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BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
334-38 (COR)	V. Anthony Ada	AN ACT TO <i>REPEAL AND REENACT</i> CHAPTER 14, DIVISION 4, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 8, GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO UPDATING INVASIVE SPECIES FEES AND COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.	6/16/26 3:07 p.m.	6/19/26	Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure.	Request: 6/19/26 Waiver: 6/25/26	6/29/26 9:00 a.m.	8/24/26	



OFFICE OF THE VICE SPEAKER V. Anthony Ada

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

August 20, 2026

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. 334-38 (COR)

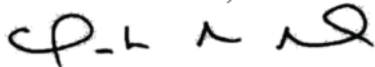
Håfa adai Speaker Blas:

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Committee votes are as follows:

- 2 TO DO PASS
- 0 TO NOT PASS
- 6 TO REPORT OUT ONLY
- 0 TO ABSTAIN
- 0 TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Si Yu'os ma'åse',



V. Anthony Ada



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill No. 334-38 (COR)

Introduced by V. Anthony Ada

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August 5, 2026

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada 
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 334-38 (COR)

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 334-38 (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. 334-38 (COR)
- Copy of Fiscal Note Waiver 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.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

June 19, 2026

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

Attorney Darleen E.H. Phillips
Legislative Legal Counsel

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

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 334-38 (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. 334-38 (COR)** - V. Anthony Ada. – “AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 14, DIVISION 4, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 8, GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO UPDATING INVASIVE SPECIES FEES AND COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.”

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.



FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing: June 29, 2026

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

Mon, Jun 22, 2026 at 11:07 AM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 22, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media
From: Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada
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PUBLIC HEARING

 **Posted on:** 06/22/2026 09:00 AM

 **Posted by:** Erin Grajek

 **Public Hearing Date:** 06/29/2026 09:00 AM

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Office Submitting Request: Office of Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada

Date of Request: 06/20/26

POINT OF CONTACT

Name: Erin M. Grajek

Contact #: 989-0855

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Notice Type: ☒ Public Hearing ☐ Informational Briefing ☐ Roundtable Discussion

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Notice Title / Bill(s) / Resolution(s) / Appointment: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 06/29/26
(FIRST NOTICE) 06/22/26 - (SECOND NOTICE) 06/27/26

Date of Event: 06/29/26 Start Time: 9:00AM

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Location: Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

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VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA

COMMITTEE ON LAND, ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING, AGRICULTURE, PARKS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE



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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing: June 29, 2026

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

Sat, Jun 27, 2026 at 8:00 AM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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June 29, 2026

On behalf of the Port Users of Guam (PUG), which is made up of ocean carriers and other stakeholders that utilize the Port of Guam, we are in favor of the Bill No 334-38 introduced by Vice Speaker Tony Ada to update the Invasive Species Fees and Collections and Administrative provisions.

Initially established to support efforts in mitigating the risk of invasive species entering Guam, Public Law 31-43 set up a fund with the intention of collecting \$2 million to support much-needed services of the Department of Agriculture's Biosecurity Division. The law never intended to charge for transshipment cargo and empty containers and clearly stated that ocean transportation companies shall not be liable for any fees.

Background

The original law, established May 17, 2011, mandated that the fee shall be paid by the person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company. The transportation company shall collect the fee and forward the payment to the Department of Agriculture at the disembarkation port; provided that the transportation company shall not be liable for any fee that is not paid by the person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation company.

This approach ensured a broad base of contributions while exempting transshipment cargo and empty containers from additional burdens. The intention was to distribute the cost fairly without placing undue pressure on carriers or the communities they serve. The original collection process stated a fee of \$1.00 per ton, or any fraction thereof, shall be imposed on all freight brought into Guam.

Amendment Overview

On February 25th, 2022, Public Law 36-87 was introduced to amend and simplify the collection process by setting a fixed rate of \$26.00 per Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit (TEU) and \$2.00 on each revenue ton of breakbulk cargo for ocean carriers alone. This amendment successfully streamlined the implementation for transportation companies while maintaining the original \$2 million funding goal. Keep in mind, air freight was subsequently excluded under the collection scheme.

However, without adequate participation or representation of the transportation companies the amendment now placed the burden of paying on transportation companies which is not what the original law intended. Furthermore, the amendment is subject to being misinterpreted to include transshipment cargo and empty containers as subject to the ISF fee. Again, the original law only meant for cargo being brought into Guam as its final destination.

Consideration for our island neighbors and empty returns

Recent concerns have been raised regarding the exclusion of transshipment cargo and empty containers, as some believe these categories should contribute to the fund.

Transshipment cargo is freight that is not intended to be brought into Guam. Guam is a crucial transshipment hub for the neighboring island communities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Palau, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). However, imposing a Guam related fee on their transshipment cargo puts an unfair burden on our island neighbors and provides a disincentive for them to utilize Guam as a hub. Maintaining exemptions for transshipment cargo ensures that we do not impede regional trade or disproportionately impact smaller island communities. A good example of this practice already in place is the treatment of petroleum fuel transshipped from Guam to Micronesia where Liquid Fuel Tax is not being assessed and only applied to fuel being used solely in Guam.

