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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
56-38 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PODIATRY UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PODIATRY BY <i>ADDING</i> A NEW SUBSECTION (9) AND <i>AMENDING</i> SUBSECTION (7) OF §12202(a) <i>AMENDING</i> SUBSECTIONS (4), (7), (8) OF §12202(b), SUBSECTIONS (a)(1) AND (2) OF §12203, SUBSECTION (b)(1) AND (i)(2) OF §12205, AND <i>ADDING</i> A NEW SUBSECTION(10) AND (11) TO §12215(a), ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.	2/10/25 11:00 a.m.	2/19/25 4:21 p.m.	Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	Request: 2/19/25 2/28/25	4/15/25 2:00 p.m.	7/8/25	Exhibits A and B



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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE
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July 2, 2025

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

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

RE: **Committee Report on the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 56-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai Speaker Blas,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report relative to Bill No. 56-38 (COR) - AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PODIATRY UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PODIATRY BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (9) AND AMENDING SUBSECTION (7) OF § 12202(a), AMENDING SUBSECTIONS (4), (7), (8) OF §12202(b), SUBSECTIONS (a)(1) AND (2) OF 12203, SUBSECTION (b)(1) AND (i)(2) OF §12205, AND ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION(10) AND (11) TO §12215(a), ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

Committee votes are as follows:

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Sincerely,

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



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Public Hearing

Bill No. 56-38 (COR)

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May 23, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

From: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane
Committee Chairperson

Subject: Committee Report on the Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 56-38 (COR)\

Håfa Adai Committee Members,

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The report contains the following:

- COR Referral Memorandum
- Notice of Hearing
- Hearing Agenda
- Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Submitted Testimonies and Supporting Documents
- Committee Report Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 56-38 (COR)
- Fiscal Note

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



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

February 19, 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. 56-38 (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. 56-38 (COR)** – Therese M. Terlaje. – “AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PODIATRY UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PODIATRY BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (9) AND AMENDING SUBSECTION (7) OF §12202(a), AMENDING SUBSECTIONS (4), (7), (8) OF §12202(b), SUBSECTIONS (a)(1) AND (2) OF §12203, SUBSECTION (b)(1) AND (i)(2) OF §12205, AND ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION(10) AND (11) TO §12215(a), ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs chaired by Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane. I also request that the same be forwarded to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

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

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





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First Notice of Public Hearing: Tuesday April 15, 2025

2 messages

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov> Tue, Apr 8, 2025 at 8:00 AM
 To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov, committeeonrules@guamlegislature.gov, mis@guamlegislature.gov, Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.gov>, av@guamlegislature.gov
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Tue, Apr 8, 2025 at 8:18 AM

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April 8, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

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

Subject: First Notice of Public Hearing: Tuesday April 15, 2025

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PUBLIC HEARING



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2:00 P.M..

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PUBLIC HEARING

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Second Notice of Public Hearing: Tuesday April 15, 2025

1 message

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Cc: genese.morrison@guamlegislature.gov, isaiah.aguon@guamlegislature.gov, senator.sabrina@guamlegislature.gov

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April 13, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane *Smat*
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Subject: Second Notice of Public Hearing: Tuesday April 15, 2025

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2:00 P.M.

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II. Bill No. 89-38 (COR)

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PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 2:00 P.M
 Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

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RE: Testimony on Bill 56-38

Håfa Adai Senator Salas Matanane and Esteemed Senators of the 38th Guam Legislature:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 56-38 (COR) An Act Relative to Including Podiatry under the Guam Board of Medical Examiners, and to Adopt Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics for Podiatry by Adding a New Subsection (9) and Amending Subsection (7) of §12202(a), Amending Subsection (4), (7), (8) of §12202(b), Subsections (a)(1) and (2) of §12203, Subsection (b)(1) and (i)(2) of §12205, and Adding a New Subsection (10) and (11) to §12215(a) of Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, introduced by Senator Therese M. Terlaje. On behalf of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) and its Health Professional Licensing Office (HPLO), we express our full support for the passage of this bill. This proposed legislation is critical to ensuring high-quality care and well-being for the people of our community.

