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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
173-38 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Sabrina Salas Matanane	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF LOT NO. 2288-1-1-1, MANGILAO, AND THE MANGILAO KOBAN TO THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CHAPTER 668, BY AMENDING §681103 OF CHAPTER 68, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.	7/14/25 8:02 a.m.	7/22/25 4:33 p.m.	Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure.	Request: 7/22/25 7/29/25	10/15/25 2:00 p.m.	11/26/25 As Amended.	



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Chairperson - Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure

November 26, 2025

Honorable Frank F. Blas, Jr

Speaker

Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: Honorable V. Anthony Ada

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: Committee Report on Bill No. 173 – 38 (COR) As amended

Håfa adai Speaker Blas:

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the **Bill No. 173-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure** – “AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE OF LOT NO. 2288-1-1-1, MANGILAO, AND THE MANGILAO KOBAN TO THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CHAPTER 668, BY AMENDING §681103 OF CHAPTER 68, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.” –
Therese M. Terlaje, Sabrina Salas Matanane

Committee votes are as follows:

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



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Si Yu'os ma'åse',

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill No. 173 – 38 (COR)

**As Amended by the Committee by Land, Environment, Housing,
Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure**

Introduced by Therese M. Terlaje, Sabrina Salas Matanane

**“AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE
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MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure

From: Vice Speaker V. Anthong Ada 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 173-38 (COR) As amended

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 173-38 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing & Other Correspondence
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimonies & Supporting Documents
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 173-38 (COR)
- Copy of Bill No. 173-38 (COR) as amended by the Committee
- Copy of Bill No. 173-38 (COR) committee markup
- Copy of Fiscal Note from Bureau of Budget and 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'



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

July 22, 2025

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

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 173-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai,

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §6.01(d)(1), Rule VI of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Bill No. 173-38 (COR)** –Therese M. Terlaje, Sabrina Salas Matanane – “AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF LOT NO. 2288-1-1-1, MANGILAO, AND THE MANGILAO KOBAN TO THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CHAPTER 668, BY AMENDING §681103 OF CHAPTER 68, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure chaired by Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada. 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.





Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada <vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov>

FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing: October 15, 2025

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada <vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov> Wed, Oct 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM
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From: Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada
Re: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing: October 15, 2025

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 **Posted by:** Erin Grajek, Committee Director

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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing: October 15, 2025

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada <vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov>

Mon, Oct 13, 2025 at 8:47 AM

Bcc: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov, CLTC Admin <cltc.admin@cltc.guam.gov>, Dexter Tan <dexter.tan@cltc.guam.gov>, vince.arriola@dpw.guam.gov, "Mayor Jesse L.G. Alig" <jesse.alig@mcog.guam.gov>, Stuart Kelly [REDACTED], Nicole Kelly <nk@emceconsulting.com>, tanya.eubanks@gvao.guam.gov, jose.sanagustin@gvao.guam.gov, joseph.meno@gvao.guam.gov, "Joseph M. Borja" <joseph.borja@land.guam.gov>, [REDACTED], allan.ungacta@mcog.guam.gov

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Allan RG Ungacta, Mayor

Edward JD Tosco, Vice Mayor

October 14, 2025

Subject : Testimony in Support of Bill No. 173-38 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai, Chairperson Ada and Senators,

My name is Allan Ungacta, the Mayor of Mangilao and I am submitting this testimony to express my support for Bill No. 173-38 (COR), which would authorize the renewal of the lease for the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Chapter 668, in Mangilao for another twenty years.

For the past two decades, the VVA Chapter 668 has been a dedicated steward of the Mangilao Koban property. The Mangilao Koban property is also utilized by the **Military Order of the Purple Heart** and the **Knights of Columbus, Santa Teresita Council 13373**, who together contribute greatly to the social and civic life of Mangilao. The organization has not only maintained and improved the site but has also transformed it into a place of remembrance, reflection, and community service. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the covered meeting area, and the landscaped grounds stand as lasting tributes to those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and as spaces where veterans and families continue to gather in fellowship.

Through their continued dedication and community involvement, the members of VVA 668 have helped ensure that the site remains a place of purpose and pride for the people of Guam. It serves as a space for gatherings, learning, and remembrance reflecting shared values of service, respect, and unity.

Renewing this lease for another twenty years recognizes the organization's ongoing commitment and helps preserve a meaningful part of our island's history. It ensures that future generations will continue to have a place to reflect, connect, and honor those who have served our island and nation. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Legislature to pass Bill No. 173-38 (COR) and continue supporting the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 668, in their mission to serve our island and honor our fallen heroes. Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure.

Respectfully,

Allan R.G. Ungacta

Mayor, Municipality of Mangilao



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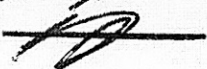
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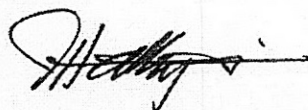
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Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is the Chamorro Land Trust Commission Resolution No. 2019-05, "**Declaration of support for the sale of Portions of Lot 5174-REM-1 to Nicole Camacho Reyes Kelly**", which was approved at its regular scheduled board meeting on January 17, 2019.

Senseramente,



Jack E. Hattig III
Administrative Director



CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05

***Declaration of support for the sale of
Portions of Lot 5174-REM-1
to Nicole Camacho Reyes Kelly***

WHEREAS, the Chamorro Land Trust Commission (*hereafter CLTC*), in accordance with Title 21, Section 75105 (c), declares its support to sell portions of Lot 5174-REM-1 to Nicole Camacho Reyes Kelly;

WHEREAS, Nicole Camacho Reyes Kelly has encroached onto a portion of Lot 5174-REM-1, by placing a safety guard rail along the cliff line;

WHEREAS, Lot 5174-REM-1 is situated on a cliff line bounded by Block 8 Perezville Subdivision, and the Pacific Ocean;

WHEREAS, access to lot 5174-REM-1 is extremely difficult due to its terrain, and has limited usable land areas above the cliff line that is bounded by privately owned property (Block 8 Perezville Subdivision);