Empty containers come back to Guam after returning from the CNMI, Palau, FSM, RMI have no freight associated with it and therefore do not provide the transportation companies with an entity to collect fee from (i.e. freight company). Any ISF fees imposed on empty returns will be charged to transportation companies but may go unpaid due to the inability to collect from those responsible for paying the freight.

Guam Invasive Species Annual Goal (\$2 million)

Based on our projections, excluding transshipment cargo and empty containers from the collection process, as well as the exemption of the collection of fees from air cargo brought into Guam, will still enable the Department of Agriculture to reach the targeted \$2 million funding as referenced in Attachment 1 "Table 2".

Risk of invasive species

We also wanted to address the notion that the ISF fees should be strictly assigned to all points where the risk of invasive species lies. If this were true, then the burden should be shared with all ports of entry not just the marine Port of Guam, but also with the Guam



International Airport and the public marinas which it currently is not enforced. In a practical sense, the ISF fee and collection methods serves its purpose with certain exemptions in mind including transshipment and empty containers.

Conclusion

We remain committed to protecting Guam's natural resources while considering the broader economic implications for the region. We trust that given the reasons we have laid out, we can all agree that the transshipment and empty containers should not be subject to ISF fees and the fee is the responsibility of the payor of the freight and not ocean transportation companies.

We Thank you for allowing the Port Users Group to provide our input.

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 334-38 (COR) was introduced on **June 16, 2026** by Sponsor and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure on **June 19, 2026**.

The Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure convened a public hearing on **June 29, 2026 at 9:00 am** 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 **June 22, 2026** (5-Day Notice), and again on **June 27, 2026** (48-Hour Notice).

Senators Present

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairman – Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas, Committee Vice Chairman
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao
Senator Telo T. Taitague

Attendees

Chelsa Muna, Director – Department of Agriculture
Joseph Cruz, Chairman – Port Users Group
Chieriel Desamito, Invasive Species Coordinator – Department of Agriculture Biosecurity Division
Patrick Blonde – Port Users Group

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II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

The **public hearing** was Called-to-Order at **9:00 am**

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairman – Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure: Håfa adai and good morning. The public hearing conducted today by a committee on land, environment, housing, agriculture, parks, and infrastructure is called to order and the time is 9:00 a.m. Today's date is Monday, June 29, 2026. Notice of this hearing was disseminated to all local media outlets on June 22nd, 2026, with a second notice provided on June 27th, 2026. Notice of the hearing was also made known on the Guam legislatures' website and the

government of Guam public notices portal. Today we will be hearing testimony on bill number 330-38 COR introduced by Senator Telo Taitague, and this is an act to amend subsection 61504 61505 61506 61507 61508 6150 61510 61511 61512 and 61513 three to add a new subsection 61505. 1 and 61511.1 to article 5 chapter 61 title 5 Guam code annotated relative to modernizing Guam's estray livestock laws by establishing an estray livestock stewardship program authorizing temporary municipal custody of estrays creating the arrays livestock stewardship and enforcement fund to strengthen Estray's lives stock enforcement and public safety. We will also be hearing bill number 334-38 COR, a bill that I introduced, and this is an act to repeal and reenact chapter 14 division 4 title chapter 12 title 8 Guam administrative rules and regulations relative to updating invasive species fund fees and collection and administrative provisions. I would like to welcome my colleagues joining me here today, to my right is Senator Shango Mata and to my left is Senator Telo Taitague. Before I begin, I would like to go over the rules of conduct. Individuals testifying shall state their name for the recordkeeping purposes. Discussion shall be confined to the substance and nature of the agenda. Personal interference as to the character or motive of any senator or individual testifying is not permitted. The chairperson of the committee may order the removal from the hearing of any member of the legislator and Guan or anyone else who fails to observe property quorum pursuant to the 38th Guam legislature standing rules.

[See testimony proceedings on Bill No. 330-38 (COR)]

We're going to go ahead and proceed to the testimony for bill number 334-38 CR. And this is an act to repeal and reenact chapter 14, Division 4, Chapter 12, Title 8, Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations relative to updating the invasive species fees and collections and administrative provisions. Go ahead.

Chelsa Muna, Director – Department of Agriculture: All right. Thank you, Vice Speaker, and members of the committee. Again, we're happy to provide this brief testimony on bill 334-38.

Chairman Ada: Director, before you begin, I'll just go ahead and give my opening remarks.

Director Muna: Oh, I'm sorry.

Chairman Ada: I know we're excited. Thank you. This is a very simple piece of legislation is it just makes the collection of the invasive species fee much simpler to administer especially regarding the timelines from collection to remittance. First, let me emphasize that it is not the intent of this bill to raise any port fees, anything in that nature. Charging of invasive species is important because it shifts the financial burden from the general taxpayers to the importers and carriers directly responsible for biosecurity risk. These fees fund critical border inspections and risk analysis programs to prevent foreign pests from damaging Guam's agriculture and ecosystems. And I thank the staff of the Department of Agriculture and those individual individuals from the port users' group who provided input and guidance in creating this legislation. and I look forward to the testimony and further recommendations that you may have to offer. Thank you, Madame Director, and you can go ahead and continue.

