CONSULTATION BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T THINK THE DELIVERABLES WERE ADEQUATE IN THE END REMEMBER THAT SO I DON'T THINK THE CONCEPT OF ENTERING INTO PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IS INORGANIC IN ANY WAY WHEN THE ORGANIC ACT SAYS SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF GUAM I THINK IT'S VERY CONSISTENT WITH LAWS THAT ARE IN PLACE ON GMH'S ENABLING LEGISLATION IT'S CONSISTENT WITH WHAT GMH HAS DONE OVER THESE YEARS IT'S CONSISTENT WHAT WITH WHAT GEDA'S DOING RIGHT NOW WE FOUND OUT LAST YEAR THEY WENT OUT FOR AN RFP AND WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW IS JUST YOU KNOW WE HAVE TO DO THIS REBASING WE HAVE TO DO ALL THESE THINGS AND WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS PLAN IS GOING TO DESIGNATE WHO'S GOING TO DO WHAT HOPEFULLY IT'S GOING TO

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MAKE THIS SET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE I'M NOT IN A RUSH TO RUSH US INTO ANYTHING BUT WE ARE AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE HERE WE ARE BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL AND I DON'T THINK ANYONE WANTS TO GO IN THERE FEELING LIKE WE ARE NOT SURE HOW THAT'S GOING TO BE RUN WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT BEING PUT IN THERE OR WHOSE EXPERTISE ARE WE RELYING ON TO DO THAT AND I IF I COULD JUST ASK MELANIE THE HUNDRED OR THE ALL THE ARP MONEY THAT WAS GIVEN TO GEDA YOU'VE GOT THE POT FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL IS THAT BEING SPENT IN CONSULTATION WITH ANY HOSPITAL EXPERT OR THIS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IT'S BEING SPENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

MELANIE MENDIOLA, ADMINISTRATOR - GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: IT'S BEING SPENT FOR POWER WATER WASTE WATER AND FOR LAND PREPARATION

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT AND SO THAT'S WHY I THINK IF THEY'RE IN NOW OR SOON THESE PRIVATE PARTNERS WILL BE ABLE TO HELP US IN OUR NEW HOSPITAL AS WELL TO ENSURE THAT WE IT WILL BE RUN EFFICIENTLY THAT WE WILL NOT SUFFER THESE SAME LIMITATIONS THAT WE ARE NOW AND OF COURSE WE ARE PARTNERING SO THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL GOING TO HAVE TO PAY BUT HOPEFULLY WE'RE JUST PUTTING OUR MONEY TO THE BEST USE POSSIBLE AND GMH STAFF IS STILL GOING TO HAVE TO BE THERE AND WORK FOR SURE BUT IT'S JUST YEAH WE JUST WANT TO HAVE A GOOD PLAN AND SO I AM I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE RISKS BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED BECAUSE OF THE OVERSIGHT INVOLVED BECAUSE OF THE WHEN IT COMES BACK THE PUBLIC WILL HEAR IT WE'RE GOING TO BRING THEM ALONG SO THEY ALL KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON I THINK THIS IS GOING TO HELP THE HOSPITAL WHEN EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR PLAN WE KNOW WHERE WE'RE TAKING A RISK AND WE ALL JOIN TOGETHER IN THAT RISK AS OPPOSED TO FINDING OUT LATER THAT WITHOUT OUR CONSENT WE ARE NOW GOING TO PAY MUCH MORE BECAUSE OF RISK THAT WERE TAKEN IN THE PAST AND I THINK BOTTOM LINE FOR ALL OF THIS OF COURSE IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE IN PARTNERING ARE GOING TO STILL BE ABLE AS A GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE THAT'S NOT PROVIDED IN ANY OTHER HOSPITAL THIS IS WHY WE ARE SO WE WANT GMH TO SUCCEED THIS THE WHOLE GOAL OF THIS YOU HAVE TO SUCCEED BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE AS WE HAVE REMINDED ALL THE TIME WITH MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH CARE THE ONLY PLACE WITH SO MANY THINGS OVER THE HISTORY OF GUAM AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO SEE THOSE CHALLENGES WHERE PRIVATE HOSPITALS NAVAL HOSPITALS ARE NOT GOING TO GIVE US THOSE SERVICES AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THAT FOR

