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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
149-38 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 7160(e), AND § 7161(f), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES.	5/30/25 8:33 a.m. ^6/5/25 9:38 a.m.	6/10/25	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 6/10/25 6/10/25	7/10/25 9:00 a.m.	7/15/25	



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July 11, 2025

The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker

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Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 149-38 (LS) - As Introduced

Buenas yan Håfa adai, Speaker Blas,

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Committee votes are as follows:

<u>3</u>	TO DO PASS
<u>0</u>	TO NOT PASS
<u>1</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u>0</u>	TO ABSTAIN
<u>0</u>	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,

TELO T. TAITAGUE
Senator



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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July 11, 2025 4:10 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM:

TO: All Members
*Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Regulatory
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FROM: Senator Telo T. Taitague
Committee Chairperson

SUBJECT: Committee Report on Bill No. 149-38 (LS)- As Introduced

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 149-38 (LS)
- Notice of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Written Testimonies and Additional Documents
- Committee Vote Sheet and E-mails
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 149-38 (LS)- As Introduced
- Copy of Fiscal Note from the Bureau of Budget & Management Research

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

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

Senator Telo T. Taitague - Chairperson



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

June 10, 2025

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

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 149-38 (LS)**

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. 149-38 (LS)** – Therese M. Terlaje. – “AN ACT TO AMEND § 7160(e), AND § 7161(f), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement chaired by Senator Telo T. Taitague. I also request that the same be copied to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

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

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



FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing – Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

2 messages

Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

2 July 2025 at 14:29

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Cc: Ed Pocaigue <sgtfarms@guamlegislature.gov>

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Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.gov>
To: Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

2 July 2025 at 14:35

Hafa Adai,

Posted on calendar.

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 **Posted on:** 07/02/2025 02:13 PM

 **Posted by:** Charissa Manibusan, Committee Director

 **Public Hearing Date:** 07/10/2025 09:00 AM

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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing – Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

1 message

Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

8 July 2025 at 05:51

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Cc: Ed Pocaigue <sgtfarms@guamlegislature.gov>

July 8, 2025

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 **Posted by:** Charissa Manibusan, Committee Director

 **Public Hearing Date:** 07/10/2025 09:00 AM

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Charissa Manibusan

Order Number

Order Entry Date

Customer PO #

Product Code

RECEIVABLES ACCOUNT

☒ Cash ☐ Trade ☐ Other

ORDER DESCRIPTION

PRODUCTION INFORMATION

Cart # Title: Length:

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Media Consultant

Christie SA

Notary Required

YES

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NO

Billing

Per Spot

Package

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Trade

Station	Inc Acct	Rate	Start Date	End Date	AbsTime/Prog. Event	Length	Spot Type	Cart #	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	SU	Per Wk	Total #	Total \$
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Invitation to DRT Public Hearing on Bill No. 149-38(LS) on Thursday July 10, 2024 at 9AM1 message

Senator Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>
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Cc: Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

1 July 2025 at 14:42

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Senator Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

1 July 2025 at 14:42

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Roy Gamboa, Chairperson
Guam Veterans Commission
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Invitation to Guam Veterans Commission Public Hearing on Bill No. 149-38(LS) on Thursday July 10, 2024 at 9AM4 messages

Senator Therese M. Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>

1 July 2025 at 14:42

To: Roy Gamboa [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]**Subject: Invitation to Public Hearing on Bill No. 149-38 (LS)***Håfa Adai* Vice Chairperson Gamboa,

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Cc: Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

1 July 2025 at 15:22

I will attend. Thank you for the invitation.
Roy.

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1 July 2025 at 18:13

Håfa Adai Chairperson Gamboa,

Please find attached the revised invitation reflecting the correct title of the recipient.

We apologize for the oversight and appreciate your understanding.

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8 July 2025 at 09:10

Good morning Chairperson Gamboa,

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Si Yu'os Ma'åse,

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RE: DRT Official Comment on Bill 149-38 (LS)

Hafa Adai, Senator Taitague and Senator Terlaje:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Bill 149-38 (LS).

Our agency has reviewed its intent and verbiage, and issues the following official comment:

DRT has no concerns with the draft legislation and, therefore, does not wish to add or make modifications to its current form.

Senseramente,

Marie P. Lizama
Director

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distributor, or other permit, the owner or person in possession shall immediately return the documents, plates, certificate or other evidence of registration so canceled, suspended or revoked to the Department.

SOURCE: GC § 23350, enacted by P.L. 1-088 (Nov. 29, 1952).

§ 7158. Transportation of Persons for Hire: Insurance Required.

No vehicle shall be operated upon the highways of the territory of Guam for the transportation of persons for hire unless such vehicle is insured under general or public liability policy of insurance issued by a qualified insurance company for a minimum coverage of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for personal injury and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) property damage. The owner of any vehicle operated or used for the transportation of persons for hire shall be held responsible for compliance with this Section.

SOURCE: GC § 23352, enacted by P.L. 1-088 (Nov. 29, 1952) as amended by P.L. 4-007 (Mar. 8, 1957).

§ 7159. License and Registration Fee.

Except in the case of vehicles expressly exempted under this Title, an annual license and registration fee is imposed for the registration of and for the privilege of operating upon the public highways in Guam any vehicle which is subject to registration under this Title.

SOURCE: GC § 23353, enacted by P.L. 1-088 (Nov. 29, 1952) as amended by P.L. 4-007 (Mar. 8, 1957).

§ 7160. Same: Amount.

(a) The amount of the annual license and registration fee shall be determined by the gross weight of the vehicle in accordance with the following table:

Gross Weight of Vehicle in Pounds	License and Registration Fees
Under 1000	\$20.00
1,000 to 1,499	\$22.00
1,500 to 1,999	\$24.00

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2,000 to 2,499	\$26.00
2,500 to 2,999	\$28.00
3,000 to 3,499	\$30.00
3,500 to 3,999	\$32.00
4,000 to 4,499	\$34.00
4,500 to 4,999	\$36.00
5,000 to 5,499	\$38.00
5,500 to 5,999	\$40.00
6,000 to 6,499	\$42.00
6,500 to 6,999	\$44.00
7,000 to 7,499	\$56.00
7,500 to 7,999	\$58.00
8,000 and Over	\$58.00

plus Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) for each five hundred (500) pounds or fraction thereof in excess of seven thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (7,999) pounds, provided that in computing fees, the above table shall be applied on a percentage based according to the model year of the vehicle with respect to vehicles whose gross weight is not in excess of seven thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (7,999) pounds, as follows:

Model Year	Percent of Fee as Shown on Table
1949 and earlier	50%
1950 through 1953	75%
1954 and subsequent	100%

(b) Vehicles having a gross weight of one hundred forty thousand (140,000) pounds or more, and which are used temporarily or intermittently, may be issued a permit, in lieu of the annual license and registration, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days or any portion thereof and shall be charged Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

(c) In lieu of all other license and registration fees, implements of husbandry and road building and construction equipment other than motor trucks, trailers, semi-trailers, and pole or pipe dollies, operated on highways only in moving from one

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site to another, shall be subject to annual registration.

(1) The fee for such registration shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each one thousand (1,000) pounds of gross weight of said vehicles.

(2) The fees prescribed by this Subsection shall be subject to proration under 16 GCA § 7167.