Director Muna: Thank you, Vice Speaker Ada. I apologize again. I think it's a statement of how comfortable and easy it has been to collaborate with your team about this work.

Chairman Ada: yeah, definitely. And if there's anyone else from the port users' group that wants to come up to testify as well, please just make your way up so that once director Muna's completed, then you guys can go ahead and yes.

Director Muna: And we get I'm also inviting our invasive species coordinator, Mr. Chieriel Desamito, who has led the efforts. We worked a lot with him. Very good folks on your team and the Department of Agriculture is greatly appreciative of the collaborative process that we've engaged in with your team and with the port users' group and the numerous meetings that we've held to refine the regulations on this. And we do support this legislation, but we'd like to finalize it through the administrative adjudication process. Thank you.

Chairman Ada: Which one of you would like to go first? Any Mr. Cruz?

Joseph Cruz, Chairman – Port Users Group: Well, good morning. Good morning. Vice Speaker Ada and Senator Duenas and Senator Gumataotao. Good morning, so yeah, I mean we heard this morning that I guess we have to modify the process that we intended on achieving this morning due to the I guess the policy concerns about how this goes forward. So, but here this morning, I have the members of the port users' group with me and we're here to endorse the intent of the bill considering

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the developments this morning. We can submit our testimony for the record for consideration based on the updated information we got this morning. So, I can read our testimony for the record if you wish.

Chairman Ada: Yes. Go ahead, sir.

Mr. Cruz: [Written testimony presented orally.]

Chairman Ada: Thank you, Mr. Cruz. Anyone else would like to provide testimony? Okay. If no one else will be providing testimony, I'll go ahead and open up the panel to my colleagues who would have comments or questions. Senator Shawn Gumataotao.

Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. Just if I can, I know Chelsa's here and I appreciate Department of Agriculture's attendance. I let me just try to just jump in. So, the 2026 budget law adopted a level of 1,235,860 for the invasive species inspection fee fund. The same amount is appropriated to department of Agriculture for operations in FY26 as part of the department's total budget of \$5.9 million based on the special fund funds report for the period that was ending May 31st, 2026. The invasive species inspection fund is projected to collect just over \$1.5 million according to BBMR. Recognizing that it was discussed back in 2018 that the fund would bring in \$2 million annually. Is there any audit available covering any period between the fund's establishment and FY2025? and what recommendations were put forward based on any review of that fund.

Director Muna: The OPA is actually just concluding an audit of the invasive species fund. So that should be available I think within the next couple months.

Yeah. Point of information on that I just communicating with them. So yeah, they said before July just I just communicated with the public auditor. Performance audit will be coming out before July or sometime early July. We're just about there. I just want to share though that in I know in the preliminary findings I mean there were no significant findings of mean it's explainable why the fund didn't accrue as much as it did initially which is what prompted some of the amendments to how the pro how the funds were being collected and that we're more likely to hit the \$2 million target now.

Senator Gumataotao: Okay. And why I asked that is to kind of tee up my question using the \$2.4 million first-year budget proposal from 2011 and I was around at that time when the inter-agency biosecurity task force plan was set in motion. Can you tell us to date that work plan? Has that even in fact been implemented? And do the operational requirements back from 2011 align with your current needs in 2026?

Director Muna: I'm not familiar with the operational plan from 2011. I do know that we've entered into an updated memorandum of memorandum of agreement between us and customs and quarantine. There was one in place when I entered into office. It had since expired and we've worked with customs to update that as an operational plan. The needs have absolutely changed. We've shifted a lot to providing sufficient personnel to execute a lot of the biosecurity operations and I think not as much emphasis on it's not an equipment heavy operation process but it's personnel more so to conduct the inspections and the treatments required when an invasive species is detected. Um, as an example, more recently, what holiday was it? Around Mes Chamorro, we discovered an infestation of spiders, black widow spiders that required treatment.

Senator Gumataotao: And why I ask is as we develop these plans and this is not an oversight hearing. This is not meant to be to scrutinize what the port users' group is here and they're trying to keep up with the modern demands of the private sector and the and the government sector in some cases. And so, it's just trying to make sure that everything is kept in line so that as we're expecting you know them to do their part you know that's why I was asking about the fund. We have to be able to make sure that as an as a government that as we are looking to modernize or we're trying to get things done that if we can't keep pace it puts our entire supply chain in a different and difficult situation.

Director Muna: Absolutely.

Senator Gumataotao: And so, I say that as in in full respect again it's not an oversight. I just want to make sure that we understand that as we are trying to modernize this law that because they're here to say they listen we got things to do too. So as is we if we can keep pace that would be good. Mr. Chair, that's all my only two questions I had, and I appreciate the time this morning.

Chairman Ada: Thank you, Senator Gumataotao. Senator Taitague, you have any questions or comments?

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Mr. Chair can I just yield to the next one. I'm still catching up on the I had to step out for a little bit. All right. If I can.

Chairman Ada: Vice Chair Duenas?

Senator Christopher M. Dueñas, Vice Chairman: Sure. Chelsa, what what's your reasoning for the AAA process request? I think these are simple amendments to the current law

Director Muna: just that we'd like to go through the administrative process to adopt the rules as is I guess required for the rule making process.