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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO TESTIFIED TODAY MR SALAS

RAYMOND SALAS, RESIDENT OF YIGO: I JUST WANTED TO I JUST WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PARTNERSHIP I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE COMPACT DOES THE COMPACT HAVE ANY EFFECT WITH THIS PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP LIKE OUR COMPACT RESIDENTS THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MEDICARE MEDICAID AND MIP AND OUR MIP IS GOING TO BE DEPLETED WITH A LOT OF OUR COMPACT FOLKS BEING PAID IT'S 100% SO I DON'T KNOW ARE THEY A PLAYER IS THE COMPACT IMPACT OUR PLAYERS AND PPP

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: GO AHEAD

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: MR SALAS THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION I THINK THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH COULD CONFIRM BUT LAST WE HEARD COMPACT CITIZENS RESIDENTS ON GUAM NOW ARE COVERED UNDER THE MEDICAID AND THAT WAS A BIG HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT DUE TO OUR ALL OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH THEY ARE COVERED NOW UNDER MEDICAID SO THE GOAL OR OUR CHALLENGE IS TO GET ANYONE WHO'S NOT COVERED UNDER MEDICAID AS WELL

DR. V. KWASI NYAME, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES - GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: IF I MAY YES THAT'S CORRECT PATIENTS THAT ARE ON THEIR COMPACT THAT COME TO THE HOSPITAL WILL BE TREATED WE CANNOT TURN ANYONE AWAY AND WE DO NOT TURN ANYONE AWAY HOWEVER TRYING TO GET PATIENTS THAT ARE COMPACT ON MEDICARE MEDICAID IS VERY DIFFICULT SOMETIMES THEY DON'T GO TO THE CENTERS TO

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THERESE ARRIOLA, DIRECTOR - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES: THANK YOU AS SENATOR TERLAJE MENTIONED THE COMPACT FOLKS THROUGH THE COMPACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR COUNTRIES ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID NOW THE CHALLENGE IS TO GET THEM ENROLLED WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH HAS DONE WAS IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO JUST DO A CALL OUT THEY DON'T COME AND THEY DON'T BRING THE RIGHT DOCUMENTS AND YOU KNOW IT IT'S YOU KNOW IT'S HUMAN NATURE RIGHT BUT WHAT WE BECAUSE WE WANT TO HELP OUR SISTER AGENCY THE GMH BECAUSE IF THEY'RE NOT ON AN INSURANCE LIKE MEDICAID THEN THEY'RE GOING TO BE SELF-PAY THE REALITIES ARE SELF PLAY IS SLOW IN BEING PAID SO EVEN IF THEY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT IF THEY PAY ONLY 20 THEY CAN ONLY FIRE \$25 A MONTH YOU KNOW HOW'S IT'S LIKE A DRIP IN THE BUCKET RIGHT SO THE BEST THE BEST OPTION IS TO GET THEM INTO THE MEDICAID ROLES KNOWING THAT IT'S NOT THAT EASY JUST BECAUSE IT'S AVAILABLE THEY DON'T COME SWARMING IN TO APPLY WE HAVE TAKEN THAT A STEP FURTHER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SINCE I'VE BEEN THERE I'VE MET WITH THE FSM CONSULATE IT I'M WORKING WITH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE HELPING US BRING GROUPS OF FS FAS CITIZENS WHO ARE QUALIFIED FOR MEDICAID AND WE'RE DOING MAJOR OUTREACHES AND ENROLLMENTS SO WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN WITH THE CONSULATE WITH CHURCH LEADERS ANY PLACE THAT THEY CONGREGATE OR THEY COME TO TOGETHER WE'RE TRYING TO GET THEM ENROLLED AND SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW CAN WE CAPTURE EVERY SINGLE PERSON PROBABLY NOT BECAUSE IF THEY DON'T WANT TO COME WITH THEIR DOCUMENTS THEY DON'T COME IN THEIR DOCUMENTS HOWEVER THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH GMH THERE'S AN ESTABLISHED ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST AT GMH AND THE MINUTE WE FIND OUT THAT THEY ARE NOT ON THE