(d) For the initial registration of the motor vehicle in accordance with this Section, the registrant shall pay an additional fee of Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) for the costs of license plates and tags.

(e) (1) The annual license and registration fee in § 7160(a) shall be waived upon the initial issuance and the subsequent renewal of the vehicle license and registration for:

(A) any Veteran determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to be one hundred percent (100%) disabled or individually unemployable due to military service connected injuries, with certification from the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs;

(B) the spouse, legal guardian, or surviving spouse, as defined in § 67101 of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, and as authorized by § 4B101 of Article 1B of Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, and to Gold Star parents who are eligible pursuant to § 7120.3(b) of this Chapter;

(i) eligible persons in Subsections (A) or (B) shall verify their status with a military identification card, to include the DD Form 214, DD Form 1173, DD Form 2765, National Guard Bureau 22 (NGB22), Armed Forces Retirement Certificate, Armed Forces Statement of Personnel Record, or other accepted forms used to verify eligibility status and certified by the government of Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA);

(ii) the eligibility period for persons in Subsection (B) shall be consistent with §§ 4B103,

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4B104, or 4B105 of Article 1B of Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, and the eligibility period for Gold Star parents shall be the same as the eligibility period for a surviving spouse; and

(C) the recipients of at least one of the following military awards: the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross (U.S. Army), the Navy Cross (U.S. Navy and Marine Corps), the Coast Guard Cross (U.S. Coast Guard), the Distinguished Flying Cross (U.S. Air Force), the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with “V” Device, or the Purple Heart Medal.

(2) The fee shall be waived for one (1) non-commercial passenger vehicle, which includes sedans, coupes, pick-up trucks, motorcycles, and station wagons manufactured primarily for the purpose of carrying passengers, and including those passenger cars pulling other light trailers, registered to the Veteran, or eligible persons applying for benefits under this Section.

(3) A document issued by the USDVA or a U.S. military ID card, with certification from the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, which certifies the disability rating, must be furnished to the Department of Revenue and Taxation in order to waive the annual Motor Vehicle License and Registration Assessment.

(f) A “motorized utility vehicle” may operate in accordance with, and in furtherance of, legitimate Mayoral duties.

(1) Mayors, Vice-Mayors, and/or their respective staff may operate motorized utility vehicles, such as mules, gators, golf carts, and riding mowers on non-routed public roadways, so long as said vehicles are permanently marked with the Mayor’s official logo of that municipality, where

(A) passage on the shoulder of a roadway is impossible or otherwise unsafe, and

(B) the operator of said vehicle is engaged in the performance of Mayoral duties as prescribed by Title 5 GCA § 40101 *et seq.*, and is otherwise acting in

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accordance with Guam law; provided, that the motorized utility vehicle may operate on routed roadways for the purpose of crossing to get from one non-routed roadway to another.

(2) For the purposes of this Subsection, a “motorized utility vehicle” is any motorized vehicle primarily manufactured for off-roadway use, which is sixty-three inches (63”) or less in width, has an unladen dry weight of one thousand eight hundred fifty pounds (1,850 lbs) or less, travels on less than six (6) wheels, and can travel up to maximum speeds of 20 miles per hour.

(3) The registration fee of subject utility vehicles, that are the property of the Mayoral offices, *shall* be waived.

SOURCE: GC § 23354, enacted by P.L. 1-088 (Nov. 29, 1952) as amended by P.L. 4-007 (Mar. 8, 1957) and 4-097 (Aug. 1, 1958). Subsection (c) as amended by P.L. 15-011:4 (Mar. 20, 1979). Amended by P.L. 29-002:V:I:44 (May 18, 2007). Subsection (e) added by P.L. 30-144:2 (May 17, 2010), effective, Apr. 1, 2010, pursuant to P.L. 30-144:6; amended by P.L. 31-177:3 (Feb. 3, 2012), and P.L. 33-096:3 (Nov. 9, 2015). Subsection (f) added by P.L. 32-102:2 (Nov. 28, 2013). Subsection (e) amended by P.L. 37-028:4 (July 12, 2023).

2018 NOTE: Subsection/subitem designations altered/added pursuant to 1 GCA § 1606.

CROSS REFERENCE: 4 GCA § 4B101; 5 GCA § 54102

§ 7161. Street Light Fund.

(a) There is established within the Treasury of Guam a fund to be known as the Street Light Fund, which shall be maintained separate and apart from any other funds, including the General Fund of the Government and independent records and accounts shall be maintained in connection therewith.

(1) Money in the Street Light Fund shall be used to pay for the installation and operation of public street lights.

(2) All revenues deposited in the Fund are reserved for use by the Guam Power Authority for payment for operation and installation of public street lights.

(b) In addition to all other fees imposed by law, an additional Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) annual fee is imposed upon any

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vehicle subject to registration under this Title which shall be deposited in the Treasury of Guam to the credit of the Street Light Fund. This fee shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as the annual license and registration fee provided for in this Title.

(c) Effective April 1, 2004, the fee established in the preceding subsection shall be amended and increased by Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), to be adjusted to a total of Forty Dollars (\$40.00), with the proceeds to be deposited in said Fund.

(d) Effective January 1, 2005, the fee established in the preceding subsections (b) and (c) shall be adjusted to a total of Thirty-Six Dollars (\$36.00), with the proceeds to be deposited in said Fund.

(e) No funds from the Street Light Fund may be expended or encumbered without an appropriation by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

(f) The Street Light Fund Fee in this Section shall be waived upon initial issuance and subsequent renewal of vehicle license and registration for any Veteran determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) and with certification from the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs to be one hundred percent (100%) disabled or individually unemployable due to military service connected injuries.

(1) The fee shall be waived for one (1) non-commercial passenger vehicle, which includes sedans, coupes, pick-up trucks, motorcycles and station wagons manufactured primarily for the purpose of carrying passengers, and including those passenger cars pulling other light trailers, registered to the Veteran, or legal guardian applying for benefits under this Section.

(2) A document issued by the USDVA or a U.S. military ID card and a certification by the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, which certifies the disability rating, must be furnished to the Department of Revenue and Taxation in order to waive the annual Street Light Fund Fee.

SOURCE: GC § 23354.1, enacted by P.L. 9-042 (Mar. 15, 1967); amended by P.L. 14-049:1 (July 11, 1977), P.L. 17-026:46 (Oct. 11, 1983). Subsection (b) amended and Subsection (c) added by P.L. 27-005:IV:3,4



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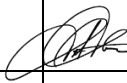
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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 149-38 (LS) was introduced on Thursday, June 5, 2025, by Senator Therese M. Terlaje, and referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on *Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement*, on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. The Committee convened a public hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 2025 at 9: 00 a.m. in the Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room.

Public Notice Requirement:

In compliance with Open Government Law, a five (5) day public notice of this hearing was published on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, and a forty-eight (48) hour notice was published on Monday, July 7, 2025, on KUAM-TV and on the Guam Public Notice Website. Notices were also sent to all senators, and all main media broadcasting outlets via email on the same dates.