WHEREAS, the CLTC Board of commissioners recognize the option to sell a portions of Lot 5174-REM-1 to Nicole Camacho Reyes Kelly in accordance with Title 21, Section 75105;

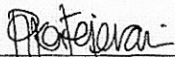
WHEREAS, Nicole Camacho Reyes Kelly desires to purchase a portion of Lot 5174-REM-1, Municipality of Tamuning, defined by Survey Sketch from Guam Surveyor, L.L.C. DWG#2018-145 (EXHIBIT "A") containing and area of approximately 138± square meters or 1,485± square feet;

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2019, the CLTC board of commissioners at their regularly scheduled meeting, Tamuning, Guam, reviewed and approved by motion to support the sell of portions of Lot 5174-REM-1 to Nicole Camacho Reyes Kelly and contiguous land owners subject to survey, and in accordance with Title 21 GCA, Chapter 75.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED,

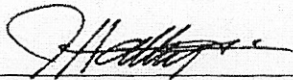
1. The Chamorro Land Trust Commission Board of Commissioners approves the request for Nicole Camacho Reyes Kelly to purchase a portion of Lot 5174-REM-1 contiguous her boundary to the edge of the cliff line.
2. The Chamorro Land Trust Commission Board of Commissioners transmits this Resolution to *I Liheslaturan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION THIS
7th DAY OF March 2019.



G. PIKA FEJERAN, Chairwoman
Chamorro Land Trust Commission

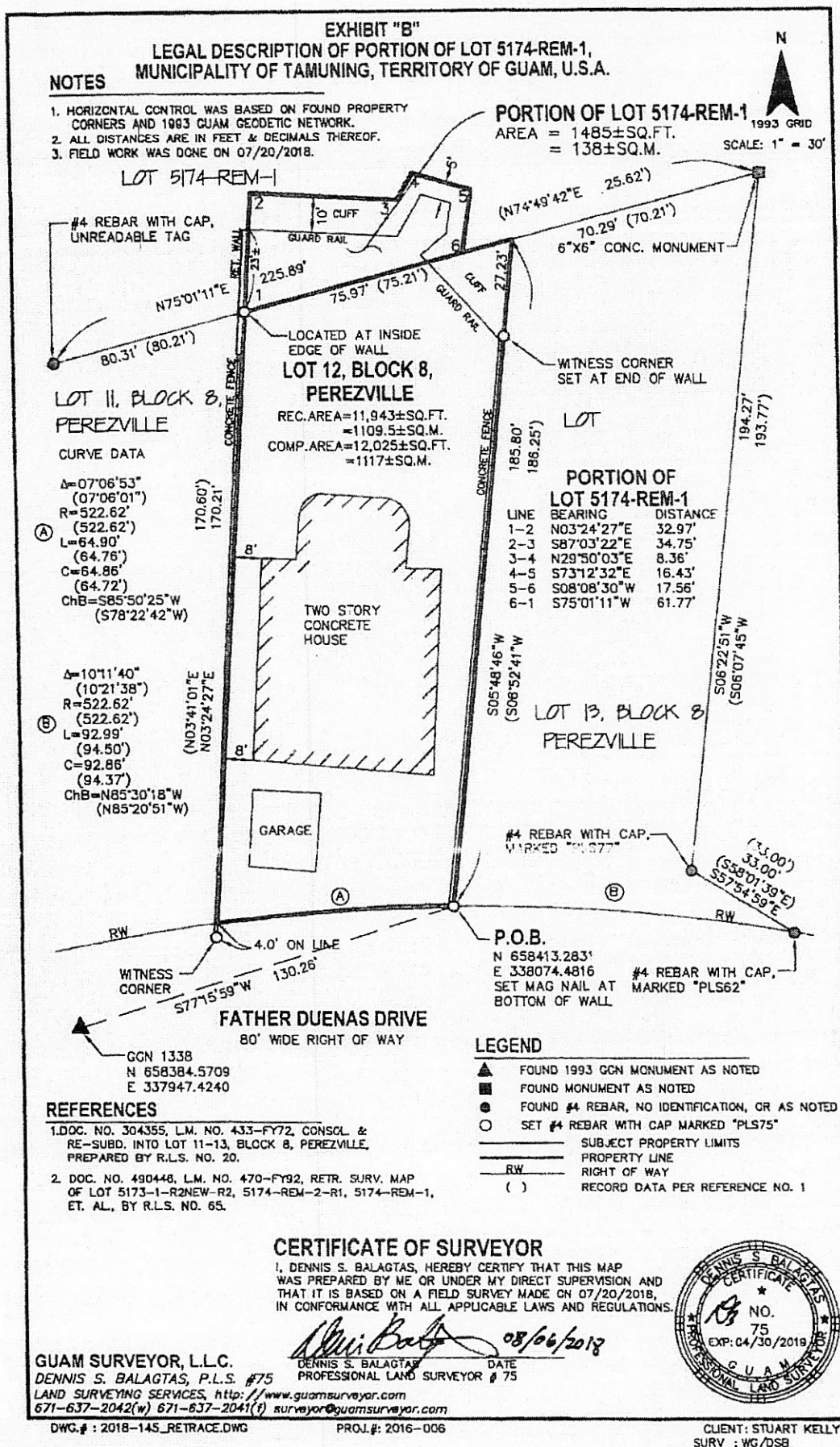
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CLTC RESOLUTION 2019-05 EXHIBIT "A"





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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 173-38 (COR) was introduced on **July 14, 2025**, by Therese M. Terlaje and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure on **July 22, 2025**.

The Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure convened a public hearing on October 15, 2025, at 2:00 pm at the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

Public Notice Requirements

Public Hearing notices were disseminated via **e-mail** to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **October 8, 2025**, 5-Day Notice), and again on **October 13, 2025** (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairman – Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure

Senator Therese M. Terlaje, Primary Sponsor

Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao

Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr., Committee Member

Attendees

Joseph M. Borja, Director – Department of Land Management

Joseph Mafnas

Joseph San Agustin, Director – Guam Office of Veterans Affairs

Nicholas Francisco

Joseph San Nicolas

Dan Kogart

Written Testimony Provided by

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The **public hearing** was Called-to-Order at **2:00 pm**

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Next on the agenda, we'll now proceed to hearing testimony on Bill 173-38 (COR). And this is an act to authorize renewal of the lease of a portion of lot number 2288-1-1-1 Mangilao and the Mangilao Koban to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 668 by amending subsection 681103 of chapter 68 Title 21, Guam Code Annotated. On this here, we had written testimony submitted via email from Mayor Ungacta and supported this. So, I'll go ahead and give the author,

Senator Terlaje, an opening statement and remarks that she may have. Senator, you're recognized, ma'am. And those who will be testifying, you can go ahead and step forward. Thank you.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Si yu'os ma'ase Mr. Chair and thank you for having this hearing. And I want to thank all of you who are here today and those who have waited for the hearing on this bill. So, this bill is to authorize renewal of the lease of a portion of lot 2288-1-1-1 in Mangilao and the Mangilao Koban that's on this lot to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 668 by amending section 681103 of chapter 68 Title 21, Guam Code Annotated.

This lease began in 2005 when in public law 28-4, the governor was authorized to lease this Mangilao Koban to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 668 for 20 years. Renewable for a like term subject to renewal by the legislature, so long as a lessee shall not cease to function or exist. Obviously from even those here today and we know of many, many, many more and through all the years they have fully functioned and really thrived in this location and really assisted with our community and our veterans while in this location.

So, this bill quite simply is to do what the prior bill authorized us to do is after 20 years to reauthorize it for another 20 years and that's what the bill SETS. In the findings and intent of the bill I have added some of the things that the Vietnam Veterans have been able to accomplish in this location using this Koban and the surrounding property and I'm sure that they're also here to testify in that regard but again this is a place that they have used and it hasn't been for the personal benefit of any or you know a financial benefit of any of their members it's really been for community purposes. They have upgraded the property improved it, maintained the grounds they've established a place to gather, to tell stories, to take care of each other, to conduct organization business, to remember those who were killed in Vietnam and celebrate special events with those who served to help those in need and to further serve the community of Mangilao and all of Guam. They have unveiled among other things that they've done a Vietnam veterans memorial consisting of three concrete structures surrounding a garden one of the structures bearing a list of all the men from Guam killed in action during the Vietnam War and a life-size replica of the three service men's statue located in Washington DC. Two years after the statue was put up it was destroyed by a storm and through fundraisers, donations and assistance of other military veterans organizations the wall was revived and restored and the statue was replaced with a bronze-coated statue in 2019. Continuous improvements through 2025 to the memorial, the covered meeting facility, the parking lot, the storage spaces and the landscaping have greatly benefited the community and the veterans. Therefore, it's the intent to extend this lease at least for another 20 years. Si yu'os ma'ase Mr. Chair and thank you again for all of those who are here.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Thank you, Senator Terlaje. We'll go ahead and take testimony from the panel, and we'll start off with the Sergeant Major Joe Mafnas.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

I'm sorry, Mr. Chair. The Mayor of Mangilao asked that I read his testimony. Is that okay?

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Sure, not a problem. Go ahead.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Buenas and Håfa adai, Chairperson Ada and Senators, my name is Allen Ungacta, the Mayor of Mangilao, and I'm submitting this testimony to express my support for Bill 173, which would authorize the renewal of lease for Vietnam Veterans of America VVA Chapter 668 in Mangilao

for another 20 years. For the past two decades, the VVA Chapter 668 has been a dedicated steward of the Mangilao Koban property. The Mangilao Koban property is also utilized by the military order of the Purple Heart and the Knights of Columbus, Santa Teresa Council 13373, who together contribute greatly to the social and civic life of Mangilao. The organization has not only maintained and improved the site but also transformed it into a place of remembrance, reflection and community service.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the covered meeting area and the landscaped grounds stand as lasting tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice and as spaces where veterans and families continue to gather in fellowship. Through their continued dedication and community involvement, the members of VVA 668 have helped ensure that the site remains a place of purpose and pride for the people of Guam. It serves as a place for gatherings, learning and remembrance reflecting shared values of service, respect and unity.

Renewing this lease for another 20 years recognizes the organization's ongoing commitment and helps preserve a meaningful part of our island's history. It ensures that future generations will continue to have a place to reflect, connect and honor those who have served our island and nation. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the legislature to pass bill 173 and continue supporting the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 668 in their mission to serve our island and honor our fallen heroes.

Si yu'os ma'ase for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this measure. Respectfully,
Allen, R.G. Ungacta, Mayor, municipality of Mangilao.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Thank you, Senator Terlaje. I'll go ahead and recognize Mr. Joe Borja. If you'd like to from Department of Land Management, would you like to come up there?

We have another chair here and then we'll start out the testimony with you.

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

Mr. Chair, could you repeat what you said, the start of the testimony with me?

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Yes, we can start off with you.

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

Okay. The Department of Land Management stands in opposition to the bill as presented. We definitely support the intent of the bill and let me tell you why we don't agree with the bill in its present form. If you look at the title of the bill, it says an act to authorize renewal of the lease of a portion of lot 2288-1-1.

I'd like staff to be able to pass out the map of lot 2288-1 as cited on the bill. What's that? To the chair and to the sponsor of the bill.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Is this because it's missing a dash one in the title that's contained in the body of the bill?

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

No. It's because lot 2288-1-1 is only a thousand square meters on the bill. The bill says to lease a portion of lot 2288-1-1.

So, the bill authorizes the lease of a portion of 1,000 square meters, which is pretty small. Secondly, yeah, so if your intent is to lease the area where the Koban used to be, I wouldn't leave the word "a portion of" in there. I would lease the entire portion at 1,000 square meters. And even at that, though, there is some parking issues on that area and like that. So, the enabling portion of the bill, page 2, line 16 should take away the words a portion, because if it's just a portion, then it's going to be less than 1,000 square meters. And maybe, and again, this is the author. Maybe stop referring it to the Koban. I think that's kind of lost its life in there. But we also want to call to the attention and if the staff could also pass this out. This is an aerial overlay of the boundary, not survey equality, but use for planning purposes. There are encroachments from the Koban, or Koban, the veterans lot into the neighbor lot in the next lot. And if staff could also pass this out to the chair and to the, thank you. Now in the original law enacting an original law authorizing the lease, which we could not find for the record, Mr. Chair, we could not find a lease, not a draft, not the unrecorded one and not recorded one. So, I don't know if there was ever a lease put into place for this. It might have been because the original bill, the original law authorizing this, had the same discrepancy about leasing a portion of that lot rather than the entire lot. So, I think that has to be corrected if you're going to go forth on it.

