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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
25-38 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 8104 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES.	1/14/25 4:02 p.m. ^1/27/25 2:54 p.m.	1/31/25	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request 1/31/25 Waiver 2/11/25	2/21/25 9:00 a.m.	3/6/25 As Amended.	



Office of Senator Christopher M. Dueñas

CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

March 5, 2025

The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker, I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan
163 W. Chalan Santo Papa
Hågatña, Guam 96910

Via Honorable Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada 
Chairman, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 25-38 (COR) As Ammended By Committee

Buenas yan Håfa Adai Speaker,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on **Bill No. 25-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Finance and Government Operations. – TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES. - AN ACT TO AMEND § 8104 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES.**

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>5</u>	TO DO PASS
<u> </u>	TO NOT PASS
<u>1</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u> </u>	TO ABSTAIN
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Senseremente,



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



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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March 6, 2025 9:18 a.m.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Finance and Government Operations

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

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 14-38 (COR) – As Amended by the Committee

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 25-38 (COR)
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Copy of the Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Written Testimony
- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 25-38 (COR), As Introduced
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- Copy of Bill No. 25-38 (COR), As Amended by the Committee (Markup)
- Fiscal Note Waiver

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

Respectfully,

Senator Christopher M. Duenas
Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Government Operations



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

January 31, 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. 25-38 (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. 25-38 (COR)** – Tina Rose Muña Barnes. – “AN ACT TO AMEND § 8104 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Finance and Government Operations chaired by Senator Christopher M. Dueñas. I also request that the same be forwarded to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

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

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





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

RESCIND & REPLACE - FIRST NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARINGS: February 21, 2025

2 messages

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To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Fri, Feb 14, 2025 at 10:24 AM

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Fri, Feb 14, 2025 at 11:31 AM

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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearings on February 21, 2025

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 8:45 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

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February 19, 2025

MEMORANDUM**To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media****From: Senator Christopher M. Duenas**
Chairman, Committee on Finance and Government Operations**Re: SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearings on February 21, 2025**

The Committee on Finance and Government Operations will conduct several public hearings on **Friday, February 21, 2025** beginning at **9:00 am** at the Public Hearing Room in the Guam Congress Building. The agenda is as follows:

9:00am:**Bill No. 10-38 (COR)**

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Date:

Friday, February 21, 2025

Time:

9:00 a.m.

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	Name	Agency / Address	Contact No.	Email	Type of Testimony		Support	
					Oral	Written	Yes	No
1	Krista Gaza	The Guam Daily Post			✓	✓		✓
2	Heidi Gilbert	Guam PDN			✓		✓	
3	Jae James	Guam PDN			✓	✓	✓	
4	Carmen Sanchez	Guam PDN					✓	
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PH for Bill No. 25-38

3 messages

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

Fri, Feb 14, 2025 at 10:06 AM

To: Senator Tina Muna Barnes <senator.munabarnes@guamlegislature.gov>

Hafa Adai,

Our office would like to inquire if you have anyone we need to contact for the Public Hearing on Bill No. 25-38 set for Friday, February 21, 2025. Please let us know and we will get in touch with them.

Thank you,

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Phillip Leon Guerrero <phill.senatortmb@gmail.com>

Fri, Feb 14, 2025 at 10:28 AM

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

Buenas!

We would appreciate invitations to the following individuals/organizations.

DOA Director Edward Birn and/or BBMR Director Lester Carlson (to discuss expenses and budgets for newspaper ads)

Guam Daily Post

KUAM

Pacific Daily News

Kandit News

Glimpses of Guam/Guam Business Magazine/Wave 105

Choice Broadcasting/The Point

SYM!

- Phill

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

Fri, Feb 14, 2025 at 2:05 PM

To: Phillip Leon Guerrero <phill.senatortmb@gmail.com>

Hi Phill,

Do you happen to have the contact information or email addresses for the parties you want to invite?

Please let me know.

Thank you,

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Invitation to Public Hearing for Bill No. 25-38

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 11:42 AM

To: "lester.carlson@bbmr.guam.gov" <lester.carlson@bbmr.guam.gov>, admin@bbmr.guam.gov

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Si Yu'os Ma'ase!

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Public Hearing Invitation for Bill No. 25-38

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Mon, Feb 17, 2025 at 8:51 AM

Bcc: Bertha Pereda <Bertha.Pereda@doa.guam.gov>, director@doa.guam.gov, krista@postguam.com, "christie@kuam.com" <christie@kuam.com>, support@guampdn.com, Troy Torres <troy@kanditnews.com>, "hr@coke-foremost.com" <hr@coke-foremost.com>, ray.gibson@choicebroadcast.net

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

Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 9:15 AM

Bcc: Bertha Pereda <Bertha.Pereda@doa.guam.gov>, director@doa.guam.gov, krista@postguam.com, "christie@kuam.com" <christie@kuam.com>, support@guampdn.com, Troy Torres <troy@kanditnews.com>, "hr@coke-foremost.com" <hr@coke-foremost.com>, ray.gibson@choicebroadcast.net

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For mobile devices, another proven fact is evidence in the leap in mobile users each month from 161,366 in 2023 to 218,015 in 2024. This

stresses the importance of on-the-go, real-time access to news and information.