Senator Duenas: I'm not sure that's required for the amending of the rule making process, but I just wanted to get your thoughts to that. You don't have any testimony currently to the proposed amendments

Director Muna: Just that we support them. I mean we worked with the port users' group and vice speaker's office in ensuring that everyone's needs for this amendment were met.

Senator Duenas: Okay. So, do you concur Mr. Cruz and anybody else in the port users' group that there's been collaboration with regard to this amending this process and there's congruity.

Mr. Cruz: Yes. The answer is yes.

Senator Duenas: Okay. Good.

Mr. Cruz: We've been working with these guys. been very open to communicating and listening to the concerns we raised mainly to it's you know practicality as far as its implementation.

Senator Duenas: Okay. So, Chelsa, uh, when was the last, um, group meeting that's required by law in terms of the, uh, the mandated partners, the GIS?

Mr. Cruz: Oh, the GIS meeting? June 1st.

Senator Duenas: June 1st. Have they're viewed and approved of your position on the proposed rules update?

Mr. Cruz: We've been sharing them regularly with the groups. Yes. There was no There was no objection. No objections.

Senator Duenas: Okay. Yeah. As you guys know, I'm the author of this this legislation and a big shout out to your predecessor when I first came into office, Paul Bassler. Very strong advocate along with so many others at Department of Agriculture that saw the need for this and one thing once again to talk about collaboration and I can't overemphasize this particularly to the port users' group. Actually my memory has not served me well enough now to know that you even sit on the GI disc bases you do right okay and that and that's why so the vision of this was really it wasn't in the beginning the funding was collateral to what really this bill was in designed intended to create the Guam invasive species council was designed to meet on a quarterly basis with mandated partners to do the three things that Paul Bassler and members of agriculture said particularly as you say you're working with customs there was really a lack or there had been a lack during that time and there's been this wrestle with invasive species going between agriculture and you mentioned it Mr. Cruz particularly with customs and so the kind of the nomenclature was guns and drugs do not bug. So, this was kind of the line of demarcation in terms of you know what the border is who controls the border right, so the conversation was always customs controls the border they are border control so they're front line we always had the vision in this legislation and what was proposed because like I said this responsibility was it was a tug of-war really between agriculture and customs and the idea really was that agriculture would be a partner at the border, not the border enforcer, but backup and support for the border in order to ensure when the guns and the drugs portion and whatever else customs does to get that commerce through, the bugs portion would be there too to say, "Okay, we're here to make sure there's also no drugs, no guns, but bugs. We're going to take care of that part." And so that was where the funding part came in. And the funding part was supposed to do basically three major things. One is the funding is supposed to first make the best line of defense which is to get anything like you talked about the spiders and anything else any invasive species caught at the border so that it doesn't make it in and it doesn't infiltrate and doesn't become the rhino beetle and doesn't become the snake and doesn't become the fire ant. Right. The next was, and this is where the money is supposed to also go and the rubber hits the road, is at agriculture, they're supposed to be able to immediately stand up an ability to try to eradicate right at the source, so it doesn't proliferate. And that's the rapid response, standing that up. Once you find something, rapid response, get on it, hopefully kill it and not have it proliferate throughout the island. And then the third was mitigate, which we're trying to do with the rhino beetle, which we're trying to do with the fire ant and everything else. So, this is really where the Guam Invasive Species Council is really the supposed to be the vanguard where you got all the mandated partners. You got

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federal partners, you got, you know, local partners, you got shippers, you got everybody together on a quarterly basis meeting and updating on what's going on, what are we seeing in the field about invasive species? And that should drive the funding and how you allocate the funding. Of course, we're talking now about how that does and I'm glad there's camaraderie between that because we also don't want to make things so outrageous, right? But we know we need to defend our island. So, I'm glad to see this collaboration. The committee, I think, will continue to go forward and discuss the rule making process. You know, we also want to make sure this doesn't get bogged down and stuck because if there's agreement, you know what I mean? maybe there's an expedited opportunity to be able to do that. so the final discussion was and I have to put this on the record now just so that our partners understand too as we're talking about cost. What I was made to understand as the author of this bill way back in 2011 was that this would open the doors for federal partnerships and partnerships with the federal government to bring in additional resources, so we don't raise fees or that we understand how to charge these fees so that they're minimal impact but that we also because of our Guam Invasive Species Council along with they are, you know, uh, putting our put our money on the table as well as a partnership with Open Doors. Have we been able to secure additional federal funding with regard to this, uh, law being in existence?

Director Muna: Yes, absolutely. And Chieriel will have much more that he wants to add to that. I do want to emphasize though that a lot of the federal funding we obtain for bio to address biosecurity needs are because we're writing for grants. Whether it's us or even our partners at the University of Guam where Dr. Doula has moved after he left our department of agriculture biosecurity. But I do also want to emphasize that we're not completely reliant on USDA APHUS either because through their own loss of personnel whether through retirement or attrition their support hasn't kept pace with the needs of Guam or the region. We've had multiple communications about this. We and although we receive assurances, it's not ones that we can rely on. as an example, USDA Aphis used to be the primary entity providing Phyto sanitary certification training. That has dwindled the number of training opportunities or even the personnel to provide that training. so we haven't we've been less reliant on federal support in that mechanism. But we still maintain our attempts to secure federal funding through grant opportunities, and we seize every chance that we can get and the fact that you have the GIS I'm sure supports your grants very strongly.