Currently, seven (7) licensed podiatrists in Guam operate under the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners (GBAHE). Podiatry is a specialized and essential medical field focused on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of conditions affecting the foot, ankle, and lower leg. Podiatrists undergo extensive education and training that is on par with other medical professionals.

Aligning podiatry under the Guam Board of Medical Examiners (GBME) would formally recognize the importance of this medical specialty and ensure that podiatrists are regulated alongside other medical professionals in Guam. This transition would foster improved collaboration and communication between podiatrists and physicians, creating a more integrated approach to patient care, particularly for individuals with complex health conditions.

In conclusion, the DPHSS HPLO strongly encourages the Committee to favorably consider and pass Bill No. 56-38 (COR). This legislative measure is a critical step toward enhancing podiatric care in Guam, improving patient safety, and streamlining the regulatory framework for this vital medical field. It is an essential move toward building a stronger, more cohesive healthcare system for our island.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Theresa C. Arriola', is positioned above the printed name.

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April 15, 2025

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38th Guam Legislature

RE: Bill No. 56-38 An Act Relative to Including Podiatry under
the Guam Board of Medical Examiners

Dear Senator Mantanane and Members of the Health Committee:

As a member of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners (GBAHE), the Subject Bill related to moving Podiatry Medicine from the GBAHE to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners (GBME) is overdue. I informally mentioned this Bill to members of the GBAHE last Friday, and that a Public Hearing is scheduled on April 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

To my knowledge, Podiatric Medicine was established under Public Law 24-329 "Guam Allied Health Practice Act" Article 17, Sections 121701 to 121707; effective 12/30/1998.

Podiatrists who were appointed to serve on the GBAHE, were Dr. Noel Silan, Dr. Melinda Sangalang, and the current member Dr. Steve Kim.

In summary, I support Podiatry Medicine to move under the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

Si Yu'os Maasi.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "mamie C. Balajadia".

Mamie C. Balajadia, Ed.D.
Representing Clinical Psychologist on the GBAHE
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cc: Senator Therese Terlaje, 38th Guam Legislature



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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Bill No. 56-38 (COR)-As Amended by the Committee - AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PODIATRY UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PODIATRY BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (9) AND AMENDING SUBSECTION (7) OF §12202(a), AMENDING SUBSECTIONS (4), (7), (8) OF §12202(b), SUBSECTIONS (a)(1) AND (2) OF §12203, SUBSECTION (b)(1) AND (i)(2) OF §12205, AND ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION(10) AND (11) TO §12215(a), ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

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Senator Shelly V. Calvo Member	E-Vote 7/1/25			X		
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Respectfully,

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Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW:

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs conducted a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M., in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

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

Bill No. 56-38 (COR) - Therese M. Terlaje – AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PODIATRY UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PODIATRY BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (9) AND AMENDING SUBSECTION (7) OF §12202(a), AMENDING SUBSECTIONS (4), (7), (8) OF §12202(b), SUBSECTIONS (a)(1) AND (2) OF §12203, SUBSECTION (b)(1) AND (i)(2) OF §12205, AND ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION(10) AND (11) TO §12215(a), ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with Open Government Law, public notice for the Public Hearing was disseminated via email to all senators and main media broadcasting outlets on April 8, 2025, and April 13, 2025. The public notice was also posted on the Guam Legislature website and the Public Notice Portal.

Senators Present

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs
Senator Shelly Calvo, Committee Member
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Committee Member
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator Therese M. Terlaje

Written Testimony Submitted By:

Theresa Arriola, Director – Department of Public Health and Social Services
Mamie C. Balajadia, Ed. D. – Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 2:03 P.M.