Senators Present:

Senator Telo Taitague, Chairperson
Senator Therese M. Terlaje, Member, Bill Sponsor
Senator Chris Barnett, Vice Chairperson
Senator Shelly V. Calvo, Member
Vice Speaker V. Anthony 'Tony' Ada
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao
Senator Sabrina Salas Mantanane

Appearing Before the Senate Panel:

Joe San Agustin, Director, Guam Office of Veterans Affairs
Joseph P. Mafnas, Retired Command Sergeant Major U.S. Army
Nick Francisco, President, Guam Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #668/ Commander, Guam Military Order of the Purple Heart
Dan Cogar, Retired Chief Master Sgt., Guam Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #668

Written Testimony Submitted:

Maria Lizama, Director, Department of Revenue & Taxation

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The Public Hearing was Called-to-Order at 9:00 a.m. Bill No. 149-38 (LS) - *AN ACT TO AMEND § 7160(e), AND § 7161(f), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES*, was the third item on the agenda.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Now we'll move on to the next bill. Our next bill is Bill No. 149-38(LS) introduced by Senator Therese Terlaje which is *AN ACT TO AMEND § 7160(e), AND § 7161(f), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES*. This time I'd like to recognize the author of the legislation, Senator Therese Terlaje.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* Madam Chair good morning, everyone. Thank you for having this hearing. I very much appreciate it, especially with July 4th. I think it's timely and or I really want to say 'Thank you' and welcome to all the veterans who are here this morning. Thank you for being here, most importantly thank you for your service.

This bill pretty much we are recognizing that it is the 50th anniversary since it is the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 following U.S. withdrawal in 1973. 2025 also marks the 72nd anniversary of the Korean War in 1953 following US withdrawal in 1949. 2025 also marks the 80th anniversary since the end of WWII. Veterans from these wars continued to serve our community on their return and as most of these highly respected veterans now exceed 70 years in age, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to immediately honor them. Their service and their commitment to our island to a waiver in licensed plate fees.

This benefit is intended to coincide with the law already in place that recognizes 100% disabled or individually unemployable due to military service connected injuries veterans where previous legislation has waived fees for that class of veterans and for those who have received military awards such as the medal of honor distinguished services cross, the Navy Cross, the Coast Guard Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star, Bronze Star, or the Purple Heart Medal, and those of course the Gold Star families. The bill would waive license fees for them and for this new class that we are adding by this bill. The only requirement is of course they have to be eligible but we are asking them also to register at the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs and that we just want to close that loop and make sure that we are in fact registering and have a list and we can swear to Congress that these are the veterans we have living on Guam and complete that duty as well.

So, I thank you again and I hope I can get the support of all of our entire community and for this pretty token honor for our veterans but I'm hoping that for them in their every day-to-day



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life that this is something significant this is something that they can remember that we are trying to honor them we're trying to thank them and that we do this right now. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Senator Terlaje. At this time the bill I'd like to report to the public that Bill No. 149-38(LS) received a Fiscal Note from BBMR and it states, *"it should be noted that although the above information indicates an average loss of revenues of approximately sixty-thousand dollars from the waiving of license fees with the current law, this amount may increase with the inclusion of the veterans of WWII, Korean War, and the Vietnam Veterans War as proposed in the bill. Additionally, the vehicle registration fee revenues from the previous fiscal years stated above does not include how much of the amounts represents revenue specifically from the veterans under the existing law."* The bill was also sent to our Legal advisor and under legal they say that." There are no recommended changes or amendments at this time.

At this time, I would just like to recognize those in the audience if you could please stand when I say your name and let's make sure the video is out in the public on this. I just want to recognize those who were here. I know you're in support but we only have one person standing up to testify and I'd like to bring him to the table first is the director of Veterans Affairs Joe San Agustin. *Buenas* Mr. Director if you can come to the table. If you're not going to be here to testify stand to be recognized but if I mention your name and you would like to come forward and testify, I greatly appreciate it. I'm sure we all would like to hear from veterans and how they feel about this legislation. So, this time I would like to recognize Roque Camacho, you want to stand Roque and say hello to the audience that you're here and he's in support of the legislation okay. And then we have Charlie Quinata, Charlie welcome okay. Sir Joe Mafnas, *buenas* Joe. Are you going to be testifying? Come forward please if you are. Thank you so much. We have Joseph Yatar, *buenas* my dancing partner there and *si* my favorite *si* Nick Franciso. Will you be testifying? Come forward sir. The only reason I am making you do this is because nobody clicked off the box whether they are going to speak or not or at least have you recognized bring here today taking the time out of your schedule. So, Raymond Blas, I'm sorry Raymond Baza *buenas* Raymond. Lee Baza, *hafa adai*, thank you. Francisco Candaso, that's a relative over there. *Buena,s* good morning. Henry Mangloña, *buenas* Henry, thank you for being here sir, thank you of course our director is here. Dan Cogar, hi Dan nice to see you

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again sir. Kiana Ardiente, oh yeah, you're with the... yes, hey welcome. With PDN correct? Good to see you here.

Thank you for being here for this important legislation for our veterans and recognizing them. I think Senator Terlaje stated very clearly, what a perfect timing during this month of recognizing you know our veterans as well as our country the birth of our country so I appreciate it. At this time, I'd like to director would you like to go first so would you like.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE: Can I have Mr. Francisco and Mr. Mafnas, go first.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Absolutely.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE: I'd be honored, thank you.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Absolutely. Okay since I called you first Mr. Mafnas you are recognized sir.

JOSEPH P. MAFNAS, RETIRED COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR, U.S. ARMY: Good Morning, Senator Terlaje, Senator Chris Barnett, Senator Telo Taitague, Senator Shawn Gumataotao, and Vice Speaker Tony Ada, and Senator Matanane. My name is Joseph Mafnas, retired Commands Arms Major of the United States Army with 36 years of service. I'm here today to express my full support for Bill No .149-38(LS). Thank you, Senator Terlaje and all the senators of the 38th Guam Legislature for introducing and supporting this important bill.

We often hear the words "thank you for your service," but what do those really mean? After 36 years of service, serving our country I still struggle to find a clear answer. As a Veteran, we put ourselves in harm's way to protect the freedom well all enjoy and yet after our service ends and the recognition we receive stops at those five words. We deserve more than that. This bill gives us hope. It is a light at the end of the tunnel. Though it may seem like a small piece of legislation to some, to us Veterans it means a great deal. It is a step forward in acknowledging the sacrifice we have made. I also want to note that when I met fellow Veterans, they often mentioned that Guam's leaders are listening to us. Whether it's about the license plate, Veteran's indicator on driver's license, healthcare access or disability claim support. It is clear progress is being made and that's thanks to all of you, our lawmakers as well as the dedicated Veterans'



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organization that advocates for our needs here on Guam and in our neighboring islands like the CNMI, FSM, and Palau.

I also want to recognize and thank the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for their effort in lobbying on behalf of the Veterans and Congressman Moylan for raising Veterans concerns on the hill of Congress. As we mark major war anniversaries, 72 years since the Korean War, 80 years since WWII, and 50 years since the Vietnam War. We must ask how many of those are still with us today. Not many and yet those who return often continue to serve our communities in other ways. That is why legislation like Bill No. 149-38(LS) is meaningful. It honors not only our past service but our continued commitment to this island and its people.