Senator Duenas: Absolutely.

Director Muna: Great sir.

Chieriel Desamito, Invasive Species Coordinator – Department of Agriculture Biosecurity

Division: So, I guess for the record my name is Chieriel Desamito. I am the invasive species coordinator for the biosecurity division. Um, so Senator Duanes, uh, we whenever we do work well with customs and when customs I know they're in charge of the border and whenever they call uh, they see any pest on any vessel, they do call um, our entomologists and our acting chief Chris uh, Christopher Rosario to actually go out and inspect the vessel. So, the vessel won't be inland yet until our entomologist makes a disposition for like the eradication part. Chris and I and director Mun are working together with Tony Atta, Senator Tony Atta, sorry, Vice Speaker Tony Attato try to figure out a rapid response plan. We need to provide funding to have a rapid response at least in the for the Guam invasive species council to determine okay we can go out there and eradicate any invasive species coming into the island. And also, currently department of fish and wildlife is actually coming up in couple days from now on Wednesday to do a biosecurity gap analysis. So, Christopher Rosario has been working with Department of Fish and Wildlife for I guess a year and a half now and they're trying to figure out what are the gaps what are the biosecurity gaps in the airport the port airport and the port authority of Guam and as well as with customs and our agencies here. So, I'm trying to also coordinate to work with the port users' group on what are the bio biosecurity gaps and other agencies to have the federal government provide funding for anything that we need to prevent invasive species.

Senator Duenas: So, my discussion with also before another famous name Dr. Campbell was that was University of Guam and that was your partnership with the University of Guam because they receive millions of dollars as well to deal with that. So, have you also energized your conversations with University of Guam in terms of the because you know we know eradication is the dream, right? But we've been trying to eradicate the brown, brown tree snake forever, right? So, we got to come up with programs to make sure that goes forward. So, you're in constant contact with your University of Guam

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partners.

Mr. Desamito: Yes, we are. And so far, we are working with University of Guam with the hog plum beetle. So, the University of Guam is actually conducting research on bio controls for the hog plum beetle because we are getting a lot of calls for the hog plum. We are still we're working with University of Guam to do tree injections for the coconut rhinoceros beetle. And then Christopher Rosario also secured a grant to work on little fire ants treatment as well with the federal government.

Senator Duenas: Excellent. Well, keep pursuing those because I think that's where the direction is. And the reason why is I know that and I've done my research too that these are the things that are catching the attention with regard to that eradication efforts and things going forward and particularly as we discuss once again with our federal partners on the dynamic changes to Guam. Our federal partners also have a big interest in making sure that we control this as well. So, thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Once again, I love the fact that there's great collaboration going on here. That was the design of this bill that its w this law. It was going to be constantly changing, and it was going to need updating and it was going to need collaboration, and I want to thank the port users' group and do for doing great work together. Like I said, I I'll work with the committee to see where we go, but I understand your thoughts of processes. I just don't want to bog it down as well. So, we'll have discussions with you afterwards. Mr. Chair, thank you for your work.

Chairman Ada: Thank you. Uh, Vice Chair Duenas, Senator Taitague, do we have any questions or comments?

Senator Telo T. Taitague: Yes, I do. Just have a couple. Uh, trying to catch up. Thank you for that extra time, Mr. Chair. And to allow me just to try and get my head around this and of course read your testimony, Joe, uh, through it. And I'm going to ask you a couple Chelsa, a couple questions with regards to currently are any of these empty containers that are returning, you know, back to Guam from CNMI and Palao and FSM and RM, do you inspect them? And is there a charge you're charging now for that?

Director Muna: No, we do not inspect them and we don't charge them. No.

Senator Taitague: Oh, okay. because it almost sounds like they do because according to the testimony. So, Joe, can you elaborate on that section that you wrote? empty containers come back to Guam after returning to CNMI and why did you incorporate that if you're not being charged at all and they're not being inspected.

Director Muna: I'll yield to Pat to clarify that.

Senator Taitague: Okay.

Patrick Blonde – Port Users Group: Hi, Senator. Thanks for the question. My name is Patrick Blonde. I'm part of the users' group, but I'm also the general manager for Matson Navigation. Um, so just to clarify and answer your question, there currently isn't any fees for empty containers. Uh, the idea was discussed in some of the meetings that we had with the invasive species council and with the department of agriculture. So, there was there was a lot of there was a lot of discussion, a lot of collaboration before we finally sort of aligned on where we are today. But through that process there was some discussion about charging those fees for those types of containers, but I think we've moved past that now. and we just probably just mentioned it just in terms of context. Um and anybody else that maybe hasn't been part of that discussion, but you know would be interested in understanding the whole context we included that in there but currently there is no fees being charged for that. Okay. So, it was an effort by a group of individuals talking back and forth, you know, deciding not to have charge because if a container comes to Guam, uh, then there's an inspection. It's loaded and it's inspected. Then it's sent out to the outer islands. Okay. And then they offload it and then they close it and it comes back to Guam. What is the probability of something boarding that empty container and then someone opening it that or does it stay closed or even something being transported? How does agriculture you know u address that concern about maybe some invasive species from other islands coming on? Well, like Christopher Rosario always told us at biosecurity there every container has a level of risk for any invasive species coming in. So, it could it's not just inside the container, but it's it can be their hitchhikers on the outside of the container. And so, um, we just have to for now we just have to, um, accept that risk that an invasive comes, but we have to also have customs. If they find it, they report they report it to the Guam Department of Agriculture. We are very al we are also lucky that the port users' group also has a CFS hold a custom facility station that they have they report any invasive