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: BUENAS AND Hafa Adai
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS IS NOW CALLED TO ORDER

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THE TIME IS 2:03 AND TODAY IS TUESDAY APRIL 15 2025 THANK YOU EVERYONE JOINING US BOTH IN PERSON AND ONLINE FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING ON BILLS 56 78 AND 94 COR BILL 56 IS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE IT IS AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PODIATRY UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PODIATRY BILL 78 INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SHELLEY CALVO IS AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RESTAURANT MEALS PROGRAM OR RMP UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR SNAP BILL 94 INTRODUCED BY MYSELF AT THE REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION IS AN ACT TO CLARIFY SELECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACTS NOTICE OF THIS HEARING WAS PROVIDED TO SENATORS STAKEHOLDERS AND THE LOCAL MEDIA ON APRIL 8TH 2025 AND AGAIN ON APRIL 13 2025 THUS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW IN ADDITION NOTICE OF THIS HEARING WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE GUAM LEGISLATURES' WEBSITE AND THE GUAM PUBLIC NOTICE PORTAL MATERIALS FOR THIS HEARING WERE SHARED IN THE COMMITTEE DRIVE AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR PRINT UPON REQUEST RECORDING OF TODAY'S HEARING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA GUAM LEGISLATURE MEDIA ON YOUTUBE I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND RECOGNIZE THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT HERE TODAY HEALTH VICE CHAIR AND VICE SPEAKER SENATOR TONY ADA MAJORITY WHIP SHELLEY CALVO THANK YOU SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO AND SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE AGAIN THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S HEARING IS TO GATHER INPUT DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THESE MEASURES AND ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN OUR DECISION-MAKING AS WE PROCEED I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT EACH SENATOR WILL HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO SPEAK THE AUTHOR OF EACH BILL HOWEVER WILL BE AFFORDED 10 MINUTES TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THEIR LEGISLATION I ENCOURAGE ALL SPEAKERS TO BE CONCISE AND MINDFUL OF TIME SO WE CAN ACCOMMODATE AS MANY PERSPECTIVES AS POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME WE WILL BEGIN WITH REMARKS FROM THE AUTHOR OF BILL 56 SENATOR THERES TERLAJE SENATOR

Senator Therese M. Terlaje: SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR Hafa Adai Everyone so Bill 56 this is part of work done by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners over several years to update how the rules that are governing the healing arts practices and the professions because those had pretty much been in place since 1998 and we did update do a

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COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO THE RULES AND REGS IN THE 36 GUAM LEGISLATURE AND A FEW TWEAKS AFTER THAT AND SO THIS IS ONE OF THEM THAT WOULD MOVE THE GUAM THE PODIATRISTS TO BE GOVERNED BY THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS INSTEAD OF WHERE THEY CURRENTLY ARE WHICH IS THE GUAM ALLIED HEALTH THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS AND THIS WOULD BE IN LINE WITH SOME JURISDICTIONS WHO PUT PODIATRISTS UNDER THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S BOARD THERE ARE SOME JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE THEIR OWN BOARDS JUST FOR PODIATRISTS BUT THIS WAS A RECOMMENDATION AGAIN BY THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS SO THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS CURRENTLY IS COMPOSED OF DIFFERENT ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO INCLUDE ACUPUNCTURE ORIENTAL MEDICINE AUDIOLOGY CHIROPRACTIC CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS CLINICAL DIETICIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PHYSICAL THERAPY SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY RESPIRATORY THERAPY VETERINARY MEDICINE AND OTHERS IF THIS BOARD I MEAN IF THE PODIATRISTS ARE MOVED TO THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS THE BILL PROPOSES THAT THERE WILL BE ONE ADDITIONAL POSITION ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS SPECIFICALLY FOR A PODIATRIST AND SO THAT'S PRETTY MUCH THE BILL AND I THANK YOU ALL WHO ARE HERE TO TESTIFY SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: THANK YOU SENATOR TERLAJE WE WILL NOW PROCEED WITH PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON BILL 56 IF THERE'S ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY PLEASE COME TO THE TO THE TABLE WE ASK THAT YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF SPEAK CLOSELY INTO THE MICROPHONE AND STATE WHAT ORGANIZATION YOU ARE REPRESENTING