In closing, I sincerely thank you Senator Terlaje and the 38th Guam Legislature for giving Veterans like me the opportunity to be heard. Please continue to advocate for us. We deserve meaningful recognition not just a "thank you for your service," but action that reflects the sacrifice that we made. Let us not forget the family who supported Veterans while we're deployed or away. The sacrifice often goes unseen, but they are

just as important. Thank you again for allowing me to testify in strong support of Bill No. 149-38(LS). Thank you very much.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You are very welcome Mr. Mafnas. I support this legislation, but I also at the same time want to thank you so much for your service; for the fighting for our right to be free. Thank you so much! And next, Mr. Francisco you are now recognized sir.

NICK FRANCISCO, PRESIDENT, VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 688: Thank you Senator Telo, Senator Barnett, Terlaje, Senator Gumataotao, and Senator Matanane. Good morning. You know I'm here to testify in support of this Bill No. 149-38(LS). But you know, I remember way, way back when I first testified in support of the Purple Heart Medal and when we started this. They include all the other awards; the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Distinguished Cross, and the Purple Heart, you know. But today I'm here because I am excited to see that this is finally coming to the floor. I thank Senator San Agustin for amending the-

when you first have a special license plate. It was enacted to amend, to include, the Vietnam War. And he did, he included all other wars. And I thank Senator San Agustin for this. But also, I'd like to thank Therese Terlaje for amending San Agustin's bill to waive the fee for the Vietnam and the other war- like the license plate.

You know that I am the president of the Vietnam Veterans, and I am the Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. We discussed for so long with the Vietnam Veterans during our regular board meeting. We thank Senator San Agustin for including the Vietnam War. I myself am so happy to be here because I represent the Vietnam Veterans and I share what they went through during the Vietnam War. I myself as a wounded Combat Veteran, and I have a lot of combat veterans that are wounded that shared their story while they're in Vietnam. I think this bill is like a *thank you all* for appreciating their service and time that they served during the Vietnam War started until the withdrawal in 1973 ending in 1975.

If you ever hear a story of a Vietnam Veteran serving their country and the island, being in Vietnam for one year, and I am speaking on behalf on a lot of them. I share how I feel when I was in Vietnam. When you spend month and month and month in the field, there's no Monday and there's no Sunday. There's no Christmas. Every day is the same day. I thank God that I returned home. But there are a lot that didn't return home. And for those that are here with the Vietnam Veterans, I committed myself to pushing to waive these Veteran fees- to make it free for the Vietnam Veterans and in the other war. And I thank all of you senators for this and for supporting this bill. I hope that this bill will be a reality before this year is out because I know that the senators are going to be bringing this stuff to the regular session in July. And I know that all the senators will support it, and I know the Governor will sign this bill. Thank you and *Un dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'ase'* on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you and you're very welcome, sir. And again, thank you for your service as well as the bill that you mentioned by Senator San Agustin that will probably be on the session agenda. That's what we're going to do with this bill- try to get this on the session agenda today and rush this through. So, it's a perfect time and a perfect month for something like this to happen in July. So, we will do our best to get this out. I have the Chairman of the Committee on Rules here. I'm sure as a Veteran he's going to try and get this out. We'll do everything we can, Mr. Chair to get this information to you right away, in good time. At this time, I see that Dan you came up to say a few words.

DANIEL L. COGAR, BOARD MEMBER, VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA GUAM CHAPTER 688: Dan Cogar, I'm a board member of the VVA and three-time Veteran, and again thank you for this opportunity. You know in 2024 on the 4th of July, they were having a function at *Ypao* and there's probably 27 of us, and not all from VVA. We were all talking



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about this. The issue came up about the license plates, and not only was it 100% supported with all the comments, but what's more touching is eight of them are not here today. Just within a year, and those eight would have loved to have had a Veteran plate.

And you know, something my late mother taught, is when you go to defend and speak, speak from your heart. So, I got on Google and I typed in Veteran license plate policies and then I went through each state, and I only found three that did not waive the fee for veteran license plates. One of them was Puerto Rico where they have part of the... the other one is American

Samoa. But all of the others, when you look at it nation-wide, this has been accepted. And part of the reason for this is that it's an honorable way to say thank you for all of those that sacrificed. So, you know, to keep it short and not linger on, I fully support this bill and I'm asking the entire Legislature to please do so. It's an honorable thing to do that's long overdue. And if we were to have this conversation probably next year, there'll be another eight to twelve people that have passed on since. So, with that, thank you so much for this opportunity.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Dan, and thank you for your service. Not only has the service of the Veterans provided for our freedom, but the Veterans organizations on Guam have done so much for our community, to help other areas with bus stops, with assisting other people who are in need. And it's not just Veterans they care for, but they care of the entire community. So, thank you so much for putting all of your energy into doing that as well. Now I would like to recognize the Director of the Veterans Affairs. At this time, you are now recognized, Director Joe San Agustin.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE: Madam Chair and Honorable Senators of the 38th Guam Legislature. Good morning and thank you for having us this morning. Before I proceed in reading my testimony, I would like to thank the Veterans that are present here and those that are not present, for their service and for those in active duty, thank you for their continuing service in the defense of our nation. This testimony is addressed to the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.

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*Hafa Adai, Madam Chair and honorable Senators of the 38th Guam Legislature. My Name is Joe San Agustin, Director of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our island Veterans. Our Veterans, young or old, pride themselves for their service and sacrifices in the defense of our Nation. As a community and leaders, we explore ways to show our gratitude for their service. Today I appear before this humble body in support of Bill No. 149-38, authored by Senator Therese M. Terlaje, *An Act to Amend SS7160(e), And SS7161(f) Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Waiving Veterans License Plate Fees.**

Bill 149-38 (LS) recognizes the anniversary of the Vietnam War, Korean War and WWII eras. Furthermore, Veterans from these war eras continue to serve in our communities as role models. As it is, they slowly depart to their final journey as they age. As a small token for our elderly Veterans, the passing of this bill will serve as a true commitment of appreciation to our older generation veterans, embraced, respected and understood by our younger generation of Veterans.

As you can see, the Veterans present here today, most of them are Vietnam Veterans behind me. These folks that are behind me, I'll say are my role models. I joined the military in 1979 and retired in 2009, a 30-year Marine Veteran. They were role models because every day where I live up in Dededo, I see the airplanes take off, come in, take off and pretty much knew where they were heading. I never thought that in 2025, that I'll be here testifying to support and recognize these humble Veterans that have given their all, and continue to give back into our community. I get goose bumps because these are very humble vets. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be what I am. Like Dan said, speak the truth and this is the truth. I joined the military because of them. I did 30 years because of them, and if you all don't recognize every event that they have, I attend because I feel very welcomed, very safe. But more so, I want to show appreciation of what they do, what they have done for our nation, and what they continue to do for our island.

For this group of veterans as you all mentioned, they take care of each other. They take care of the families, and they take care of each veteran. That they're able to do so, that takes a lot. That takes passion, that takes love. That takes commitment when you take your family time away so that you could tend to Veterans and their families. I'm not sugarcoating anything. I will say it again to our Vietnam Veterans, our elder Veterans, our Korean [war] Veterans, and those that are still alive from WWII. You're my role model and thank you. That's why I continue to enjoy and push hard to do whatever I could to do justice, to do good things for our Veterans and their families while I'm still alive.