species to us that are inside the container when they open. So, once they tell us, they hold it and then we go out and look at it, and then our entomologist makes a disposition and then they're fumigate or fog the containers and then they Chris can say go do a reinspection and if it's cleared that container is good to go. So, we have the help of the port users that their workforce their workers actually go out and look for any insects that's in a container even if it might be for hold for a couple days but they're really helpful with that and so even at the I would like to acknowledge the port authority of Guam the steadies and also the safety officers be after customs inspects the vessel and they did not find any invasives. Sometimes the steadies and safety officers they'll see invasive species any insects and then they call again the Guam Department of Agriculture. We go out there and then they make a disposition. Oh, that's already on island and then it would be cleared to go.

Senator Taitague: Okay. So, uh, Patrick, can I ask because you know, you bring these containers in and they're inspected, they're sent out to the islands, and they're coming back and they're empty. So, do these containers go back to where they originated from? Uh, can you give me a route in which these containers.

Mr. Blonde: Yeah, certainly, Senator, thanks for the question. So, um, I mean, that's the reality of Guam being the trans-shipment hub, right? So, things come here from different places. They get put on different vessels and then they go back out. It's the hub, right? Hub and spoke. So eventually those containers need to come back and get to a place where they're going to be reused. Either it could be reused here in Guam, or they even go back even further, you know, as cargo comes and flows through the whole region so that is just part of you know the process of things flowing through at some point the empties come back and they have to get reused. And if I could senator if I could just add on one more thing what Chieriel mentioned I mean certainly there's a risk for anything right even the ship itself might carry something beyond just the cargo, but you know in the discussions that we've had with Chieriel and director Muna we've come to understand that there are these risks and there's risks even at the airport there's risks at even the small marinas is and you know the and so that's the responsibility they have to try and control all of these you know sort of import points when it comes to the fees and the funding that they're trying to collect. It has to have a way to charge the fee. And so that's why the original law identified the payer of the freight. So not the transportation company, not the airline. It's whoever is bringing in freight and using the service, it's the service provider that will collect the fee from that and then remit it to agriculture. And so even though the risk comes from all of these different potential points, it's not meant to charge the fee on for all of those instances. It was just meant to establish a way to collect the fee and build the fund, which I think we've been able to accomplish. And all of it has been done through the Marine Port. None of it's done up at the airport. And that's okay. You know at this point we've come to accept that and now we realize that that based on that even in even excluding trans-shipment containers and empties that come back there's enough funding that'll be generated to meet the original funding total amount.

Senator Taitague: Thank you, Patrick, for that. Also, uh, Chelsa, in the legislation, um, well, is does the bill specific, uh, specify how DOA, um, will verify exempt cargo, uh, classification in this legislation?

Director Muna: So, I do get from the from the public law the port authority of Guam provides a vessel report and that vessel report will show the number of empties transshipments and true imports. However, for break bulk, it will not tell it won't specify what is in the brake bulk, but it will show two data points. One with trans-shipment and empty and one with true imports. So, I charge the true imports to the port users' group.

Senator Taitague: So, but it doesn't it doesn't explain it specifically in the legislation how do you know will verify which is exempt cargo though. Do you see that in the legislation?

Director Muna: Sorry, I'm No, I don't.

Senator Taitague: Okay, Chelsa, I know you're more seasoned in legislation. So, it basically is just to specify how DOA I mean department will verify exempt car cargo classification again. Well, the legislation was amended in 2022 to update some of that because there were gaps in how we were identifying what cargo was going to be charged and what was not. So, I think we with that amendment captured more of what had been missing at the time.

Director Muna: And that doesn't change at all. This legislation this doesn't change anything.

Senator Taitague: That's all I needed to know on that section to make sure that you have that authority

and determination is done. So, it's in the law itself then. Okay. And it was asked earlier what this is going to affect as far as like the amount of money coming to department bag to ensure you know the protection of our environment here on these invasive species.

Director Muna: This will help bring us to reach the goal that had been set with the initial legislation to attain the funding that had been specified.

Senator Taitague: Okay. Well, thank you so much for that and I appreciate everyone who's testifying. I mean, yeah, you're right, Patrick. You know, there's all kinds of ways coming on. Even people going golfing, you know, Joe knows that going golfing in Manila and bringing, you know, their shoes, you know, if they're not cleaned or their golf bag, you know, you can bring it in that way, too. Something we need to look at, right? So, other than that, thank you so much for the opportunity, Mr. Chair.