Guampdn.com delivers accessible, timely, and diverse news and advertising content that has positioned us as a reliable and trusted source, catering to Guam residence and the rest of the world.

Our e-Edition/e-Newspaper continues to grow in daily readership. In 2023 we recorded an average of 10,300 views but in 2024 we finished the year at 16,600 average daily views. This is more views than the number of printed papers produced before we shut the press down in April 2023.

For social media, PDN is still the number 1 source with Facebook followers at 219,000 and Instagram at 71,000. No other local company or media comes close to our social media reach combined.

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Email Blast

15,000 subscribers



Bill NO. 25-38**Introduced by Tina Muna Barnes****Current law reads:**

“Public Notice” as used in this Chapter, means a publication by newspaper of general circulation or by radio or television, which is reasonably calculated to provide notice of the facts it announces to the public at large and by electronic publication on the Guam Public Notice Website.

As used in this item, ‘newspaper of general circulation’ means a newspaper which is printed and distributed not less than once a week, at regular intervals, throughout Guam, which has a paid circulation and holds a valid second class mailing permit from the United States Post Office, and which contains news, articles of opinion, features, and other matters of current interest published for public dissemination.

PDN’s proposed amendment:

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As used in this term ‘public at large’ means a distribution, online viewership, radio listeners or television viewership of at least 20% of Guam’s population.

ORS § 193.010

Section 193.010 - Definitions for ORS 193.010 and 193.020

As used in this section and ORS 193.020:

- (1) "Bona fide subscriber" means a person who has been a paid subscriber to a print format or a digital newspaper format of a newspaper for an uninterrupted period of 12 months, such subscription in no case to be over six months in arrears.
- (2) "Digital newspaper" means an online newspaper delivered in an electronic form that is formatted similarly to a printed newspaper and produced in an archivable format.
- (3) "Newspaper" means a newspaper of general circulation that meets all of the following requirements:
 - (a) Is circulated in a print format or a digital newspaper format.
 - (b) Conducts consistent, regular coverage of local news and in which at least 25 percent of the total news content is locally and originally composed by the newspaper, regardless of whether the newspaper is produced or printed in the local area.
 - (c) Is published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news or for the dissemination of legal news.
 - (d) Is made up of at least four pages of at least five columns each, with type matter of a depth of at least 14 inches, or, if smaller pages, then comprising an equivalent amount of type matter.
 - (e)
 - (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, has bona fide subscribers representing more than half of the total distribution of printed newspapers and paid-for digital newspapers.
 - (B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph does not apply during a period, not to exceed 12 months, after a newspaper that has been generally recognized as best suited for publication of public notices in a jurisdiction ceases operation and no other suitable newspaper is published which affords a reasonable alternative for publication of public notices.
 - (f)
 - (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, has been established and regularly and uninterrupted published at least once a week during a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first publication of the public notice. Interrupted publication because of labor-management disputes, fire, flood or the elements for a period not to exceed 120 days, either before or after a newspaper is qualified for publication of public notices, shall not affect such qualification.

(B) Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph does not apply during a period, not to exceed 12 months, after a newspaper that has been generally recognized as best suited for publication of public notices in a jurisdiction ceases operation and no other suitable newspaper is published which affords a reasonable alternative for publication of public notices.

ORS 193.010

Amended by 2023 Ch. 257, § 1, eff. 7/13/2023.

Amended by 1979 c.760 §1, subsection (1) renumbered 174.104 in 1999

ORS § 193.020

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Section 193.020 - Newspaper in which public notice may be published

- (1) Any public notice of any description, the publication of which is now or hereafter required by law, shall be published in any newspaper, as defined in ORS 193.010, which is published within the county, city of which any part lies within that county, city, district or other jurisdiction where the action, suit or other proceeding is pending, or is to be commenced or had, or in which the legal publication is required to be given.
- (2) If publication in only one newspaper is required by law, and if more than one newspaper fulfills the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, the public notice shall be published in that newspaper which the moving party considers best suited to give actual notice. However, nothing in this subsection prohibits the publication in more than one newspaper if desired by the moving party.
- (3) If no newspaper is published within the county, city, district or jurisdiction where the action, suit or other proceeding is pending, or is to be commenced or had, or in which the legal publication is required to be given, public notice shall be published in:
- (a) The newspaper published nearest to such county, city, district or jurisdiction; or
 - (b) Any publication that is published in such county, city, district or jurisdiction and that satisfies all the requirements for being a newspaper except that it is published less than once a week but not less than once a month.
- (4) If more than one newspaper or publication fulfills the requirements of subsection (3) of this section, the public notice shall be published in that newspaper or publication which the moving party considers most effective for providing actual notice.