Dr. V. Kwasi Nyame, Chief Medical Officer - Guam Memorial Hospital: BUENAS YAN Hafa Adai GUAHU SI KWASI CURRENTLY THE CMO FOR GMH AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE GUAM MEDICAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TESTIMONY ON BILL 56 TODAY AS IT READS AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PODIATRY UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS PODIATRISTS ARE A SPECIALTY THAT TREAT DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS WITH THE FOOT BOTH SURGERY AND MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF THE FOOT AND ALSO THE LEG AS WELL IT REQUIRES A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FOLLOWED BY FOUR YEARS OF A DOCTORATE IN PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND THEN A RESIDENCY BECAUSE IT IS A

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SURGICAL AND A MEDICAL FIELD I DO NOT BELIEVE IT BELONGS UNDER ALLIED HEALTH ALLIED HEALTH AS YOU MENTIONED ARE TYPICALLY THINGS THAT ALIGN WITH MEDICAL SERVICES AND SO I BELIEVE THAT PODIATRY SHOULD BE UNDER THE GUAM MEDICAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN THE STATES PODIATRY IS EITHER UNDER ITS OWN BOARD OR IS UNDER THE MEDICAL BOARD EXCEPT FOR IOWA I LEARNED THAT IOWA IS ACTUALLY UNDER THE ALLIED HEALTH SO THERE'S ONLY ONE STATE THAT HAS THAT SITUATION WHERE PODIATRY IS UNDER ALLIED HEALTH BUT FOR THE MOST PART PODIATRY FALLS EITHER UNDER ITS OWN BOARD OR UNDER THE MEDICAL BOARD IN THE STATES SO THIS ALIGNS WITH STANDARDS OF OF CARE THERE ARE 33 PODIATRY BOARDS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES THAT HAVE THEIR OWN BOARDS AND THEN THE REST OF THEM EXCEPT IOWA FALLS UNDER THE MEDICAL BOARD BECAUSE THE CURRENT ALLIED HEALTH BOARD CONSISTS OF ONE PODIATRIST AND ONE PA THIS IS HOW THEY'RE ABLE TO DEAL WITH ACCUSATIONS AND PROVIDE LICENSES I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE BODY TO CONSIDER MOVING PAS INTO THE GUAM MEDICAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS BECAUSE AGAIN THEIR TRAINING IS ALIGNED WITH DOCTORS AND SURGEONS AND SO EVEN I SUPPORT THIS BILL WHOLEHEARTEDLY BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE LEGISLATURE TO MOVE PAS AND I'M HAPPY TO BE PART OF THAT AUTHORIZING BODY IF THERE'S ANY REQUEST TO HELP WITH THAT AGAIN SAME THING IN THE STATES PAS FALL UNDER THE MEDICAL BOARD THE JOB OF THE GBME IS TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE IT'S AN ESTABLISHED BOARD THAT SEEKS TO LICENSE AND DISCIPLINE PHYSICIANS WITHIN EASTEN TERRITORY THIS REQUIRES RESOURCES SOMETIMES LEGAL OPINIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR PROCEEDINGS AND FOR DENIAL OF LICENSES INVESTIGATIONS ALSO SOMETIMES ARE NEEDED TO CONDUCT FOR ACCUSATIONS AND ALLEGATIONS AND THEN TRAINING FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR EXAMPLE AT THE END OF APRIL I'M GOING TO THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD MEETING TO LEARN ABOUT HOW TO ADMINISTER LICENSES I'M USING MY OWN FUNDS TO DO THAT AND I'M JUST REQUESTING THAT IN ADDITION TO INCREASING THE LICENSE FEES THE BODY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATING SOME RESOURCES TO HELP WITH THIS EDUCATION AND WITH THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO HELP WITH US BECAUSE SOMETIMES WE NEED LAWYERS TO KIND OF HELP MAKE DECISIONS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT CASES SO WITH THAT I THANK THE BODY AND WITH THE MOST DEEPEST RESPECT I THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME THANK YOU