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For Vietnam veterans that are here, thank you very much. Thank you for your service and commitment. I salute you all. Thank you! That's all, Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you so very much. You know definitely like what Dan said from the heart. And that was definitely from the heart. I'd like to also recognize my colleagues who joined us, Senator Shelly Calvo. Thank you for being here and as I mentioned earlier recognizing our veterans. Thank you for doing that again, Director. I'd also like to recognize John Benavente who came into the hearing this morning with us. Mr. Benavente can you please stand? We're asking everyone to be recognized, or wave your hand. That's it right there. At this time, I would like to turn over the microphone to the author of the legislation, Senator Terlaje you are now recognized.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* Madam Chair. Thank you for the beautiful testimony. I am very moved by it as always. I'm always inspired by each of you and very, very grateful. It is one of the biggest joys of being a senator- getting to work with you. And I just can't say enough about how grateful I am to be able to do anything that is meaningful for you. So, I'm very happy, and Mr. Director, thank you for helping us. You're always leading us as well on how to honor these Veterans. How to better put it into words, our gratefulness. So, I'm grateful to you and to each of you who testified and really told us the realities of the situation of how we are losing veterans everywhere. Particularly, in these categories, and are really beloved dear veterans and their spouses as well. I know that it is very, very hard because as many of you have said, when the Veterans came back from Vietnam and the Korean War, they came back and they took care of each other. They took care of our communities' way beyond what they needed to do. They engaged, and they have done this. They have led us all, and our communities are so much better because of them. They are our elder generation as well.

So, I am very happy if we are able to pass this as soon as possible. What I really have always been touched by is the Vietnam Veterans. They honor, not just every year but in almost every occasion, they honor the 77 who did not make it back from Vietnam to Guam. And I love that. I think every time you ring that bell, I want the whole world to hear it; that 77 men from Guam did not come back from Vietnam alive. And I think that we can never state that enough. But all of you who did come back really continued to lead us in our community. I'm so very grateful.

So, this bill it's just going to be a companion as Commander Francisco said. They're going to get their license plates with these specialized wars that they served in and other insignia. So, it's going to be a good companion. We can waive those [fees]. At the same time when they get those new license plates, the fees are waived. I thank you for your advocacy, Mr. Francisco. You are always taking care of the Vietnam Veterans and all of the veterans of Guam. And all of you have done the same, and I am very, very grateful. This bill is tied into the existing law, so it will extend this benefit to the spouses as well- the surviving spouses of these veterans. I just want to make sure that everyone knows that. So, thank you *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Senator Terlaje. Thank you for those touching words. At this time, I would like to recognize Senator Shawn Gumataotao.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Thank you Madam Chair and thank you everyone for being with us this morning, and thank you again. I think we've seen each other multiple times since I've been a senator here. I would like to thank you for your service to our great country. I only have a pair of questions Madam Chair, recognizing that the bill as drafted requires applicants to register with the Guam Veterans Affairs Office, what information is made available by the Department of Revenue and Taxation and the Veterans Office with respect to ongoing efforts if any, to reconcile the Guam Veterans Affairs Office Veterans Registry with DRT's veterans' records for Guam's driver's license and motor vehicle fee waiver? I know that DRT is not here, and Madam Chair, I'm hoping we can at least get it into the committee report for that response. But with Joe, maybe I can ask you how that's coming along.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE: Yes, Senator Gumataotao. Thank you for that question. What happens is that when the Veteran goes directly to the Department of Revenue and Tax or Motor T or the license of Motor Vehicle,

PTSD kicking in. They do bring their documents, DD214 any documents that will justify that they are Veterans. What would happen normally is at the end of the month, the representative from Motor vehicle will bring that document down to our office to compile and reconcile. That's been ongoing.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: If I could just add, we passed a law in the 34th Legislature, and that mandated that they do that to help with the registry as well. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*.



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JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE: That's correct.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: So that's great I appreciate that. And I know we mandate a lot of things. It's just a matter if it's happening. And I think I appreciate the fact that you're saying that they have been coming down.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE: Yes, sure but with regards to this particular bill, because the way it's written, that the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs again be given the authority to review the applicants for attendance to make sure that those documents are true.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Oh no, I appreciate the update. I can probably ask about numbers but I think that's probably not what I am looking for today. Just to get some acknowledgement that there has been some type of a reconciliation of that, at least some input back from DRT. Only one other question Madam Chair. Maybe Joe you can answer but with respect to vehicles which are furnished by the Veterans Administration to disabled veterans, which in the case of the state of Hawaii, are exempt from taxation, to what extent are such specialized vehicles made available by the VA to our disabled veterans in Guam? And are these assets exempt from taxation? Maybe the panel or anyone in the panel up here- are they aware of any types of vehicles we're bringing into Guam from the VA?

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE: So Senator you know that there is bill introduced up in the House to allow exemptions of disabled vehicles to be charged for shipment from the U.S. I think you all probably best will have the answer with regards to the tax exempt based on this language here. I will say that anything that has to do with the licensing, the registration of the vehicle, because the disabled vehicle which means the Veteran that owns it is 100% disabled, will automatically fall under the category of 100% exemption.

SENATOR SHAWN 'EULOGIO' GUMATAOTAO: Oh no exactly. I again, I'm just kind of curious if there is any in our roads. I think that's an important distinction and it's probably important for this measure as well. But that's all I have, Madam Chair. Thank you for the time and thank you for being here today.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Senator Gumataotao and at this time I would like to recognize Vice Speaker Tony Ada.

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY 'TONY' ADA: Thank you Madam Chair and welcome to my fellow Veterans to the Guam Congress Building. When I look out there, I remember serving under Sergeant Major Joe Mafnas. I got out of the military about 33 years ago but all of you out there look younger than I do. I don't know how you do it but yeah that's just amazing how we continue to move forward with these types of legislations in recognition of services that our veterans have done during their time of active duty. Mr. Dan, you said it right you know. The years go by and we see less and less of our Veterans around who we saw last year. It goes the same with our war survivors. I was down at the 4th of July celebration many years running now that I've been attending and I had a conversation there which was interesting with one of the gentleman and they brought up the issue of this piece of legislation and go, "Senator instead of waiving the fee, perhaps you guys should look at what the costs would be- what the government would lose- and give it back to the community in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Purple Heart Memorial, the Gold Star Family Memorial, Veterans Cemetery, these things, and it can help them maintain their memorials in recognition of our services to our country. It was interesting because it was Veterans talking about Veterans helping veterans. That's our Veterans fee- is the money we put out as Veterans going right back into

these veteran monuments, which kind of made sense because when we look at the fees, the funding that is available, a lot of organizations run into that shortfall maintaining our Veteran memorials. And I think that that was actually a really great idea- that they said we take those and put it right back and give it right back into the community. So perhaps maybe should the author, Senator Terlaje may want to look at amending the bill or if even the folks here are amenable to that, the funding that would've been waived goes back to the different organizations in different percentages. So, what are your thoughts on that, Uncle Nick, Sergeant Major Joe, Dan, what are your thoughts on that?

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN, DIRECTOR, GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE: Vice Speaker, thank you for that input. You know, I'll share this there are grants out there that addresses monuments, right? But it's also very specific that in order to apply for that grant the monument has to be built like inside of cemetery not outside. On the other side of it, as we move forward with our pre-application for our expansion grant down at the cemetery, within that grant, I could say will allow us to build a monument. it's just that now I want to kind of separate and focus on the need for the expansion and then go after a separate application which is going to fall into a different category for whatever remaining funds after all the



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funding has been given out to the states and territories for expanding what remains can be availed to us to build that monument. If that makes sense.