ORS 193.020

Amended by 1963 c.432 §1; 1979 c.760 §2; 1983 c.831 §1

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1197
(Representatives Pyle, Hanson, Ostlie, Roers Jones, Wagner)
(Senators Dwyer, Patten, K. Roers)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 46-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to publication of legal notices by newspapers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 46-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

46-05-01. Newspapers qualified to do legal printing - File copies with state historical society - Publishing notices in adjoining county.

1. As used in this section:
 - a. "E-edition" means a digital facsimile of a newspaper print edition which is substantially the same in both format and content as the print edition.
 - b. "Publish" means the dissemination in the print edition of a qualified newspaper or in the newspaper's e-edition if it has one, or in both.
2. Before ~~any~~ newspaper in this state is qualified to publish ~~any~~ legal notice or ~~any~~ matter required by law to be printed or published in ~~some~~ newspaper in the state, or any public notice for ~~any~~ political subdivision within this state, the newspaper must:
 4. a. Have been established in a regular and continuous circulation of at least one year, with a bona fide subscription list of at least one hundred fifty regular subscribers;
 2. b. Be nonsectarian and printed in English; and
 3. c. Have been admitted to the United States mails and have complied with the requirements of the federal laws governing periodicals mailing privileges for at least one year.
3. The owner or publisher of each legal newspaper shall send to the state historical society, to the address designated by the director, one copy of each print and e-edition issue of the newspaper. In a county in which no newspaper is published, ~~any~~ notice required by law to be published may be published in a newspaper published in an adjoining county and having a general circulation in the county.

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46-05-02. Publisher to file affidavit with county auditor.

Repealed by S.L. 2003, ch. 392, § 5.

46-05-03. Legal notices - Fees.

To effect uniformity, the office of management and budget may compute a standard price on those legal notices which are widely published such as ballots, insurance statements, and official proclamations. All newspapers must use the rates, type size, and column width as shown on its legal notice rate certification issued by the office of management and budget. Certifications must be issued within fifteen days after samples are submitted, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

The office of management and budget shall biennially review and adjust rates to reflect changes in economic conditions within the newspaper industry and the general economy, and those adjustments become effective on each July first following the review. These biennial changes may be percentage increases or decreases in the base rates, and they may incorporate revisions in the base rate structure. Whenever the office of management and budget considers an adjustment in the legal publication rates contained herein, it shall consult with representatives of the daily and weekly newspaper industry of the state and with representatives of state and local units of government.

46-05-04. Rates and methods of computation applicable to legal notices and publications generally.

The rates or compensation and the method of calculating the same provided for in section 46-05-03 apply in all cases in which publication of legal notices of any kind, proceedings of the board of county commissioners, reports, election returns, and other publications and reports are required and allowed by law.

46-05-05. Rates for political announcements - Labeling political matter - Penalty for violation.

Repealed by S.L. 2001, ch. 203, § 9.

46-05-06. Legal notices - Penalty for violations in printing.

Any person, association, corporation, or limited liability company publishing any legal notice or doing any public printing contrary to the provisions of this chapter shall be liable to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars and to a forfeiture of all pay for any such printing.

46-05-07. Publications of county meetings and notices.

In any county in which two or more newspapers having the qualifications prescribed in section 46-05-01 are published, the board of county commissioners, by resolution, may provide for publication of proceedings of the board of county commissioners and of notices and publications required by law to be published by any county officer in one or more of such newspapers in addition to the official publication in the official newspaper of the county. The provisions of section 46-05-03 do not apply to such additional publications.

46-05-08. Contents of real property notices.

Repealed by S.L. 1975, ch. 420, § 1.

46-05-09. Publication of legal notices on website.

When a legal notice is required by law to be published in a newspaper, the newspaper also shall publish the notice on a statewide legal notices website maintained by the North Dakota newspaper association and on the newspaper's website in a location open and free to the public, if the newspaper maintains a website, at no additional cost to the entity placing the notice. If an insubstantial error in the notice occurs as a result of placement on the website and the error is the fault of the newspaper, the error does not affect the validity and effectiveness of the notice.



To the Honorable Speaker Frank Blas Jr.,

We are writing to you today regarding Bill 25-38 introduced by Senator Tina Muña Barnes amending the Open Government Law to allow for public hearing notices, currently required to be published in a daily printed newspaper, to now include electronic media platforms as an approved means of publication.

We at the Guam Daily Post do not support this measure.