Chairman Ada: Thank you, Senator Taitague. Vice Chair, you're recognized for a follow-up.

Senator Duenas: Yeah, just a point of information on the airport. The reason why is that that also remains a sterile area that is managed by its own agricultural requirements. As you know, you fill out paperwork on the airplane that has its own fee schedule and its own association. So, customs is by far not out of the invasive species world. They do it. In fact, they brag about it quite a bit. They advertise when they find things either inspecting luggage or any apparel that may brought back you know via any means or whatever else it is. So, they're still doing their job. We did not want to duplicate, and we also didn't want to further complicate the b the border control and border security. So do a I know they do also respond when called upon to go up particularly if it's large shipments of agricultural projects products or different things. So, they're still partners there but the idea is anything basically being brought in individually or any sort of items that they already flag as known commodities to have a high probability as well as the aircraft itself. One of the things about and I'm not nothing on shippers. I'm sure it's the same but you know aircraft is very sterile and because of the points of origin and the points they all have their own very strict laws and so that that's one of the reasons. So, there was no need to comingle that we're being designed to do this at the front lines of shippers and shipping coming in. And I understand I think we're doing great to be honest with you. I hear of a lot of you know suspected even if it doesn't turn out to be an invasive lot of reports and a lot of going down and checking and finding out oh no that's already typical to Guam or whatever else or that's you know a species that's known and it's not dangerous. So, thank you for all your work. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to put that clarification in so there's no misunderstanding in terms of a need for the airport. They already control that area.

Chairman Ada: Thank you, Vice Chair Duenas. And I'd like to thank the agriculture and the port users' group for coming forward and testifying on this piece of legislation. I think that the collaboration that we have between my office and the port users' group and department of agriculture, you know, we come up with something that is going to be beneficial not just to the department but also to the port users' group and all how we can continue to move forward. And this is what working together is all about. you know, how is it that we can bring things that were introduced and thanks to the vice chair, Senator Duenas, for his foresight in having this and how we continue to update the laws and make it more workable for everyone involved. And so, I'd like to thank you all for your testimony this morning. And this will go ahead and conclude the hearing, public hearing for bill number 330-38 and 334-38. And the committee will continue to accept written statements on today's hearing within 7 days which may be mailed to my office on the second floor of the Guam Congress building at 163 Chalan Santo Papa in Hagåtña. And you may also send your statements to us at vice speaker Tony at guamlegislature.gov. Thank you for your participation. The public hearing is adjourned, and the time now is 10:53 a.m. Thank you everyone.

The public hearing was adjourned at **10:53 am**

III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee finds that, based on the testimony and discussions with officials from the Guam Department of Agriculture, the subject bill was drafted in its entirety by the Guam Department of Agriculture based on several meetings with the Bill's sponsor and the port's users' group. The intent

of the bill was to amend the administrative rules and regulations on collection process for invasive species inspection fees.

The Committee further finds that changes to the Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations, that were proposed by the Guam Department of Agriculture, will make the process of collecting fees easier for port users such as shipping lines and their customers to pay their fees.

The Committee concludes that as the changes to the Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations, Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations proposed in the subject bill are entirely the work product of the Guam Department of Agriculture and were discussed through work session with stakeholders and publicly heard by the legislature that the bill should be reported out as introduced.

The Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure hereby reports out Bill No. 334-38 (COR) – V. Anthony Ada – “AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 14, DIVISION 4, CHAPTER 12, TITLE 8, GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO UPDATING INVASIVE SPECIES FEES AND COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS,” with the recommendation **TO REPORT OUT ONLY.**

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PROVISIONS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Chapter 14, Division 4, Title 8 Guam Administrative Rules and
Regulations is *repealed and reenacted* to read as follows:

~~Division 4~~

~~Invasive Species Inspection Fee~~

~~Chapter 14~~

~~Invasive Species Inspection Fee~~

~~§ 14101. Fee Established.~~

~~§ 14102. Fee Assessment.~~

~~§ 14103. Failure to Pay or Remit Assessed Fee.~~

~~§ 14101. Fee Established.~~

~~The Department of Agriculture establishes a fee for the inspection, quarantine,
eradication, and management of invasive species brought into Guam. The fee shall
be paid by the carrier company, who shall forward the payment to the Department
of Agriculture, Biosecurity Division. For purposes of this Chapter, a “carrier
company” is defined as a company that arranges the transport of cargo from point of~~

1 origin to a final destination with shipping companies, and may be a shipping
2 company.