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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:
THANK YOU AND THAT CONCLUDES THE HEARING ON BILL 31 WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BRIEF RECESS 2 MINUTES AND RECONVENE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL 31 THANK YOU

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:27 P.M.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs finds that Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) faces chronic financial and operational struggles due to persistent underfunding, rising deficits, and insufficient Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements. Delays in vendor payments, facility repairs, and revenue collection are further exacerbated by a high volume of uncompensated care.

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Recommendations include clearly defining the PPP's scope, conducting a thorough needs assessment, enhancing stakeholder engagement and transparency, addressing legal concerns, securing dedicated funding, and delaying implementation until further study is completed. Expanding Medicaid enrollment efforts is also advised to alleviate the hospital's financial burden. These measures aim to ensure a financially viable and legally compliant management model that prioritizes patient care.

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs hereby reports out on Bill No. 13-38 (COR), As Amended by the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO DIVISION 4 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC HOSPITAL with a recommendation TO REPORT OUT ONLY.

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Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that there has been ongoing discourse regarding the implementation of a Public-Private Partnership (P3) for the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMHA). The 2016 Guam Memorial Hospital Task Force Report recommended “to pursue a public-private partnership as a model to ensure a sustainable and quality facility for the people of Guam”.

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24 Records (EHR) System which they testified was not appropriate for an acute care
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26 hindering their operations, and the shortage of healthcare personnel which further
27 exacerbate operational challenges.

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2 opinion regarding GMHA’s current management and operational challenges and
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1 significant achievements of PPP implementation”. They further stated that
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5 resource management, facility and equipment management, drug supply, and
6 security. These changes to new norms adapted from private management promote
7 personal responsibility and minimize opportunities, incentives and pressures to
8 engage in corrupt practices”.

9 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to solicit assistance for
10 the management of the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority by mandating that an
11 RFP be developed and published by the GMHA P3 Committee for purposes of
12 creating a Public-Private Partnership for the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

13 **Section 2.** A new Chapter 98 is hereby *added* to Division 4, Title 10 Guam
14 Code Annotated to read:

15 “Chapter 98 Public-Private Partnership for the Management of Guam’s

16 Public Hospital

17 §98101. Short Title

18 §98102. Establishment of the GMHA P3 Committee

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22 **§98101. Short Title**

23 _____ This act may be cited as the GMHA’s Public-Private Partnership Act of
24 2025”.

25 **§98102. Establishment of the GMHA P3 Committee**

1 There is hereby established a GMHA P3 Committee who shall be tasked with
2 developing and publishing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Public-Private
3 Partnership for the management, operation, and maintenance of the GMHA.

4 a) Composition of the GMHA P3 Committee. The committee shall be
5 composed of the following members:

6 (1) The Director of Guam Economic Development Authority, who
7 shall serve as Chairperson

8 (2) The Director of Department of Administration or his/her designee

9 (3) The Director of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research
10 or his/her designee

11 (4) The CEO/ Administrator of the Guam Memorial Hospital
12 Authority

13 (5) The Chairperson on the Committee on Health of *I Liheslaturan*
14 *Guåhan* or his or her designee; and

15 (6) The Guam Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees

16 (7) President of the Guam Medical Association or his/her designee

17 (8) President of the Guam Medical Society or his/her designee

18 (9) Representative from the Guam Nursing Association

19 (10) The Director of the Department of Public Health and Social
20 Services or his/her designee

21 b) Responsibilities of the GMHA P3 Committee. The P3 Committee shall:

22 (1) Develop and publish a Request for Proposal (RFP) that outlines the
23 potential structure for a Public Private Partnership arrangement and
24 identifies the scope of services to be provided by the private partner.
25 The RFP may address at least one of the following models:

26 i. A Public-Private Collaboration in the operation of the
27 hospital

1 ii. The transfer of the management and operation of GMHA in
2 its entirety to either a for-profit or non-profit entity or the
3 transfer of limited management and operation on only specific
4 GMHA operations and assets