So much has been made of the benefits of the internet since its inception 40 years ago. When it launched to the general public, the internet promised the world at your fingertips, paperless offices and stronger connections with family and friends. Today it's easy to see how short reality has fallen from the expectations. In fact, over the last several years nothing has proven to be more divisive or misleading.

Our primary concern about 25-38 is that it does nothing to improve the ability of a citizen to stay informed. While streamlining and modernization seem like sensible priorities, when a notice can be hosted on one of hundreds of electronic platforms, it actually makes staying informed much more difficult.

Guam is unique in that print newspapers are still a vital part of the information landscape. While newspapers around the world continue to fold, a significant portion of our community still relies on newsprint periodicals to stay informed, especially our manamko who grew up in a world where newspapers were still the first source for news.

Our ability to publish and disseminate information to the community without a reliance on network infrastructure still makes print the most accessible option compared to electronic media which can fail, especially in a region where power is all too often compromised, and comes at significant expense to the user. Our publication is still delivered to front doors every day and can be purchased at village shops for a dollar.

The press was once regarded as "The Fourth Estate." While the three branches of the government served the people, the press kept them informed and engaged. We are proud to be the last daily printed newspaper serving the island of Guam.

We live in a precarious time where people are feeling more and more marginalized and disenfranchised. Let's not follow suit. We humbly ask that you consider our position in regard to this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

Krista Gaza
Director of Operations
The Guam Daily Post



Office of Senator Christopher M. Duenas

CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Bill No. 25-38 (COR) – AS AMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS – TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES - AN ACT TO AMEND § 8104 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES.

Committee Members	Signature	TO DO PASS	TO NOT PASS	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
Senator Christopher M. Duenas <i>Chairperson</i>		✓				
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada <i>Vice Chairperson</i>	E-Vote 3/6/25	✓				
Speaker Frank F. Blas Jr. <i>Member</i>	E-Vote 3/6/25			✓		
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Senator Jesse A. Lujan <i>Member</i>	E-Vote 3/6/25	✓				
Senator Vincent A. V. Borja <i>Member</i>	E-Vote 3/6/25	✓				
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes <i>Member</i>	E-Vote 3/6/25	✓				
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URGENT REQUEST for E-VOTE: Committee Report - Bill No. 25-38 (COR)

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

Thu, Mar 6, 2025 at 6:49 AM

To: cmdcommittee@guamlegislature.gov

Hafa adai Committee Members:

Please see attached **Bill No. 25-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Finance and Government Operations** – Tina Rose Muña Barnes - “AN ACT TO AMEND § 8104 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES,” in which your action is respectfully requested.

Please indicate your preferred action, based on the following options:

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- TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Please submit your response **ASAP**. In addition, kindly sign the attached vote sheet which will be submitted as part of the final Committee Report to the Committee on Rules.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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

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Hi,

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Committee on Finance and Government Operations

Senator Christopher M. Dueñas, Chairman

BILL NO. 25-38 (COR) – TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES – AN ACT TO AMEND § 8104(a)(5)(A) AND § 8104(a)(5)(B), TO RENUMBER § 8104(a)(5)(C) AS § 8104(a)(5)(D); AND TO ADD A NEW §8104(a)(5)(C), ALL OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES.

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 25-38 (COR) was introduced on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025** by **Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes**, and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the **Committee on Finance and Government Operations** on **Friday, January 31, 2025**.

The **Committee on Finance and Government Operations** convened a Public Hearing for Bill Nos. 10-38 (COR), 34-38 (COR), and 25-38 (COR) on **Friday, February 21, 2025** at **9:00AM** in the Guam Congress Building's Public Hearing Room.

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Public Hearing Notices were posted to the Government Public Notices Portal and disseminated via electronic mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on **Friday, February 14, 2025** (5-Day Notice), and again on **Wednesday, February 19, 2025** (48-Hour Notice).

SENATORS PRESENT

Christopher M. Dueñas, Chairman

Vice Speaker, V. Anthony Ada, Vice Chairman

Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Member, Bill Sponsor

D. Christopher Barnett

Shelly Vargas Calvo
Jesse A. Lujan, Member
Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao
Telo T. Taitague
Therese M. Terlaje

ORAL TESTIMONY:

Krista Gaza, The Guam Daily Post
Haidee Gilbert, Pacific Daily News
Jae James, Pacific Daily News

WRITTEN TESTIMONY:

Krista Gaza, Director of Operations, The Guam Daily Post

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The public hearing for Bill No. 25-38 (COR) began at [10:38AM](#).
[Begins at 1:38:41 and ends at ends at 2:55:25]

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON: Okay folks, we are now back from recess and we are gonna' entertain Bill 25-38 (COR). The prime sponsor and the sponsor, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, our good Senator. And this is an act to amend §8104 of Chapter 8, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to modernizing public hearing notice requirements by authorizing the posting of public notices in locally licensed electronic newspapers and websites. At this time, I'd like to recognize the—the sponsor of the legislation for opening remarks on the bill.

SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES: *Si Yu'os Ma'åse*, Mr. Chair, for giving me the opportunity to speak on this bill. I also want to note for the record before I do the—my testimony—that the Bureau did request that Bill 25-38 be granted a waiver pursuant to that Public Law 12-229. And I want to say that the Bureau has determined that the bill is administrative in nature and poses no additional fiscal impact upon any funds of the Government of Guam. So just wanted to note that for the record and also thank you for giving me the opportunity

to speak on this and then also that you read the title into record. So, Bill two–25-38 specifically is for the record. Back in 1975, this legislature laid the framework for a commitment to transparency known as the Open Government Law, which requires that meetings where decisions—where decisions will be made and policies will be approved are open to the public and importantly, are noticed reasonably to give stakeholders and affected constituents time to prepare their feedback and make arrangements to attend and participate in these discussions, Mr. Chair. So now I want to say that almost 50 years later, responding to calls from our media partners, and in recognition of the change in consumer landscape that comes with decades of innovation, we are here to consider the first meaningful reform on what are the best platforms that can get the word out of these critical events. So Mr. Chair, I—I will take like to take a little bit of time to recognize our two local newspapers which have been adapting their policies to better reflect our current law and to embrace the digi–digital age we are in now. We have been notified that the Guam Daily Post has begun to offer a dedicated section of their website to the two government notices and post advertised department and board meetings as a value added benefit to their clients. Meanwhile, the Pacific Daily News is offering space on their electronic additions as a value added benefit to agencies advertising upcoming meetings on the radio. Yes, Mr. Chair, it's encouraging to see that these two important partners continue to adapt and synergize their business policies with what is plain to see—that more and more of our residents, their customers rely on digital platforms to stay informed. This bill, Mr. Chair and colleagues, 25-38 extends publication requirements to a greater number of local media companies, including newspaper with electronic editions and news websites, in addition to existing allowances for printed newspapers and television or radio stations that are licensed to do business on Guam. This forward thinking proposal aims to revamp our current law which was adopted at the time before internet access was a commonplace, and embrace technology to better serve our community. Ladies and gentlemen, the trend of media consumption globally and locally is clear. Most people obtain their news through digital platforms. Updating our local laws to include this—these preferred websites and electronic publications will mean more residents are made aware of important debate and votes contemplated by agencies, commissions and branches and can result in a fiscal savings through a more compre–competitive landscape of potential advertisers. And Mr. Chair, to be

completely clear, this bill does not eliminate any local media company currently eligible to publish public notices. It simply expands the companies that can publish notices and the platforms current companies can offer. For example, the Guam Daily Post will continue to be eligible, but if enacted, the Post will also be able to offer their websites dedicated sections for upcoming government meetings as a digital ad rather than be forced to only offer their printed newspaper, which of course comes with a higher labor and supply cost. This, Mr. Chair, will also allow other news agencies with more of a digital presence to also offer their platforms like and I'll give you the examples like Pacific Island Times, of course, KUAM and Glimpses Media. I want to highlight a couple of provisions that I think protect the intent of this bill, which is to allow a greater number of platforms with a larger audience to be counted as eligible media to post these meeting notices. First, only local media companies will be eligible to receive these advertising dollars. While we recognize the widespread use of platforms like Facebook and Instagram, it should be Guam's platforms that host meeting notices, not the big tech firms in Silicon Valley. And second, the government managed television channels like once operated by PBS GUAM or KGTF and our legislature are also listed as eligible media platforms, opening the door for more competitive pricing and building the value of these channels as well. So in the prior term, this proposal was met with a concern that more platforms may mean fewer people know where to find these meeting notices. I would like to point out, Mr. Chair, that on the top of our two newspapers today, meeting notices are also posted on various television stations like PBS GUAM and various radio stations like K-Stereo. And I believe the function of this law is not to give any one company a monopoly over board meeting notices, even if it is in the name of convenience for consumers. Instead, I personally think that our driving concerns should be twofold. First, to place these notices in front of as many eyes as possible, and second, especially given the trend to cut federal funds led by the Trump administration to save the government money. Mr. Chair, as one who regularly buys advertisements will tell you, digital ads are always cheaper than print and broadcast ads. At the same time, I do acknowledge the need to have a central hub for these notices, and I want to point everyone's attention that this central hub exists and is run by the government. This website is notices.guam.gov and I will be renewing calls for this digital platform to be easier

to navigate with a calendar feature added at the very least. So with that, Mr. Chair, I am confident that Bill 25 is the right thing for our government, our—our treasured fourth estate and our—our—our people and I want to take the time to thank you and I look forward for the discussions from our stakeholders and colleagues on this effort as we look to where we're at today with the digital age and what we have to update ourselves with and giving the opportunity for our people to have access to information—more access to information that comes out from our government, especially our legislature, as it relates to accountability and transparency for what we do here in this body. So, *Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* for that.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Senator Barnes. So we do have four (4) that have signed up. One is not indicating, so I'll ask when I get to that name. So I can call forward at this point in time, Krista Gaza from The Guam Daily Post and also signed up is Haidee Gilbert, PDN, and also Jae James from the PDN and Carmen Sanchez, PDN.