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY 'TONY' ADA: Yeah, I see. But this was just talking about the waiving of the fees, right? So, to go out to different organizations. What are your thoughts on percentage of fees that would be waived from this instead of being waived for a certain percentage goes to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in helping to maintain or even the Purple Heart Memorial to helping maintain those memorials.

NICK FRANCISCO, PRESIDENT, VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 688:

I've been taking care of the Purple Heart and the Gold Star Memorial and the Vietnam Veteran. We've been taking care of the memorial in Mangilao. Anything that would come, I think will be a big help. Better than nothing. We never got anything in the past to take care. We just do it. When the time comes for Veterans Day, Memorial Day we tried to clean up or you know maintain the monuments so our visitors will always see the place has been well taken care.

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY 'TONY' ADA: Yeah that's why when I had a conversation with the individual down at *Ypao*, that's what they were really looking at and how is it that we can keep our memorials, you know, really in presentation state- that is proud of what we do here on our island in recognition of those service members, and those who have given their life in defense of freedom in our nation. And I think that, you know, it just brought up a good conversation as to how we can continue to move and get these instead of again waving the fees- to move them out to the different organizations because its Veterans fees that will be going back to Veteran organizations and Veteran causes. So thank you for that and I think that like you said, any amount would help.

JOSEPH P. MAFNAS, RETIRED COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR, U.S. ARMY: You know senator, I'd like to say that on behalf of also the Barrigada Veterans organization we have a monument up there too that we keep, Barrigada Veterans keep. So, with every little penny that comes to that, will help rather than just volunteering. And you know, getting all of our funding out of our own pocket and maintaining our monument out there at Barrigada Veterans. I don't know if you've seen the monument built out

there by the koban that's coming from the Barrigada Veterans organization- no cost to any other than our volunteer.

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY 'TONY' ADA: So, then what I'm hearing then is that you folks wouldn't be opposed to instead of to wavering the fees, that the fees continue and it goes out in percentages to the different organizations. Again, like I said, its veterans helping veterans in going back to the organizations. Or, would you guys rather just have fees waived where we don't collect and it doesn't go anywhere. Mr. Dan, go ahead.

DANIEL L. COGAR, BOARD MEMBER, VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA GUAM

CHAPTER 688: Yeah, my personal take on that is that my preferences would be that we waived the fees and in support of that you have to realize that the it's not just the Veterans but

we have a lot of organizations that we've developed partnerships with. We have an excellent program to help with the Veterans cemetery where they've got American Red Cross volunteers and they've got a partnership going with all the visiting ships, that when the different military people come in and stuff, they need community support work. So, they go down and they support and help Mr. San Agustin a lot, and the different areas. Likewise, with some of the areas that they support, we get from the organizations up at Andersen Air Force base, and it's just starting to grow with what we're getting from the Camp Blaz- from the Marines. They're just getting established. So if you take all these entities and you look at the partnerships that were having influenced on establishing to support all of this, and lastly you look at the age groups- 70 and above on most Veterans and stuff. These are not the ones that can get out there and whack the weeds and do all the Rambo stuff. It takes the younger volunteers were getting in the military and within the community in Guam. So, I think for the regular Veteran that can't go out there and be the grass ninja, I think they would probably benefit more and probably appreciate it because you're getting that big thank you for what you've done. And so, I think by waiving the fees and with the initiatives that we have going on in the community. I think a better payback is if you took all the organizations you wanted, divided that up, to everyone will get 400 or 500. I don't think it's significant enough to make that difference. I think that route that they're going right now will have more impact and again I do appreciate your idea, and thank you so much.

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY 'TONY' ADA: Yeah, that was one of the gentlemen I was speaking to at *Ypao* beach. I mean if you look, the fiscal note came back \$60,000, right. And divide that \$60,000 by 5,000 for 12 organizations. That is a great amount to keep and help upkeep and maintain the different memorials throughout our island. Like I said again, its Veterans helping Veterans, right. We're going out there and doing what we can to ensure that these landmarks will always be maintained for years to come and where families and veterans



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can always be proud of that. So, but thank you for your comments on those, my question. And I look forward to seeing this bill move forward. Thank you, Madam Chair for that.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you Vice Speaker. It sounds to me like another bill in the making, coming up for our veterans. Especially in that area because one of the biggest things that the government of Guam has is that we're great at building things but not good at maintaining them. So, it sounds like something we can come up with. Actually, in my closing I was going to bring up just for the listening audience that the veterans' different organizations, they give great fundraisers. I've been to many of them and they sure know how to party, so you can have a good time. So, I encourage everyone out in the public support what our Veterans put out because the money does go to a good cause for the Veterans. Okay, at this time I'd like to recognize Senator Barnett.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT: *Si Yu'os ma'åse'* Madam Chair and *Manana si Yu'os* to the Veterans who are here this morning. Thank you again for blessing us with your presence and your testimony in support of the bill. I know that kind of one of the running themes in the testimony is *thank you for your service isn't necessarily enough*, and I agree because while we day thank you for your service, we have to remember that talk is cheap and that freedom isn't free. And if we don't back up these words and they really ring hollow in my opinion. And so, thank you. We're hoping to give you guys an early Christmas this year with the measure that creates the Veterans license plate. And as the good Chair said, we're going to try and push these through; get that committee report out so that we can have these two bills on the next session agenda, and get them passed. And, I don't see an issue with the Governor signing them into law so that way you guys can avail of these veteran license plates and the waiving of the fees, hopefully in this calendar year. I was late this morning because we were attending the *Asina* Memorial. One thing that I found- a common thread unfortunately and tragically, is every year we have fewer and fewer war survivors, and similarly fewer and fewer Veterans every year. So, I want to act quickly on this measure and get it on to the floor. It has my full support.

As far as redirecting the fees, and this talk about maintaining the monuments, I just want to take a moment and thank the Veteran community because we when you guys build a monument, you have a monument it is maintained. I mean talking about spic and span from

the Barrigada Veterans organization memorial which sticks out because it's so *shinarp*, to the Purple Heart Memorial in Mangilao. So, I want to commend you guys.

You know, we talk about *thank you guys for your services* but it's not just about service to country and island, it's also the continued service that you do out in the village in maintaining the Veteran's organization and the monuments. And I just worry that if we are going to try and tinker with this bill that it might slow the passage because my thinking is you're going to have to create a whole new fund and redirect the money. And it really sounds like another bill and another conversation that maybe we can entertain at a later date. But you know I am very grateful for the focus on the Veterans. As a grandson of a Veteran, my late grandfather was one of the original members of the Guam Combat Patrol in the Insular Guard. So anytime we see your quiet strength—and to see these familiar faces—you know, every public hearing we have, we see a lot of Veterans on Guam. But there's this core group that comes out to provide testimony. I think it's because a lot of Veterans don't want to come out or be in the spotlight. So, I thank you again for that service you provide—speaking for your brothers and sisters who are Veterans.