5 (2) The P3 Committee may provide supplementary information to
6 facilitate the development of the Public-Private Partnership,
7 including but not limited to:

8 i. Determining critical areas where private partnerships can
9 introduce enhanced efficiencies, advanced technologies, and
10 best practices to improve the standard of care and
11 operational effectiveness of the hospital

12 ii. Researching and analyze information related to the level of
13 available federal and non-governmental funding mandated
14 by law and how any change in GMHA's operational
15 structure would impact the availability of federal and non-
16 governmental funding

17 c) Inclusion of Legal and Procurement Advisors. The P3 Committee shall
18 invite the Attorney General of Guam and the General Service Agency
19 (GSA) Officer to any meetings convened for the purposes outlined in the
20 chapter and shall receive copies of all documents involved in this process.

21 (1) The Attorney General of Guam shall act as legal advisor during all
22 phases of the solicitation or procurement process and shall have the
23 authority to extend the timelines outlined in this Chapter as
24 deemed necessary.

25 (2) The GSA Procurement Officer shall be an advisor throughout the
26 entirety of the RFP process and advise the P3 Committee in regard
27 to procurement compliance.

1 d) Notwithstanding Guam procurement rules and regulations, the P3
2 Committee shall prepare and submit a copy of the RFP to the Speaker of I
3 Liheslaturan Guåhan and for purposes of obtaining finances, public
4 dissemination and to engage relevant stakeholders before finalizing and
5 publishing the RFP.

6 (1) The Committee on Health shall conduct at least two (2) public
7 hearings on the RFP and transmit appropriate recommendations on
8 the RFP to the P3 Committee for consideration.

9 **§98103. Contract Type.**

10 The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) shall enter into a contract-
11 based Public-Private Partnership with a private entity for purposes of improving the
12 operational efficiency and healthcare provisions of the hospital.

13 a) The contract for management services of the GMHA shall be defined by
14 the P3 Committee

15 b) The RFP developed by the P3 Committee shall delineate a
16 comprehensive scope of services expected from the private partner and,
17 at a minimum, the following services shall be included:

18 (1) Enhanced billings and collections process to maximize revenue;

19 (2) Critical updates to Medicaid rebasing in accordance with federal
20 and local regulations;

21 (3) Streamlining of daily operations to improve efficiency and reduce
22 costs;

23 (4) Maintenance and potential upgrades to the GMHA facility to meet
24 current healthcare demands;

25 (5) Upgrades to Information Technology Infrastructure to support
26 patient care and administrative functions;

(6) Any other services the P3 Committee identifies is needed to ensure operational efficiency of the hospital and improved patient care

- c) The contract shall include a provision safeguarding the employment of all current non-management staff members at GMHA. This provision will guarantee that these staff members retain their status as Government of Guam employees and the associated retirement and other benefits conferred upon them by the Government, without disruption due to the transition to a new management model.

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2 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
3 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
5 severable.

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9 § 98103. Contract Type

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19 a) Composition of the GMHA P3 Committee. The committee shall
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22 Authority, who shall serve as Chairperson

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2 Authority

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9 designee

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17 arrangement and identifies the scope of services to be provided by the
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5 partnerships can introduce enhanced efficiencies, advanced
6 technologies, and best practices to improve the standard of care
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9 the level of available federal and non-governmental funding
10 mandated by law and how any change in GMHA's operational
11 structure would impact the availability of federal and non-
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13 (3) The P3 Committee shall ensure that the RFP developed for
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18 healthcare service needs. The findings of RFP No. 24-006 shall serve
19 as a guiding framework to ensure that the scope of services identified
20 in the RFP reflects the actual needs of the hospital and its patients.

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22 Committee shall invite the Attorney General of Guam and the General Service
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24 the chapter and shall receive copies of all documents involved in this process.

25 (1) The Attorney General of Guam shall act as legal advisor
26 during all phases of the solicitation or procurement process and shall

1 have the authority to extend the timelines outlined in this Chapter as
2 deemed necessary.