Are you going to testify or just? [*Jae James was inaudible*]

Okay, so as—so these—this sign in then is just in—in support? [*Jae James nods*]

Okay.

So we only have then, Krista Gaza to testify on this bill. So, Ms. Gaza, I recognize you at this time.

KRISTA GAZA, THE GUAM DAILY POST: All right, thank you so much. *Håfa Ådai. Buenas*, Senators, Mr. Chair. My name is Krista Kaiser Gaza, and I am the Director of Operations at The Guam Daily Post. I'm here to testify in *opposition* of Bill 25-38 that proposes to amend the open government law regarding the publication requirements for government notices. We printed a letter in today's newspaper on page four stating our reasons for opposing this amendment. Instead of just reading that letter to you today, I want to focus on the primary reason we believe that you should all make haste in opposing this bill. The vague description of authorized media outlets is cause for concern. It means that

essentially every government agency could choose a different website to post their notices for their meetings and hearings, thus making it difficult for anybody to find what they're looking for. It seems like a good idea to allow for potentially less expensive alternatives and options for publishing, you know, allow for better budget control, of course. But exactly what it doesn't do is make it easier for the general public to be notified of the plans of our agencies and elected officials and what you guys are putting in motion. Instead of knowing that they can go to one place every day to look and find what they're looking for, understand when the hearings are, when the meetings are, and proceed to engage in that particular activity. We know that our *manam'ko* are frequently active participants in this process. And in terms of this bill, it is—it—it could have serious repercussions in terms of our own democracy and the process, making it harder for the electorate to engage and participate in the process for which all elect, all of you elected, were elected to safeguard on our behalf. We want to make sure that us as the electorate have the opportunity to come down and speak as I'm doing right now. I want to be very clear. This is a slippery slope in the wrong direction. I understand the intent is to allow for way more eyes, way more potential eyes to see these notices, but when it's spread out as vastly as this bill is suggesting, there is serious cause for concern that they just will miss out. They won't get the notice. They won't understand when you are having your hearings, when you're having your meetings, and they won't be able to participate in the process. So I wouldn't be here today if the proposed legislation was to enhance the government portal. I'm not living and dying by the government notices. As far as financial gain with my organization. I'm not here speaking from any financial perspective. I just want to be clear that we have regular readers call us and ask, is this right—we—is this the right day for this hearing? Is this the right time for this, you know, a meeting that's supposed to take place? So we take our responsibility seriously. We—we want to be the information center and we want to help you all get the word out. We are in opposition to this because we feel like it's potentially devastating. These drastic changes is potentially devastating to our communities—our communities' engagement with the democratic process. So I thank you all for hearing me today and I hope you take the time to think about what I testified. Thank you.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much, Krista. This time I'd like to recognize Haidee Gilbert, from the PDN.

[Haidee signals to Mrs. Jae James]

Okay, so then we will recognize Mrs. Jae James. Please identify yourself for the record and turn on your microphone. Thank you.

JAE JAMES, PACIFIC DAILY NEWS: Jae James, Pres–president of the Pacific Daily News. Thank you, Vice Chair, for allowing us–allowing me to speak. Chairman Dueñas, Calvo–Senator Calvo, Senator Terlaje, Senator Barnett, Ms. Taitague, again, nice to see you on the same bill. Senator Lujan, Senator Gumataotao, and I'd like to overly thank Senator Tina Muña Barnes for introducing Bill 25-38, modernizing public notices. The Pacific Daily News celebrates 55 years. This year we have been serving this island and the community. I have been with the Pacific Daily News for 33 years. I was there when it was a paste up newspaper, when every single page was put together and then it evolved to a print newspaper built digitally and it has now evolved into completely digital. In April 2023, the PDN made the bold move to go completely digital. It was scary for me, right? But we knew that it needed to get done because we saw the writing on the wall. We were printing 8,000 newspapers when we–when we–our last month of printing the Pacific Daily News. But even though we were printing 8,000 copies, it didn't mean that people were purchasing the 8,000 copies. We were down to about 3,000 paid copies. But the significant thing and the positive side of everything was our digital growth. What I provided you guys on this sheet was our traffic. And what I did is I compared 2023 and 2024. Guam–guampdn.com's page views in 2023 was 927,000 page views each month. But in 2024, we finished the year at 1.7 million page views. When you look at unique visitors, a unique visitor on guampdn.com is counted as one IP address every single month counted one time. So it doesn't matter how many times you go to guampdn.com. If you went there thirty times, if you went there two times, your IP address was only counted one time. In 2023 that number was 211,000 IP addresses logging on to guampdn.com. In 2024 we finished the year average 291,000 IP addresses. A person had asked me, well, how many of those people are local? 85% of our traffic comes from