Madam Chair, I stand in full support of the bill, and I pray for its swift and quick passage, along with the companion measure that establishes the veteran license plate program. And one more time, officially for the record—and I say it with meaning—thank you for your service. If you're happy, Mr. Francisco, I'm happy. If you guys are mad, let us be mad with you and fight for the positive changes that you need. Thank you, Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Senator Barnett. At this time, I'd like to recognize Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE: Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you to our Veterans for being here today. I just wanted to say that I know the previous speaker mentioned acting with expediency when it comes to legislation affecting our Veterans. I want to provide an update: Bill 5, which you appeared for at the last public hearing regarding license plates—we've completed the committee report and will be pushing for it to be added to the July session agenda. Also, Bill 92, which I introduced to declare November as Veterans Awareness Month—the committee report for that has also been completed, and we're pushing for it to be included on the session agenda as well. As for Bill 149, which we're discussing today, I completely support it. As a matter of fact, had I been a senator in the last Legislature, I would have supported it when similar legislation was introduced in December 2023. Unfortunately, a public hearing was never held on that bill. So, I'm hopeful—and almost certain—that I will support it, and I'm confident my colleagues will as well.



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I'd also like to recognize an individual in this room who's on my staff and is a veteran—Kiana Ardiente. Please say hello to her before you leave today. Again, thank you for coming to testify. You have my full support on Bill 149. Thank you.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you so much, Senator. I'm glad you brought that up because that was part of my closing too. You talk about putting your money where your mouth is—really saying what you mean. I also hired a Veteran in my office to oversee any issues veterans may have, and I appreciate his contributions. If you ever need assistance, that's Ralph Terlaje—he's in my office. Now, I'd like to introduce our next senator—Senator Shelly Calvo. You are now recognized, ma'am.

SENATOR SHELLY V. CALVO: Thank you, Madam Chair. *Håfa Adai, buenas*, and thank you to everyone on the panel who provided testimony and to everyone here in support of Bill 149. This bill provides meaningful recognition and financial relief for Guam's aging population. It honors the service and sacrifice of our dear Veterans—many of whom are now elderly and living on fixed incomes. This bill promotes dignity and reinforces that they are appreciated. For me, this is truly a mindful bill—one that speaks loudly of honoring and recognizing service and patriotic duty. I thank the author for this extremely thoughtful and appreciative bill. I look forward to seeing it pass. Good luck to all of you. Thank you.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Senator Calvo. I now turn it over to the author of the legislation, Senator Therese Terlaje. But first, in closing, I again want to thank all of you for everything you do—not just for our veterans, but for being present at these public hearings. I greatly appreciate it.

I encourage you to bring other veterans—the next generation who've served in later wars—to continue this legacy. Mr. Mafnas, you've done so much for the Veteran community. You're a pillar of recognition. When people think of Veterans, they think of you. And Nick Francisco—a

dear friend of mine—always advocating and hosting the best fundraisers. We need that next generation to get involved. Bring them to the next public hearing so they can carry that torch. We don't want them to be forgotten. Thank you so much for everything. My father was a Veteran. I'm very proud of him and miss him dearly. Senator Terlaje, you are now recognized.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE: About 10 years ago, I had the privilege of traveling with the Class of 1968 to Rota for a reunion. I'm not sure why I was there, but I was. It was unbelievable—I got to hear their stories. Many of them were either drafted or volunteered.

What struck me most was not just their laughter or camaraderie, or their jokes about that time—but their mothers' reactions to them leaving. I hadn't really thought about that before. We often just focus on the Veterans, but it forced me to think about how their mothers, sisters, and brothers must have felt—both when they left and when they came back.

I'm in awe of how you've all taken those experiences and turned them into such positive, honorable lives—50 years later. It's humbling and inspiring. I do hope this bill will pass, and that it adds to the small tokens of appreciation we can offer while you're still here—because as you said, we do not have the privilege of having you with us forever.

I'm also grateful that many of you here, and the organizations you represent, have actively advocated—not just stayed quiet. We clearly needed that. For example, Commander Francisco and many of you are already eligible for the fee waiver on license plates because you're medal recipients or 100% disabled. You didn't need to push for this bill—but you did, because you care about your fellow veterans. I deeply appreciate that.

That's what this bill aims to do. *Si Yu'os Ma'āse'* again for all your testimony and support. *Si Yu'os Ma'āse'*, Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you so much, Senator Terlaje. As I mentioned earlier, I will do everything I can to get this bill processed so that it makes the session agenda—along with Bill 5-38.

We have a Veteran who is our Vice Chair and also the Chair of our Committee on Rules. I believe he's committed to ensuring we get this bill out in time for the July session. I just want to get his attention to make sure he's still on board.

Senator, with your help, I'll get all the information he needs right away so we can celebrate what July is truly about—and that's our veterans.

If there are no further questions or comments, this concludes our discussion on Bill 149-38 LS. I want to thank everyone who came to testify and participate. Create a great day. The time is now 10:22 a.m., and this public hearing is adjourned. *Si Yu'os Ma'āse'*. Biba Veterans!

Public Hearing Adjourned at: 10:22 a.m.

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS



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The Committee finds that Bill No. 149-38 (LS) seeks to recognize Guam's aging Veterans by expanding existing vehicle registration and license plate fee waivers. Currently limited to Veterans with a 100% service-connected disability or those deemed individually unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the bill would extend these waivers to all Veterans who served in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, regardless of disability status. The Committee received testimony on the bill at the public hearing, as follows:

- Joseph P. Mafnas, retired Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army (36 years of service) testified in strong support of the bill, emphasizing that veterans deserve more than just verbal appreciation. That tangible recognition is necessary. He praised legislators and federal officials for their advocacy and highlighted the bill as a beacon of hope.
- Nick Francisco, President of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 688 and Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, expressed strong support for the bill. He shared personal experiences as a wounded Vietnam Veteran and stressed the emotional impact of recognition. He urged the timely passage of the bill and commended legislators for expanding fee waivers.
- Daniel L. Cogar, Board Member of the VVA Guam Chapter 688, and three-time war veteran expressed strong support for the bill, and highlighted the urgency due to the passing of elderly veterans and the symbolic importance of the waiver. He argued against diverting fees, noting national standards and community partnership support.
- Director Joe San Agustin of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office expressed strong support of the bill. He delivered heartfelt remarks on the importance of recognizing aging veterans as role models, and provided operational insight on verifying documentation and coordinating with DRT.
- Senator Shawn Gumataotao inquired about registry reconciliation and vehicle tax exemptions. Director San Agustin confirmed that reconciliation efforts with DRT are ongoing.
- Vice Speaker Tony Ada suggested redirecting fees to Veterans Memorial upkeep instead of the fee waivers that the bill seeks to implement. Veterans testifying expressed appreciation for the idea, and a majority informed that they preferred keeping direct fee waivers instead of fund redirection.

- Senator Chris Barnett expressed full support of the bill and urged against amendments that could delay its passage.
- Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane expressed full support for the bill and shared updates on related Veterans bills.
- Senator Shelly Calvo expressed full support for the bill, calling it a thoughtful and respectful of aging Veterans, and emphasized its benefit for Veterans on fixed incomes.
- Bill sponsor, Senator Therese Terlaje, expressed her deep gratitude to Veterans and confirmed the bill extends benefits to surviving spouses.
- The Department of Revenue & Taxation submitted post-hearing written testimony stating that it has no concerns or objections to the bill.

The Committee finds that the testimony overwhelmingly supported Bill 149-38(LS), with all testifiers emphasizing the need for swift action to honor aging Veterans. The Committee hereby reports out Bill No. 149-38 (LS), as introduced.

The Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement hereby reports our **Bill No. 149-38 (LS)** - Introduced by Therese M. Terlaje- *“AN ACT TO AMEND § 7160(e), AND § 7161(f), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES,”* with the recommendation [To Report Out Only](#).

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Bill No. 149-38 (LS)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje

**AN ACT TO AMEND § 7160(e), AND § 7161(f), CHAPTER
7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE
TO WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. *I Liheslatura* finds that April 2025 marked the 50th anniversary since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975, following U.S. withdrawal in 1973. 2025 also marks the 72nd anniversary of the end of the Korean War in 1953, following U.S. withdrawal in 1949. 2025 also marks the 80th anniversary since the end of WWII. Veterans from these wars continued to serve our community on their return and as most of these highly respected veterans now exceed 70 years in age, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to immediately further honor them, their service and their commitment to our island, through a waiver in license plate fees. This benefit will coincide with Guam's law already allowing special license plates for veterans.

Section 2. § 7160(e), Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read:

“(e) (1) The annual license and registration fee in § 7160(a) shall be waived upon the initial issuance and the subsequent renewal of the vehicle license and registration for:

1 (A) any Veteran determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans
2 Affairs (USDVA) to be one hundred percent (100%) disabled or
3 individually unemployable due to military service connected injuries,
4 with certification from the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs; and any
5 WWII Veteran, Korean War Veteran, and Vietnam War Veteran
6 registered with the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs notwithstanding
7 disability or unemployable certification;

8 (B) the spouse, legal guardian, or surviving spouse, as defined in
9 § 67101 of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, and as
10 authorized by § 4B101 of Article 1B of Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code
11 Annotated, and to Gold Star parents who are eligible pursuant to §
12 7120.3(b) of this Chapter;

13 (i) eligible persons in Subsections (A) or (B) shall verify
14 their status with a military identification card, to include the DD
15 Form 214, DD Form 1173, DD Form 2765, National Guard
16 Bureau 22 (NGB22), Armed Forces Retirement Certificate,
17 Armed Forces Statement of Personnel Record, or other accepted
18 forms used to verify eligibility status and certified by the
19 government of Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA);

20 (ii) the eligibility period for persons in Subsection (B)
21 shall be consistent with §§ 4B103, 4B104, or 4B105 of Article
22 1B of Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam Code Annotated, and the
23 eligibility period for Gold Star parents shall be the same as the
24 eligibility period for a surviving spouse; and

25 (C) the recipients of at least one of the following military awards:
26 the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross (U.S. Army), the
27 Navy Cross (U.S. Navy and Marine Corps), the Coast Guard Cross

1 (U.S. Coast Guard), the Distinguished Flying Cross (U.S. Air Force),
2 the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with “V” Device, or the Purple Heart
3 Medal.

4 (2) The fee shall be waived for one (1) non-commercial passenger
5 vehicle, which includes sedans, coupes, pick-up trucks, motorcycles, and
6 station wagons manufactured primarily for the purpose of carrying
7 passengers, and including those passenger cars pulling other light trailers,
8 registered to the Veteran, or eligible persons applying for benefits under this
9 Section.

10 (3) A document issued by the USDVA or a U.S. military ID card, with
11 certification from the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs, which certifies the
12 disability rating, and registration at GVAO where required by this Act must
13 be furnished to the Department of Revenue and Taxation in order to waive the
14 annual Motor Vehicle License and Registration Assessment.”

15 **Section 3.** § 7161(f), Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated is hereby
16 *amended* to read:

17 “(f) The Street Light Fund Fee in this Section shall be waived upon
18 initial issuance and subsequent renewal of vehicle license and registration for
19 any Veteran determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
20 (USDVA) and with certification from the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs to
21 be one hundred percent (100%) disabled or individually unemployable due to
22 military service connected injuries; and for any WWII Veteran, Korean War
23 Veteran, and Vietnam War Veteran registered with the Guam Office of
24 Veterans Affairs notwithstanding disability or unemployable certification;”

25 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
26 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
27 not 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 upon
4 enactment.



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
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June 10, 2025

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 149-38 (LS)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 149-38 (LS).

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



Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 149-38 (LS)

AN ACT TO AMEND § 7160(e), AND § 7161(f), CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WAIVING VETERANS LICENSE PLATE FEES.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT)	Dept./Agency Head: Lizama, Marie P., Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$14,837,221
	<u>\$2,898,268</u>
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$17,735,489

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	Special Fund:	Total:
FY 2024 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Appro. (P.L. 37-125)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill

	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2025 (if applicable)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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| 1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions?
If Yes, see attachment | | // Yes | /X/ No |
| 2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation?
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ | /X/ N/A | // Yes | // No |
| 3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency?
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies?
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? | /X/ N/A | // Yes
// Yes
// Yes | /X/ No
// No
/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?
/X/ Requested agency comments not received by due date: DRT | If no, indicate reason: | // Yes | /X/ No |

Analyst: <u>Raymond Rieta</u> Raymond Rieta, BMA IV	Date: <u>6/9/25</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr.</u> Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director	Date: <u>JUN 10 2025</u>
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Notes:

// See Additional Comments.

Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Comments on Bill No. 149-38 (LS)

Bill No. 149-38 proposes to amend § 7160(e), and § 7161(f) of Chapter 7, Title 16, Guam Code Annotated, relative to waiving veterans license plate fees. § 7160(e) currently waives the annual license and registration fee attributed to the initial issuance and the subsequent renewal of vehicle licenses and registrations for any Veteran determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) to be one hundred percent (100%) disabled or individually unemployable due to military service-connected injuries with certification from the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs. The Bill proposes to amend this section to specifically include Veterans of WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War registered with the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs notwithstanding disability or unemployable certification. The Bill further proposes to amend § 7161(f) to waive the Street Light Fund Fee upon initial issuance and subsequent renewals of vehicle license and registration for the aforementioned Veterans of WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Based on data from the previous five fiscal years (FY20 through FY24), information was obtained from the reported revenues of veterans' operator & chauffeur license fees currently waived by the existing law, (See Table A.) and the total revenues from all vehicle registration fees during the same time period, as part of the Guam Highway Fund (GHF), see below:

Table A.	Waived Veterans Operators &	Vehicle Registration
	Chauffeur License Fees	Fee Revenues
FY2020	\$43,020	\$7,698,217
FY2021	\$35,160	\$9,408,608
FY2022	\$74,680	\$9,337,943
FY2023	\$81,590	\$9,052,241
FY2024	\$65,885	\$9,375,188
Average	\$60,067	\$8,974,439

It should be noted that although the above information indicates an average loss of revenues of approximately \$60K from the waiving of license fees for veterans under the current law, this amount may increase with the inclusion of the Veterans of WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War as proposed in the Bill. Additionally, the Vehicle Registration Fee Revenues from the previous fiscal years as stated above does not indicate how much of the amounts represent revenues specifically from veterans under the existing law. Absent revenue amounts generated from vehicle registration fees of veterans under the existing law from the Department of Revenue and Taxation (DRT), along with the estimated number of veterans of WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War who qualify under this Bill, as well as comment from the DRT whether the passage of the Bill would fiscally impact the department's current operations, the Bureau is unable to ascertain the fiscal impact of this proposed legislation.