Secondly, I don't know what the veterans are going to, are going to testify on. I'm sure it's to the intent to remain as it is, but they might want to ask for more parking. And that's why in its special form land management, you know, posted the bill, if it's going to pass as such, you're still probably going to have a problem issuing a lease based on a portion of that lot because it would be small. But other than that, we definitely, of course, do support the giving this property, this lot to, and building to the veterans organization. You might want to put a reversionary clause in there as most of the times you do on the lease, that if it's no longer to be used by the veterans, then revert it back to whoever the legislature thinks it should be. I would recommend the mayor of Mangilao because that whole area is the Mangilao recreational area. Thank you.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Thank you, Mr. Borja for your testimony. I'll go ahead and start off again now with Sergeant Major Mafnas. Are you ready?

Joe Mafnas:

Thank you, Senator. Senator Tony Ada, Senator Terlaje, Speaker Frank Blas and Senator Gumataotao. Actually, I'm here in support of the bill. Oh, my name is Joe Mafnas. I'm a veterans for 36 years with the U.S. Army and also a new member of the VVA 668. I'm here in support of the bill 173-38. And the reason why I came here in support of this bill, because if you look around this session hall here, all of us that are here today, I guess we only got a few years to leave, you know, for whatever it is. And with this new lease of 20 years, that would give the younger veterans a place to tell the story about what happened during their time in the military as well. And one of the issue here is that this is the place that all of our military, whether you're veterans from the Vietnam War or whatever, they congregate there and they tell the story of what happened to the kids. But with this bill here, it will at least eliminate the problem of trying to lease it every two years or every two years. With 20 years of lease, that would eliminate some of this problem. And the veterans, Vietnam of America really did a good job by maintaining that place. And as a matter of fact, I tell my buddy here, Mr. Nick Francisco, when they were having problems paving the parking lot and that materialized and like what Mr. Borja said, maybe in the near future, we need to expand the parking lot because a lot of the members probably will sign up for the Vietnam Veterans of America and we need more parking. And not only that also, but there's, I guess, post office around that area, and that it will eliminate some of the parking if we do have a function during the meeting or whatever. And the other thing also that I'd like to put out, this will give us the legacy and carry out the mission of the organization with the younger generation as we ask all folks move on and probably not reach the age, whatever. See, I'm 82 now, so I might not reach

20 years. I'll be 102 before the time comes out. But anyway, in support of Bill 173 and give the younger generation more leverage to take care of the building, take care of the area and so forth and so on and most of all to c with all their fellow veterans. And again, thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Thank you, Sergeant Major Mafnas. Director San Agustin, do you want to proceed?

Joe San Agustin (Director of Guam Office of Veterans Affairs):

Honorable Vice Speaker, Senators, thank you for the opportunity for me to testify this afternoon. Director of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs. My name is Joe San Augustine. I'm here in support of this bill. And the reason behind that is the group of folks that utilize that facility are veterans that were drafted during the Vietnam War. Veterans that volunteered to go to Vietnam in the defense of our nation. When they returned home, it was a bittersweet coming back home. As we continue to move forward to overcome those bittersweet times, this so-called Koban or this facility that they utilize to conduct business, that they utilize to social displays that they utilize to share with other veteran organizations so that they could do their official business as well became a place that was suitable for any type of function if an organization is in need. And I have utilized that facility several times when I was the president of the third Marine Division, Guam Chapter. That is a place of their pride. That's a place that showcases models and should be immolated and should be respected by our citizens, by our younger generation, by our military service member, to ensure that they recognize and remember the sacrifices that this particular group of veterans endured during their time in service and during their time right now as veterans because they are still going through a lot of hardship. Not only them as veterans but their family members, their spouse, their loved ones, kids. I've seen it when there's events, they come there, they congregate and that's a place where they feel like home. For them to be able to rent a place or find a place or figure out where to meet once a month will be just too difficult. But through the heart of this government, this body and the mayor of Mangilao, enabling them to utilize that facility made it a place that they could call home so that they could do whatever they got to do. They do not destroy the place. As a matter of fact, they contributed to the community. They were able to pave the area where the mailboxes are at. So, it's not just for the organization to park when they have meetings, but it also is a convenient for those that come there to pick up their mail. It's also a convenient for any of them that want to park there and just do whatever as opposed to when it was just a gravel parking lot. So, my testimony this afternoon and like my buddy here, Mr. Joe Mafnas, because I was asking him earlier how old was he and he didn't want to tell me and I said well you're 82, so he's 82. 20 years is probably a perfect time to extend. There's only 300 plus some of them left and they're diminishing. This is at least what we could do is allow them to continue to own that place for the duration of their life. So what happens after they're gone? Well, Mr. Borja here said we'll give it back to the Mayor of Mangilao. Well, if they're 82 and 85 and I'm 62, give it a me so I could upkeep it for them. In saying that, I'm serious about it because somebody has to keep it going. Just like all these other highways where we name them after each war era, it becomes our responsibility to upkeep it. And hopefully the next mayor of Mangilao in 20 years is willing to take on to say keep it there and we'll upkeep it. Since the monument and the names of those that gave up their lives is etched in that particular corner. With that, I hope that all the other senators will support. I definitely am not a senator but I'm a veteran and I support this. Thank you, sir.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

We'll go ahead and go on for the next testimony. Mr. Nick Francisco.