Guam. The rest 15% comes from the outer islands, comes from Asia and comes from the US. The other thing that was very significant was our mobile device accessing guampdn.com accessing our E-Edition, accessing Facebook, accessing Instagram on people's mobile phones, which is the way that everybody is accessing news now. In 2023 it was 161,000 views a month. Then it increased in 2024 to 218,000. It just shows that people are wanting to receive news on the go, real time and to be able to access their news and information. The traffic that's listed on the right hand side, guampdn.com website site 1.7 million page views, 291,000 unique visitors our PDN E-edition, our E-newspaper receives 16,600 views every single day. Those numbers, those two numbers that I have just read off come from Google Analytics. There's no lie to this number. These numbers can pull directly from Google and it will share with you those numbers. PDN's Facebook followers is at 219,000. We're about to hit 220,000 followers and then our Instagram page is at 71,700 this morning. The two combined together—there is no other media outlet or business on this island that can compare to the amount of followers and the reach and the volume that we currently have. We have a text blast program where we send out our news and our information via text blast. It's being upgraded right now, but 33,000 cell phone subscribers and then on our email blast we have 15,000 subscribers. PDN has gone electronically because of those numbers. Everybody you know, sorry, Mr. Barnett, Senator Barnett, you mentioned that somebody had messaged you and was asking about teachers. Right? You received it on your phone. It's instantaneous. The other thing is that you can share content, you can share news, you can share advertisements. When I was first notified that the bill was going to be going into public session, I received it via phone. Nobody picked up their phone, nobody published it. It was via my phone. In addition to that, I said can I have a copy of the bill? They took it from your site and they gave it to me directly via my phone. Public notices and modernizing public notices. If the goal and the intent of the open public law is to get it out to the mass audience and to get it out to as many people, then you need to get it. You need to put the public notices where everybody is at. And so the one caution that I do ask within this bill and I mentioned this last year when this bill was originally introduced was to just be cautious with the words eligible media because the way it is worded, the way it's worded, it's a news—anybody who is able to have a website, a local website licensed to do business on Guam and has news

information, opinion on their website would qualify. I could quit PDN and I could get a license to do business on Guam. I can write stories and use information and content and I can put it up on a website and I can now bid for an ad. Right? And so I caution that portion when it comes to allowing websites eligible media and to be very tight when it comes to that portion. Last year Senator Joe San Augustin, when I brought that up, asked me if I could rewrite the law, what would I do? And so I provided the content and information on the second page which I changed it to *“Public notices as used in this chapter means a publication by newspaper of general circulation and then I added print or electronic or by radio or by TV and their website”*. It tightens up the law to allow what was original which was newspaper, television and radio. No one can just start a newspaper, no one can just start a radio and no one can just start a TV business. It is not—it is not that easy. And so by tightening up that law, it allows it back to print e-newspapers, television and radio. The other thing is, and I do want to comment on what Krista mentioned is that the notices are not in one place. The notices when the Pacific Daily News was a newspaper was not an all in one place. It was bid, it was up for bid. It ran in her publication, it ran in our publication, it ran on radio and it ran on tv. It was dispersed. So it doesn't change anything. But the fact is that distribution, viewership is so important when it comes to these public notices. Again, if we are trying to get it out to public at large, then I just showed you our traffic and again, I'm not excluding her, I'm leaving newspaper in. I'm not excluding tv, I'm not excluding radio. But give the opportunity to the agencies, to everybody to the island, the opportunity to be able to see these notices—she mentioned *manam'ko's*. If the goal is only to reach *manam'ko's*, continue to only put it in the newspaper because that's who's reading and picking up the newspaper—PDN on the digital side, you're reaching everybody. It clearly shows you're reaching everybody. But what's also great is you're also reaching the *manam'ko's* because the *manam'ko's* are now tech savvy. They're also playing with their phones and everyone is teaching them what to do and how to how to look up things. And it's kind of funny, my mom just recently sent me a photo that she saw of me on a media release and she shared it and she hit send and she hit it, she sent it and sent it to the entire family chat. Right? So even my mom at 78 is tech savvy in that sense. The one thing that I wake up to every single morning that I am so proud of is waking up to village chat groups and seeing the Pacific Daily News E-edition. I am on a