3 (2) The GSA Procurement Officer shall be an advisor
4 throughout the entirety of the RFP process and advise the P3
5 Committee in regard to procurement compliance.

6 d) Notwithstanding Guam procurement rules and regulations, the
7 P3 Committee shall prepare and submit a copy of the RFP and any
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24 minimum, the following services shall be included:

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6 facility to meet current healthcare demands;

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8 support patient care and administrative functions;

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10 to ensure operational efficiency of the hospital and improved patient
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14 GMHA. This provision will guarantee that these staff members retain their
15 status as classified Government of Guam employees and the associated
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17 without disruption due to the transition to a new management model. The
18 Department of Administration shall assist the committee in structuring
19 transfers or other merit protections for classified employees.

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21 provided by GMHA shall continue as a minimum requirement and which
22 new services, if any, shall be provided as a minimum requirement. Any
23 removal or reduction of required hospital services after the contract is
24 executed shall require the prior approval of GMHA to ensure all operational
25 decisions align with the hospital's public service mission and the healthcare
26 needs of the people of Guam.

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2 with the option to renew contract terms for an additional five (5) years, but not to
3 exceed a total of twenty (20) years of four (4) consecutive contract renewals. The
4 renewal of any contract shall be contingent upon the private-partner meeting
5 performance metrics and further agreed upon by both the p3 Committee and the
6 private partner. If any amendments are proffered, the revised contract shall be
7 submitted and reviewed by the GSA, Attorney General, and submitted to I
8 Liheslaturan Guåhan for approval. The awarded contract must contain performance
9 reviews at least annually by GEDA, and provisions for contract termination and
10 penalty based upon such review.

11 **§ 98105. Conflict of Interest.**

12 No contract awarded subject to the provisions of this Act shall be awarded to
13 any party who has a blood or martial relationship to the third (3rd) degree on
14 consanguinity with the Administrator or management team of GMHA, the P3
15 Committee, a BOT member of GMHA, the Governor of Guam, the Lieutenant
16 Governor of Guam, or a Member of I Liheslaturan Guåhan.”

17 **Section 3. Applicability to New Hospital.** This Act shall apply to any new
18 public hospital constructed by or for the Government of Guam.

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20 allow for the renegotiation of contract terms, including but not limited to scope of
21 services and financial arrangements, prior to the commencement of operations in the
22 new hospital facility for purposes of adapting the current contract to the specific
23 operational needs of the new hospital facility.

24 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
25 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
26 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
2 severable.

3 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective
4 upon enactment.

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

Bill No. 13-38 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje

**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO DIVISION 4
TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC HOSPITAL.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds the National Institute of Health (NIH) conducted a study to identify the effects of public-private partnerships on hospital performance indicators. The NIH reported that improvements to “hospital performance indicators, including service quality indicators, is one of the most significant achievements of PPP implementation”. They further stated that “hospitals with PPP were considered able to reduce corruption with the existence of anti-corruption mechanism through discretionary control, increased accountability and transparency, and detection and enforcement of regulations described in human resource management, facility and equipment management, drug supply, and security. These changes to new norms adapted from private management promote personal responsibility and minimize opportunities, incentives and pressures to engage in corrupt practices”.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that there has been ongoing discourse regarding the implementation of a Public-Private Partnership (P3) for the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMHA). The 2016 Guam Memorial Hospital Task Force Report

1 recommended “to pursue a public-private partnership as a model to ensure a
2 sustainable and quality facility for the people of Guam”.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that pursuant to P.L. 33-143 the Guam Economic
4 Development Authority (GEDA) was mandated to develop and public a Request For
5 Information (RFI) for the purpose of soliciting and determining public interest and
6 the desired direction public policymakers may take relative to the management and
7 operation(s) of the GMHA. RFI 16-001 was published to comply with this mandate
8 and received three responses from Eiikon LLC, Strategic Global Management Inc.
9 and Cormin Global Consulting Group. GEDA therefore determined that there are at
10 least three (3) companies that may respond to a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a
11 Public-Private Partnership (P3). GEDA concluded in RFI 16-001, “that the direct
12 stakeholders come together in the development of this RFP and request for
13 Legislative support through legislation detailing the basis of this PPP prior to the
14 issuance of the final RFP”.