Nick Francisco

Thank you, senators. Thank you Therese for agreeing to take care of these two men to renew the

list. Thank you so much with co-sponsor Sabrina. I was surprised to see that only two of the senators jump in to be co-sponsor of this and I hope that the other senators will. It's not too late to join. We'll have to see your name there. This is an important document for 668 and Vietnam Veterans of America. So it's going to be forever in the file of the Koban for the rest of the other members coming in. But I'm here to testify. But let me thank you, Vice Speaker Tony Ada and Speaker Frank Blas and Sean Gumataotao. Thank you so much for allowing the 668 to come here, Vietnam Veterans of America, 668 to testify on this historical document that we look forward to renew for another 20 years. You know, I've been a mayor for Mangilao for a long time. And during my time, I reserve the whole area there that under the Department of Agriculture, maybe you guys are still young, don't remember, but what that corner there is belong to the Department of Agriculture and they do their farming adjacent to the Mangilao Church. During my time, I asked my good friend Senator, what's her name, that lady it's so long. This is Vice Speaker. Anyway, I couldn't remember her name, but she's the one that I asked to introduce the bill to transfer that whole lot to the Mangilao Mayor's office at the Mangilao Mayor's Council, and they did. And this portion of property belongs to the Mangilao Mayor long, long time ago. Then when Mayor boss came in, he never built a roadside park like the intention of the bill. They started chopping the piece of land. First, they put in the Koban and I don't know whether they ever amend that bill. Then the mayor put in their night market, senior citizen center. Then the church came and exchanged a portion of that land for the church, it's a long story. But I was there. I was the mayor at that time when this thing happened. And that's why every time, especially now when I'm looking at this map that the director here is showing that that whole property there was under the Department of Agriculture and we transfer it to Mangilao Mayor's office at the Municipal Council. But you know, the 20 years, the 20 years, I attended the National Veteran Convention. And many times they discussed this Vietnam Veteran of America and they said that they continue Vietnam Veteran of America until the last person standing. And I said to myself, I wonder who's going to be the last person standing on Chapter 668. But anyway, there is a proposal that came out that the AVVA, which they say, the Associate Veteran of America most likely will be the one to take care of the Koban after all that members of the VVA die. So I'm not worried who's going to take care of that. I'm not worried that they're going to transfer that to the mayor because there is an active associate Vietnam of America, which is composed of men and women. And they don't have to be a member of the of the VVA, Chapter 668. Anybody can join. And I am thankful for the President of that organization because she's very active and she's doing a lot to recruit. So and that is Bernie Park and she couldn't make it here because she's still working. She's here under the clock, but she is recruiting and there's a lot of members. And like I said, it's open to anybody. So that's why I say that the future of the Koban will be taken care by the AVVA after the last person standing. But you know, to furthermore, during my time that I was working for Speaker Forbes, I asked Speaker Forbes to name that road from Barrigada to Chalan Pago to the Vietnam veteran memorial highway. When I was working for Senator, Speaker Forbes, I said, hey, Mr. Speaker, can you name a road and name it after the Vietnam veteran of America? He said, Nick, which road you want? I said that road in Mangilao from Barrigada to Chalan Pago. So I'm very I'm very pleased and all the Vietnam veterans of America are very pleased that they named that road Vietnam veteran memorial park, I mean, memorial highway. So all we know, I don't want to prolong the I don't want to prolong my testimony this morning because everybody already have mentioned that there's a lot of improvement there. A lot of work been done there. And I'm very proud to be the president of the Vietnam veteran of America because all I hear is the good the place looks nice, the place looks good. And even the mayor, I work very closely with the mayor. If I have any issue of the Koban that I need help, the mayor is always there. So it's good to have a good relationship with the mayor. And I'm very proud that with all the members here behind me and the Vietnam veterans of America because as you pass that road, I put in the front of the wall the home of the Vietnam veteran 668 and the Purple Heart. And you know, all these Purple Heart are Vietnam veterans with maybe a handful that are belong to the Iraqi Afghanistan. So Mr. Chairman and Therese and Sean, un dangkulu na si yu'us ma'ase on behalf of the Vietnam veteran

of America and the military order Purple Heart. So again, with my good friend here, Senator, I'm sorry, the Director Borja. I know him way way back and I was laughing here because he said he didn't recognize me when he first sit next to me because I look younger. They said, thank you for that. But again, we love to make it bigger. We love to have that area, the whole area, the up to the water work pump. In that way, we can continue to maintain that area because we are the one maintaining it. Thank you. Un dangkulu na si yu'us ma'ase.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Thank you. And you know, Senator Terlaje done said to us up here that she's going to make us co-sponsors of the bill.

Nick Francisco

Thank you, thank you so much.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Sir, you can go ahead and start your testimony too.

Nick Francisco

Thank you, thank you, Vice Speaker. Thank you.

Joseph San Nicolas:

Okay, my name is Joseph San Nicholas. I'm a live member for the Vietnam veteran.

Originally, we were up at Tiyan way back when we started and that's when we move over to Mangilao because when they named that Vietnam veteran, we got a chance to talk to Nito Blas and we requested if we could use that Koban for the Vietnam veteran. According to all this testimonial from land management, presently I'm the president of Dededo veterans organization. And you know, we have a public law that's governing our site there in Dededo. And I would like to recommend to Therese that you would rename this rather than lease. It would be permanent, permanent use for the Vietnam veteran co-owned by the Council of Mangilao because it's in Mangilao. And that anytime then the Vietnam vet disappears. You get the council, the Mangilao council that can take over and maintain the site. Now, like Mr. Nick Francisco stated that a lot of Vietnam, there's a lot of veterans here in the island and there's no there's no reason why that we can't all get together in one area. But that is specifically named Vietnam veteran because we started it as a Vietnam veteran organization. And that's the reason why I recommend to permanize it rather than doing lease every year, 20 years with that. Just permanize it and put a public law in and says that it is co-owned by the Mayor's Council of Mangilao and the Vietnam Veterans Association, Chapter 668. That's my recommendation. And the map, according to the land management, if that all belongs to the Mayor, there shouldn't be any issue concerning the property. And if it's just written, submit a written wording to solidify the permanent station of that site, that's all we need to do for the Senator to redo the bill. And that's all I'm recommending. Thank you.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Thank you, Mr. Joe, for your testimony. Mr. Dan, you can go ahead and provide your testimony.