basketball chat group with 200 people and I get a copy of the newspaper, E-newspaper every day. Digital is the way to go. It's the only way to go. If we continue to stay print only, we are stagnant and going backwards. People are not picking up—the vast majority of people are not picking up the newspaper. They are online—restaurants, doctor's office, DMV. Everywhere you go, they're on their phone. Even while we were in session, people were on their phone. This is the way to move. But again, I caution, just in terms of eligible media to just be tight when you guys discuss it. What I did is I looked up Oregon and I included this just for your guys reference is when they changed their laws all they did was include E-Newspapers, E-editions and then they also did that in North Dakota. So I provided copies for you guys to be able to see and so they allow people to run in E-newspapers as well as E-Editions and E-Newspapers. So I thank you for the opportunity today to speak on behalf of the Pacific Daily News. And I hope that during your discussions you take the information that I've given you and consider the bill and move forward. Thank you.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Mrs. Jae James from the PDN—and so at this point I'd like to recognize the primary author for any questions or comments. Please proceed Senator Barnes.

[\[Questions and Discussion\]](#) *[Begins at 2:06:47 and ends at 2:52:04]*

[No further Oral Testimony]

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you very much. At this time, I'd like to recognize the main sponsor, Senator Tina Muña Barnes, to close.

SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. And in lieu of clo—closing, I just have a couple of really short questions I'd like to ask, if—if I may. It's just almost a yes and no, Mr. Chair.

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON: Please proceed.

SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES: Thank you. Jae and Krista—or Post and PDN. Do you believe in the American democratic value of free press?

KRISTA GAZA, THE GUAM DAILY POST: Yes, Absolutely.

JAE JAMES, PACIFIC DAILY NEWS: Absolutely.

SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES: Okay. Do you think the government determining what news organizations are legitimate or not in line with the democratic value of free press, yes or no?

KRISTA GAZA, THE GUAM DAILY POST: I do.

JAE JAMES, PACIFIC DAILY NEWS: I do.

SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES: Okay. Do you consider the Pacific Island Times and the publications from Glimpses of Guam as legitimate news organizations?

KRISTA GAZA, THE GUAM DAILY POST: Yes, I do.

JAE JAMES, PACIFIC DAILY NEWS: I do not.

SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES: Okay.

Jae James, Pacific Daily News: And the only reason why is because it is not a daily publication. If notices are supposed to run in a daily notification—if I have a meeting and it has to come out two weeks prior—it has to come out on this date. If they do not have a publication running on that date, it can't run in that publication.

SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES: So I'm just going to ask this last question. Would you guys object to these companies being included in our open government law?

KRISTA GAZA, THE GUAM DAILY POST: I would not.

JAE JAMES, PACIFIC DAILY NEWS: I would not.

SENATOR TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES: Mr. Chair, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity. Thank you for hearing this bill. I think this is a very critical, critical bill. I don't think the government is—is in—in any position to choose what media outlets can come in or not that's already here. I—I think it's important that when we look at accountability and transparency, that there should be a fair opportunity across the board for everybody out there who qualifies, whether you like them or not, if they qualify, that they should be included. So thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on this measure and I hope that my colleagues can really look at the criticalness of this and support the efforts of transparency and accountability and giving the opportunity to reach the majority of our island residents here on our island of Guam. *Saina Ma'åse.*

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Senator Barnes. So this will conclude (Jae James, Pacific Daily News) this morning's public hearing on bills numbers 10, 34 and 25-38. The committee will continue to accept written testimony on these bills within seven (7) days from today, which may be addressed to myself, Senator Christopher M. Dueñas, as chairman of the committee, mailed to: 163 West Chalan Santo Papa in Hagåtña. You may also send your testimonies to senator.duenas@guamlegislature.gov. The committee will also return today at 2:00pm to hear bills number 14-38 and 47-38. *At the request of the author*, as advertised, **Bill 17-38 and 16-38 will be rescheduled**. That concludes the public hearing on thi—these bills for this morning, and it is currently 11:57am. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse!* Have a great day.

[RECESS AS COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR 2:00PM PUBLIC HEARING]

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee ***finds*** that this bill as introduced by the author was publicly heard on Feb 21, 2025, at 9:00am. Oral and written testimony given by stakeholders

present gave the author detailed recommendations that were incorporated into the substitute bill circulated within the Committee membership during markup.

A markup meeting was held on March 4, 2025 at 1:30pm and a substitute bill was circulated for review. The Committee further finds that the substituted bill contained appropriate revisions needed to address language that satisfied the intent of the proposed legislation while addressing stakeholder concerns during the public hearing.

The Committee hereby reports on the recommendation *to do pass*.

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Note Waiver for Bill No. 25-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note Waiver for the following bill:

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





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Hafa Adai, Vice Speaker Ada:

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The Bureau has determined that the Bill is administrative in nature and poses no additional fiscal impact upon any funds of the Government of Guam.

Senseramente

LESTER L. CARLSON, JR.