15 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Bill 305-35 was subsequently introduced in
16 the 35th Guam Legislature to require the GMHA to prepare a Request For Proposal
17 (RFP) for a Public-Private Partnership for the management, operation, and
18 maintenance of GMHA. The bill did not pass into law due to concerns from GMHA
19 including that the bill did not adhere to the Guam Procurement Code and additional
20 assertions of GMHA’s capability to manage the hospital independently.

21 ~~*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority~~
22 ~~(GMHA) reported a concerning \$30 million cash shortfall in an Oversight Hearing~~
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24 ~~Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) also submitted their 2025 Fiscal Year Budget~~
25 ~~request to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, requesting \$74.3 million for FY25 but received~~
26 ~~only \$37.7 million. GMH officials testified in an oversight hearing on October 7,~~
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2 ~~cardiology, face suspension without adequate funding. These financial challenges~~
3 ~~underscore the precarious fiscal health of the hospital and the urgency of engaging~~
4 ~~private sector expertise to ensure GMHA's fiscal sustainability.~~

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9 ~~hospital thereby costing the Government of Guam millions of dollars and further~~
10 ~~hindering their operations, and the shortage of healthcare personnel which further~~
11 ~~exacerbate operational challenges.~~

12 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Executive branch has expressed their
13 opinion regarding GMHA's current management and operational challenges and
14 recognized "the need to partner with private healthcare experts to address our
15 healthcare personnel shortages and the financial stability of the hospital".

16 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority
17 pursuant to 10 GCA Chapter 80 § 80109 (j), retains the power to "employ, retain or
18 contract for the services of qualified managers, specialists or as individuals or as
19 organizations pursuant to § 80109 (p), also retains the power to "contract with a
20 corporation to exercise any or all the powers of the Administrator, and of those
21 officers authorized by § 80108".

22 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that pursuant to 12 GCA Chapter 83 § 83105,
23 the "Guam Economic Development Authority, in consultation with the
24 administrators and directors of healthcare agencies on Guam, shall utilize the
25 program study generated by each of the healthcare agencies and the report generated
26 by the U.S. Department of the Interior funded assessment report by the U.S. Army
27 Corps of Engineers and the Guam Fire Department to identify and prioritize potential

1 projects from such program studies and assessment reports to be completed”. GEDA
2 further issued RFP No. 24-006 for Professional Hospital Consulting Services on
3 August 2, 2024. The RFP is intended to “provide a report that documents future
4 health care needs of the local and regional population and assess organizational
5 structures that would enhance the operation, fiscal health and medical services
6 offering of GMH following trends in the health care industry and local and federal
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8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that despite the authority already provided by*
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24 *million, I Maga’hagan Guåhan reappropriated \$10 million to the new hospital,*
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COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

February 17, 2025

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 13-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 13-38 (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. 13-38 (COR)

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 98 TO DIVISION 4, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR GUAM'S PUBLIC HOSPITAL.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA)	Dept./Agency Head: Lillian Perez-Posadas, Administrator
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$13,528,360
Department's Other Fund (GMHA Pharmaceuticals Fund) appropriation(s) to date:	\$24,202,064
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$37,730,424

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2024 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$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 1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund 1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total 1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Analyst: Joaquin A.J. Guerrero II Date: 2/13/25 Director: Lester L. Carlson, Jr. Date: FEB 14 2025

Comments:

1/ The proposed legislation establishes the GMHA P3 Committee to be tasked with developing and publishing a Request for Proposal for a Public-Private Partnership for the management, operation, and maintenance of the GMHA. It should be noted that requested feedback from the GMHA was not provided to date. However, per local media sources, GMHA Administrator Lillian Perez-Posadas has cited that it is too soon for the hospital to state its position on the bill's intent and they are looking into previous management partnerships that the GMHA has had so they can make an informed opinion. Based on the foregoing, the Bureau is unable to determine an estimated cost impact at this time.