Dan Kogart:

Yeah, to the legislature. Thank you for giving me the honors to come here today. My name is Dan Kogart. I'm a board member with the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 668. And, you know, listening to a lot of the testimony today, you know, I realize that right now we're addressing for the Vietnam Veterans, but this place has turned into a VA community center for the island. Over the last three years, we have done a lot of partnering, and we have the Coast Guard that

coordinates and has some events there. We have the Junior ROTC that has functions there, and we also partner with them and support it. We have the ROTC that comes down there. The USMC Veterans within the last three months, they would like to partner and use that for a few of their functions. So when you look at all these other things that that community area is used for, it has become the preferred veteran place on the island, and again, not just for the Vietnam Veterans. So in essence, what we're doing is we're setting a foundation to get ready for the future for the other veterans also. I mean, we got Junior ROTC there. We got the ROTC. We have the folks from Anderson Air Force Base, from the Navy, from Camp Blaz. So this is just the beginning on something that's going to go on as long as Guam exists. Another thing, and I've seen a lot of, we've had at least a dozen of these in the last month, where we have certain functions, is coordinated through our president and the others, where we have the different non-profit organizations on the island that come down there and do workshops to educate people about their burial rights and the costs and the programs available. And about filing and turning in their VA claims. So it's also become a workshop, an educational place, to help the veterans. And when we have those workshops, it's not just Vietnam Veterans that show up there. So taking all that into consideration, and lastly, with the benefits, we've had, I think, 6 or 7 meetings out there, special meetings, where we have these different organizations come in and educate the veterans. And this is all veterans, not just the Vietnam Veterans, on the benefits and how to apply and receive those. So taking all that in the consideration, please, please, please support Bill 173-38. And again, thank you for this opportunity.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Thank you, Mr. Dan, for your testimony this afternoon. I'm going to go ahead and open up the panel for questions or comments that my colleagues may have. And I'll start off with the sponsor of the legislation, Senator Terlaje. You are recognized

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Si yu'os ma'ase, Mr. Chair. And again, thank you for having this hearing. And thank you so much to all of you that are here who have testified. And especially thank you for your service. I very much agree that this is something to remember that service and that sacrifice for generations to come. So I hope that we can proceed in that way. I want to address, I guess, so the original bill was done in 1993. And no, I'm sorry. It was done in after 1993. This map was done in 1993, where the parceling was done, it looks like, and the original law was in 2005. So after the parceling map was done. So they gave this dash 1-1-1 lot to VVA for its use. And it says it was the governor of Guam who was going to lease, not the Mangilao Mayor, do I just want to confirm, I guess, of land management, a couple things is this property government of Guam or Mangilao Mayor.

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

This property is actually was originally an original land owner land. And that was condemned by the federal government for the Barrigada experimental farm. And then it was released to gov Guam to the Department of Agriculture. So it is Gov Guam land.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Okay, thank you. So nothing seems to have changed since that original, the surrounding properties were given by other laws to other purposes. However, so in regards to the concerns, Mr. Borja raised, I'm very happy to remove the words "portion of" and give the entire property towards this lease. And I think that was consistent with the original intent again. So the bill is written, I copied the existing law. So every word in there, including a portion of the lot number, the size of the lot, that's from 2005, the exact same language. All I have added, the uses of the property, who gets it, if they don't use it correctly, it says that the governor of Guam can declare it's terminated. And then it's going to be government of Guam property again. All I've added by this bill and hope to pass by law is that this, we are reauthorizing it, extending it for another 20 years from 2025. So

same terms, extended for 20 until 2025. So, but I do hear your concern that you should be permanent and consistent. I agree. The use of the word Koban again, that was from the original law. So I'm not going to touch that, I wasn't going to touch that. They use that in their description of where they're going today and have kind of adopted it for you. So I will leave that up to them. But that's again in the original law. The reversion to government of Guam and I support making it permanent if that's possible. It depends on my colleagues. And I think maybe Mr., if land management could just confirm one more thing. So you pass out this map and you say that they are encroaching.

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

Yes. And that was one thing that was going to bring up a senator. I'm glad you mentioned that you copied and pasted this from the original law.

Because the original law and this bill says, I guess on page three, I Maga'lahi Guahan may, declare a succession of activity, blah, blah, blah or it's not in compliance with chapters national governing laws or the laws of Guam. So the encroachment there doesn't comply with the laws of Guam, at least not the panel.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

But who's property if you can confirm? Who is that? What you call encroaching? Who's property is that?

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

Gov Guam

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

That's government of Guam. That's not under the jurisdiction of the Mangilao mayor.

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

I believe that's the senior citizen center, community center there. But in the next line there from that section on page three, it says, lessee shall not demolish or cause to be demolished any person or any structure located on the liso. So by law, these guys, the veterans are not authorized to demolish that. But they're also required to comply with the laws of Guam, which does not allow for encroachment.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Yeah, encroachment is if they're not getting any kind of consent, right? Mr. Francisco, can you confirm? Are those your buildings? Do you have this map?

Nick Francisco

What's your question again?

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

All right. He's saying you are encroaching, meaning you don't have any permission to build these buildings on this property. So this is your memorial, and then here are your buildings. Are these also your buildings that connect...

Nick Francisco

No no, we just follow the boundary.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Yeah, right? The stage area of the Mangilao mayor's compound is not part of what you have.

Nick Francisco

Yes, yes yes.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

You don't attach any buildings to that, correct?

Nick Francisco

Right now where everything is sitting, we're right on the boundary of the senior citizen and the mayor's baseball field.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Correct. And the mailboxes on the other side, and the road on one side. So yeah, I just like to confirm, I'm not sure that this is showing accurately an encroachment. And if so, if it's you're saying it's government of Guam property, not Mangilao mayor jurisdiction, the adjacent property? Or is it the senior citizens? Which whose property is that one?

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

Which one are you talking about, Senator?

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

The one you're pointing to?

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

That blue or green line on your map, that's the perimeter, that's the property.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

That's correct.