3 **~~§ 14102. — Fee Assessments.~~**

4 (a) ~~The following fees shall be assessed and collected on the items described~~
5 ~~herein on a per voyage basis:~~

6 (1) ~~Seventy five cents (\$0.75) on each one thousand (1,000) pounds of bulk~~
7 ~~sand, quarried product, or cement bulk freight or part thereof;~~

8 (2) ~~Twenty six Dollars (\$26.00) per each twenty foot equivalent unit (TEU);~~

9 (3) ~~Two Dollars (\$2.00) on each revenue ton, as defined by the Port Authority~~
10 ~~of Guam tariff, of break bulk or cargo that is not in a container.~~

11 (b) ~~Coal bulk freight and liquid bulk freight shall be exempt from fees under this~~
12 ~~Section.~~

13 (c) ~~All fees collected shall be deposited into the Guam Invasive Species~~
14 ~~Inspection Fee Fund and expended as mandated in Public Law 31-043.~~

15 **~~§ 14103. — Failure to Pay or Remit Assessed Fee.~~**

16 ~~The following fees shall be imposed for failure to pay, bill, or remit the Guam~~
17 ~~Invasive Species Inspection Fee provided for above:~~

18 (a) ~~A person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation~~
19 ~~company who fails to pay the fee; or~~

20 (b) ~~A transportation company that fails to:~~

21 (1) ~~Bill the fee, within fifteen days of the delivery of the freight, to the~~
22 ~~person responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation~~
23 ~~company;~~

24 (2) ~~Remit the fee to the Department of Agriculture within forty five days~~
25 ~~of collecting the fee from the person responsible for paying the freight~~
26 ~~charges to the transportation company, shall pay two times the amount of the~~
27 ~~fee or \$50, whichever is higher.~~

1 **Division 4**

2 **Invasive Species Inspection Fee**

3 **Chapter 14**

4 **Invasive Species Inspection Fee**

5 § 14101. Definitions.

6 § 14102. Fee Established.

7 § 14103. Fee Assessment.

8 § 14104. Failure to Pay or Remit Assessed Fee.

9 **§ 14101. Definitions.**

10 As used in this chapter:

11 (a) “Entity” – means a person other than an individual (Definition
12 reference: 18 GCA CH. 17 The Guam Uniform Limited Cooperative
13 Association Act §17102. Definitions)

14 (b) “Transshipment container” – means a container discharged from
15 one vessel, stored in a secure bonded container yard, and transported through
16 another vessel.

17 (c) “Empties container” - means an unladen shipping container being
18 returned or repositioned to be used to load and transport cargo.

19 (d) “Break bulk cargo” – is defined as cargo that is not containerized,
20 but which is otherwise packaged or bundled. (Reference: Code of Federal
21 Regulations; eCFR 149.1 Definitions)

22 **§ 14102. Fee Established.**

23 The Department of Agriculture establishes a fee for the inspection, quarantine,
24 eradication, and management of invasive species brought into Guam. The fee shall
25 be paid by the entities responsible for paying the freight charges to the transportation
26 company, who shall collect the fee and forward the payment to the Department of
27 Agriculture, Biosecurity Division, provided that the carrier company shall not be

1 liable for any fee that is not paid by the entities responsible for the paying the freight
2 charges to the carrier company. For purposes of this Chapter, a “carrier company” is
3 defined as a company that arranges the transport of cargo from point of origin to a
4 final destination with shipping companies, and may be a shipping company.

5 **§ 14103. Fee Assessments.**

6 (a) The following fees shall be assessed and collected on the items
7 described herein on a per voyage basis:

8 (1) Seventy-five cents (\$0.75) on each one thousand (1,000)
9 pounds of bulk sand, quarried product, or cement bulk freight or part
10 thereof;

11 (2) Twenty-six Dollars (\$26.00) per each twenty-foot equivalent
12 unit (TEU);

13 (3) Two Dollars (\$2.00) on each revenue ton, as defined by the
14 Port Authority of Guam tariff, of break bulk or cargo that is not in a
15 container.

16 (b) Coal bulk freight and liquid bulk freight shall be exempt from fees
17 under this Section.

18 (c) Transshipment container and empty container shall be exempt from
19 fees under this Section.

20 (d) Transshipment of breakbulk cargo shall be exempt from fees under
21 this Section.

22 (e) All fees collected shall be deposited into the Guam Invasive Species
23 Inspection Fee Fund and expended as mandated in Public Law 31-043.

24 **§ 14104. Failure to Pay or Remit Assessed Fee.**

25 The following fees shall be imposed for failure to pay, bill, or remit the Guam
26 Invasive Species Inspection Fee provided for above:

1 (a) A entity responsible for paying the freight charges to the carrier
2 company who fails to pay the fee; or

3 (b) A carrier company that fails to:

4 (1) Remit the fee to the Department of Agriculture within Forty-
5 five (45) calendar days of the invoice billing date to the entities
6 responsible for paying the freight charges to the carrier company, shall
7 pay two times the amount of the fee or Fifty Dollars (\$50), whichever
8 is higher.



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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. 334-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

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

Bill No. 334-38 (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 copy the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.





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Hafa Adai, Vice Speaker Ada:

The Bureau requests that Bill No. 334-38 (COR) be granted a waiver pursuant to Public Law 12-229 as amended for the following reason(s):

Legislative Bill No. 334-38 is an act to repeal and reenact Chapter 14, Division 4, Chapter 12, Title 8, Guam Administrative Rules and Regulations relative to updating Invasive Species Fees and collection and administrative provisions.

The Bill essentially repeals the current law and reenacts the same legislation with all sections renumbered to include a new section, which was not included in the original law, specifically for "Definitions" for terms used in the chapter. The remaining sections of the law remain intact. As such, the Bill as introduced is administrative in nature and poses no fiscal impact on any Government of Guam funds.

Senseramente,

LESTER L. CARLSON, JR.