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

Yeah. So if you look on the bottom right of that almost square thing, you see the

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

The orange square?

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

No, not the orange square, but those long things, they look like chicken coops. They're not chicken coops, but they look like chicken coops. But those two things on the bottom there, bottom right of that square. There's those silver colored buildings roof or whatever to them. hey're across the green line.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Yes.

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

Yes.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

And what is the orange square?

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

I don't know what the orange square is.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Okay. I think those are the senior citizen center. So that's what they're saying. They are adjacent to those things. Yeah. That's the seniors. And then they've got the Mangilao stage. So if you go and see this, none of their buildings encroach anywhere near that Mangilao stage.

Joe M. Borja (Director of Land Management):

Maybe, or this is... Oh, Mr. San Nicolas has some information on that. Yes.

Joseph San Nicolas:

The one you're talking about in the encroach is where the canyon is located at.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

The what?

Joseph San Nicolas:

The canyon.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

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Joseph San Nicolas:

There is a canyon there. Now, not in this picture. Okay.

But the building that you're talking about is where the site is at. The kitchen site.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Which one? Is it? Is it past the boundary?

Joseph San Nicolas:

This portion is past the boundary. The land management is talking about the the blue line boundary.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Yeah.

Joseph San Nicolas:

And what I would recommend is to expand this since it belongs to the senior center edge where they can probably realign the dimension.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Mr. Francis, are you familiar with the boundaries? Yeah. Those are clear to you. Have they been marked?

Nick Francisco

It was never marked. Right. Right. Right now. Senator is... We're fine. We're our boundary right now. We didn't need to expand this way, but we're good all the way down with the parking lot.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Okay.

Nick Francisco

Yes.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Appreciate that. All right. Thank you. And again, this bill, I think we are trying to act very consistent, if not more, than what they did 20 years ago. And I think you've used this property over the years, you and your predecessors who were in charge have used it very much for the community, for each other, and for its original purpose. And this we can't do anything better than what you have done with this place. So I'm very much in support of this government of Guam property, continue to being used this way. And I thank you again for all your support in being here. Thank you. And for your hard work, because I know we've seen you guys do this yourselves a lot of the time. Sometimes you contract it out very little, maybe the building of the statue. But otherwise you're putting in your own sweat and hard work to get this stuff done, to make it look so beautiful for all of us. So thank you again. And I know whenever that happens, whenever work is being done, we've got the whole auxiliary also helping. And I want to thank them as well for all of their hard work to support all the activities of this center.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Thank you, Senator Terlaje and also for also adding us as co-sponsors. Senator Gumataotao, you're recognized.

Senator Sean Gumataotao:

Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you to the panel for being with us today. And I just wanted to address, Nick, your concern earlier about us co-sponsoring. I've been in this body for nine months, and every land bill that I've sponsored or co-sponsored, I get yelled at or my emails are blowing up. I'm hoping that if I co-sponsor this, am I going to get in trouble from other people for supporting this project?

Nick Francisco

I don't believe you're going to be in trouble.

Senator Sean Gumataotao:

Okay, that's good. No, I want to make sure because I'm getting gun shy about co-sponsoring bills. I won't do it anymore because I keep getting in trouble.

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

This is GovGuam property, not CLTC or any other trust.

Senator Sean Gumataotao:

Oh, no, I'm saying that I'm still getting in trouble. Regardless to if I'm sponsoring or co-sponsoring, I just try to stay out of everyone's way. So, you know, I just had a quick question. Well, first off, I'm just going to address Dan first because my, I don't know if he looked at my notes, but I was going to ask everyone about, you know, over the years, how much people have kind of given into this particular area when Dan started reading the Coast Guard, junior ROTC, Marine Corps veterans, Anderson Air Force Base Navy, Camp Blas, you answered what would be my concern was is the facility being used by people and Dan, thank you for answering in advance because it is actually an important part of why these types of facilities are around to support other community events and for the Vietnam Veterans Group, it's a big deal to be able to support. So, I wanted to thank you, Dan, for answering in advance. Thank you. Now, because the author of the law authorizing the Vietnam Veterans of America to utilize the former Koban, Senator, former Senator Frank Aguon, intended to put the facility to good use, recognizing it was subject at the time to in in Mangilao, to vandalism, graffiti, what challenges have you guys had in the time you've been in there? Have you had any problems with break-ins, destruction or property of the crimes?

Nick Francisco

We thank God that we never had graffiti or what we maybe they respect the place. That place is always clean. You cannot see any trash. In fact, not even a cigarette butt, so I'm very thankful that we keep that very clean and for the enjoyment of our members and everybody and I think that they respect the place. So, thank God for that.

Senator Sean Gumataotao:

No, and that's a good point, Nick, because on that flip side, it appears that the organization and the use of the Koban area has been a more than a holiday a way to help people respect the community even more and is a symbol of that. Because if they're not touching it and they're avoiding that area, there's so much reverence and respect that's been given by your young people in the village of Mangilao. And I just want to credit you for that as well.

Nick Francisco

I hear this from the entire community and friends that they always thank me for that place being so, so up-kept. I thank the Knights of Columbus for maintaining the grass because there's...

Senator Sean Gumataotao:

So you're adding another organization that Dan already added?

Nick Francisco

So everybody that are using that, they give a helping hand.

Senator Sean Gumataotao:

No, absolutely. And I think Mr. Chair, when I guess it was Colonel started this whole thing about the younger vets to tell the stories of what has been happened, the people that served there, and I just got to tell you, sir, I think that from years to come, I think this bill might just do that. And I think if we take it the step further, I know that there might be some issues with DLM, but I think taking it the step further and giving it to you, I think those stories are going to continue to live on for a really long time.

Nick Francisco

Also, I'd just like to let the senator know that very, very soon we're going to see on the road with the vehicle, with the veteran license plate. So this is all in all, like I said, I thank the senators for passing the bill to amend that. When they created the first public law, came out, took for the special veteran license plate and I thank Senator San Agustin for amending that to include the Vietnam veteran license plate and I thank Therese for amending that to make it free. So veterans are very pleased to have their free license plate. And I think for all the service they did, the sacrifice in Vietnam, to me, they all deserve free, even if you're 30%, 20%, 50%. I'm so thankful that they're going to get their license plate for free.

Senator Sean Gumataotao:

So as a son of a U.S. Marine veteran from Vietnam, thank you for your service
I was wanting to say thank you, and I support this legislation, and yes, Senator Terlaje, if I could jump on without getting in trouble, I think I'll be okay with that. Thank you.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Thank you, Senator Gumataotao. Speaker Blas, do you have any questions or comments?

Speaker Frank Blas Jr:

Thank you very much, Mr. Chair, and I just want to reiterate. We are co-sponsors right? Just making sure you all saw that, okay? You know, very rarely do you find Bill that is presented

before the legislature that basically is a no-brainer, okay? And I tell you, it's not just a no-brainer because of what it represents, but it's how it's represented and how it is taken care of. If we can somehow, you know, as I was sitting here as this thing, one of the things, okay, how do we get the same kind of commitment and saying, I guess, passion to be able to take care of your, I remember that facility before you took over. It was trashy, okay? I'd say, but there are other Kobans that are throughout the island, okay, that, you know, could use the tender loving care from VVA 68, all right? Hint, hint. Auxiliary, ladies, you know, okay? But it's a no-brainer because you see the work that's being done out, that you see by all of you. I don't think there's a day that goes by that not one, that place is not occupied and being used for those purposes of being able to help veterans. And it's always, it's always up-kept, okay? You know, there are times that we sit here and we allow an agency or entity to enter into a government structure or to lease someplace and about six months later, [speaking in CHamoru] and so, you know, just for that, it's, again, it's a no-brainer, okay? I don't really have any question, I just, but, you know, I think that, I think one of the discussions we should have is 20 years, okay? Okay? You know, maybe we can look at some way to be able to extend it because life extends past this, all right? And I don't think that the cannon and the wall is going to come down, okay? Well, after that. So, thank you very much first for your service. Thank you for your continued service, not amongst yourselves, but not only amongst yourselves, but with others, because I want to buy, I've seen younger, you know, younger folks that knew, I don't want to get it to your age, okay? Lo, I've seen, you know, younger veterans that are there that look to your wisdom and to your help to be able to do this, and it's a perfect place to be able to do this. So, not only am I asking for to be a co-sponsor, but I'm telling you that you've got my full support on this, okay? Si yu'us ma'ase

Joe Mafnas:

Thank you. This one, now that you mentioned their speaker about the Koban, you know, that Koban needs to run by the police, right? I'd just like to point out another example. The Barrigada veteran who's also taking care of the Koban in Barrigada and its well kept, same thing as the Mangilao Koban. Now, if you look at the other Koban and, you know, something has to be done, you know, could really like what this organization is doing.

Speaker Frank Blas Jr:

Maybe, and you remember to this and use your wisdom to encourage the other veterans.

Joe Mafnas:

Thank you.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Okay, thank you. Thank you, everyone, for coming by to testify. The, you know, if you were sitting up here when Director Borja first said he's opposed to this, the initial legislation, the look on your eyes, that was a Kodak moment, but it just goes to show that what we do to correct the bill and move it forward so that in the future, there'll be no issues or problems. And we'll work with the sponsor of the bill and get this bill, hopefully we'll be able to get it on to the session agenda for November. And, but thank you all for your testimonies here. Did you want to go do a closing?

Senator Therese M. Terlaje:

Very quickly. I would like to thank again all of you who are here. I know we have the Barrigada Veterans Organization also using a Koban in Barrigada. They don't have a lease, apparently, or I don't see anything in law that had to mandate that. So again, all over the island, we have kind of unique circumstances, but I just want to say this is really an example of an excellent idea someone had back then, an excellent use and excellent execution by all of you. And again, I know it's an even an effort that you have come down on this rainy, rainy day and traffic jams everywhere. So

I'm very grateful that you're here in support of this. This is one thing about the Vietnam Veterans VVA 668 and the Purple Heart that they are really united in working together to get these things done, the Dededo Veterans, the Barrigada Veterans, si yu'us ma'ase to all of you. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Chairman V. Anthony Ada:

Thank you, Senator Terlaje. This concludes today's public hearing. The committee will continue to accept written statements on today's hearings within seven days from today, which can be mailed to my office on the 2nd floor of the Guam Congress building at 163 Chalan Santo-Papa in Hagatna. You may also send your statements to us at vicespeakertonyada@guamlegislature.gov. Thank you for your participation. The public hearing is adjourned and the time now is 3.42 p.m. Thank you.

The public hearing was adjourned at **3:32 pm.**

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee finds that the facility, constructed with the intent to be used as a police koban, has been leased for 20 years by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 668, Guam. Prior to the enactment of PL 28-04, the building was apparently left in a state of disrepair and was damaged by graffiti and other acts of vandalism.

The Veterans have repaired, renovated and taken great care of the koban building since occupying the property in 2005. There was considerable support at the bill's public hearing for renewal of the lease for another 20 years.

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Section 3. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Act, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

July 29, 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. 173-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 173-38 (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. 173-38 (COR)**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF LOT NO. 2288-1-1-1, MANGILAO, AND THE MANGILAO KOBAN TO THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CHAPTER 668, BY AMENDING §681103 OF CHAPTER 68, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Office of the Governor of Guam	Dept./Agency Head: Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$5,851,424
Department's Other Fund (Indirect Cost Fund) appropriation(s) to date:	\$293,825
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$6,145,249

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/	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total 1/	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1

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

Analyst: Joaquin A.J. Guerrero II Date: 7/28/25 Director: Lester L. Carlson, Jr. Date: JUL 29 2025

Comments:

1/ The proposed legislation intends to authorize the renewal of the lease of a portion of Lot No. 2288-1-1-1, located within the municipality of Mangilao and the Mangilao Koban, to be designated by the Governor of Guam, to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 668, for an amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) per annum and for a term not to exceed twenty (20) years. The Bureau notes that although the legislation does not specify a funding source, it is likely that the nominal amount of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) to be collected throughout the maximum term of the extended lease will be deposited into the General Fund.