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Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: THANK YOU DR NYAME JUST TO RESPOND TO WHAT YOU WERE REQUESTING I ACTUALLY HAVE DRAFT LEGISLATION TO PLACE PHYSICIANS ASSISTANCE UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Dr. Teresa D. Borja, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: HAFA ADAI SENATOR SALAS MATANANE SENATOR TERLJE MEMBERS OF THE GUAM 38TH LEGISLATURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIR DOCTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY I WAS INVITED TWO DAYS AGO BY DR STEVE KIM TO ATTEND THIS HEARING AND SUBMIT TESTIMONY THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO GIVE INPUT ON THIS BILL I THINK IT IS A POSITIVE STEP IN HAVING THE GBME OVERSEE PODIATRY AS WE ARE DEFINED BY MEDICARE AS PHYSICIANS AND HAVE BEEN WORKING AS PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF THE FOOT AND ANKLE FOR OVER 75 YEARS THE BRANCH OF PODIATRY WAS BORN OUT OF THE FIELD OF CHIROPODY AND THEN WAS BRANCHED OFF DUE TO UNIQUE CONDITIONS AND PATHOLOGY OF THE FOOT AND ANKLE AND GIVEN THAT WE ALSO HAVE TO WALK ON THE FOOT AND ANKLE WHICH IS DIFFERENTIATING IT FROM THE HAND CHAIRO MEANS HAND AND PODI MEANS FOOT SO PODIATRY BRANCHED OFF FROM CHIROPODY MANY YEARS AGO WHICH WAS STARTED IN ENGLAND OVER THE YEARS DIABETES HAS BECOME ONE OF THE LEADING DISEASES THAT INFLECTS SO MANY COMPLICATIONS IN OUR PEOPLE OF THIS ISLAND THE NATION AND OTHER COUNTRIES IT IS DEEMED A SILENT KILLER WHEN THE DISEASE IS LEFT UNCONTROLLED IN OUR PATIENTS PODIATRY HAS REMAINED STRONG AS A FIELD OF MEDICINE THAT HAS TACKLED SO MANY FOOT AND LIMB SALVAGE PROCEDURES TO PROLONG PATIENTS LIVES AND LIMBS LASTLY IT IS STATE DEPENDENT WHETHER PODIATRISTS ARE LICENSED BY ALLIED HEALTH BOARDS MEDICAL BOARDS OR ITS OWN INDEPENDENT BOARDS ALLIED HEALTH BOARDS SUCH AS IOWA LICENSE THEIR PODIATRIST WHEN YOU HAVE AN ABUNDANT AMOUNT OF PODIATRISTS SUCH AS ILLINOIS THEY HAVE AND THEY FORM AND HAVE THEIR OWN LICENSING BOARD WHICH MAKES SENSE GUAM REMAINS UNDERSERVED AND HAS ONLY A FEW PODIATRISTS IT BEHOOVES US TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS FOR RECRUITING CREDENTIALING AND VETTING NEW PODIATRISTS COMING IN THE GBME CAN HELP US WITH OUR EFFORTS WITH THIS RESPECT WE APPRECIATE THE LAST 30 PLUS YEARS OF HAVING ALLIED BORTH HEALTH ALLIED HEALTH BOARD OVERSEE THE LICENSING OF OUR PODIATRISTS WITH DR KIM CURRENTLY SERVING AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE

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ALLIED HEALTH I SUPPORT BILL NUMBER 56-38 AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO GIVE TESTIMONY SI YU'OS MA'ASE

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: DR FOR RECORDKEEPING PURPOSES IF YOU COULD PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME

Dr. Teresa D. Borja, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: SURE SORRY TERESA D BORJA AND I'M WITH MARIANA'S FOOTCARE CLINIC AND A CONSULTING PHYSICIAN AT GMH THANK YOU

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: THANK YOU THERESA GOOD

Theresa C. Arriola, Director - Department of Public Health and Social Services:

AFTERNOON CHAIRWOMAN SABRINA SALAS MEMBERS OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE REGARDING I COME HERE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL 56 38 THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT INTRODUCED BY SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND ITS HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE WE EXPRESS OUR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION IS CRITICAL TO ENSURING HIGH QUALITY CARE AND WELL-BEING FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY CURRENTLY SEVEN LICENSED PODIATRISTS IN GUAM OPERATE UNDER THE GUAM ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS PODIATRY IS A SPECIALIZED AND ESSENTIAL MEDICAL FIELD FOCUSED ON DIAGNOSIS TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE FOOT ANKLE LOWER LEG AND LOWER LEG PODIATRISTS UNDERGO EXTENSIVE EDUCATION AND TRAINING THAT IS ON PAR WITH OTHER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ALIGNING PODIATRY UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS WOULD FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MEDICAL SPECIALTY AND ENSURE THAT PODIATRISTS ARE REGULATED ALONGSIDE OTHER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IN GUAM THIS TRANSITION WOULD FOSTER IMPROVED COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PODIATRISTS AND PHYSICIANS CREATING A MORE INTEGRATED APPROACH TO PATIENT CARE PARTICULARLY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH COMPLEX HEALTH CONDITIONS IN CONCLUSION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES HPLO STRONGLY ENCOURAGES THE COMMITTEE TO FAVOR CONSIDER AND PASS BILL NUMBER 56 38 THIS LEGISLATIVE MEASURE IS A CRITICAL STEP TOWARD ENHANCING PODIATRY CARE IN GUAM IMPROVING

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PATIENT SAFETY AND STREAMLINING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THIS VITAL MEDICAL FIELD IT IS ESSENTIAL IT'S AN ESSENTIAL MOVE TOWARDS BUILDING A STRONGER MORE COHESIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FOR OUR ISLAND
THANK YOU

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: THANK YOU MRS ARRIOLA LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENCE OF SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE DR KIM

Dr. Sungwook Steve Kim, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: Hafa Adai MY NAME IS SUNGWOOK STEVE KIM I'M A PODIATRIST I WORK WITH DR BORJA AT MARIANA'S FOOTCARE I'M ALSO FOOT AND ANKLE CONSULTANT FOR GMH HOSPITAL AS WELL THANKS FOR INTRODUCING THIS BILL 56-38 I'VE BEEN WORKING AS ALSO A BOARD MEMBER FOR GUAM ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS YOU KNOW I LEARNED IT'S BEEN ONLY A COUPLE MONTHS SINCE I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THIS BOARD BUT I LEARNED THE HISTORY OF THIS POSITION FROM DR DR BALAJADIA WHO'S A CHAIRMAN FOR THE ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS WHO INTRODUCED THAT YOU KNOW SHE WE ALWAYS DEBATE HEY YOU SHOULD MOVE TO MEDICAL EXAMINERS OR YOU SHOULD STAY ONE THING SHE MENTIONED TO ME WAS THAT HEY DR KIM YOU KNOW MAKE SURE YOU GET A VOTING SEAT WHEN YOU GO TO MEDICAL EXAMINERS YOU KNOW YOU'RE WITH ALLIED HEALTH YOU GET TO YOU KNOW VOTE FOR WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY WHEN YOU GO TO MEDICAL EXAMINERS MAKE SURE YOU GET A VOTING SEAT THAT'S WHAT SHE YOU KNOW EMPHASIZED TO ME U BEING A YOUNG BOARD MEMBER ON THE TEAM SO AS DR NYAME MENTIONED PODIATRY IS UNDER MEDICAL EXAMINERS BOARD THROUGHOUT THE STATES OR EITHER THEY ONLY HAVE THEIR THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PODIATRY BOARD OR THEY'RE UNDER THEIR EXAM OR MEDICAL EXAMINERS FOR US HERE ON GUAM WE ONLY HAVE SEVEN PODIATRISTS ON THE ISLAND IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO FORM OUR OWN PODIATRY BOARD HENCE I THINK YOU KNOW IT'S BETTER TO BE UNDER MEDICAL EXAMINERS THEREFORE I DO SUPPORT THIS BILL BUT I WISH YOU KNOW THE SAME VOTING POWER AS ALLIED HEALTH THE PODIATRY HAS I WISH THAT CONTINUES WITH THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS AS WELL THANK YOU

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: THANK YOU DR KIM AND TO THE TO THE PANEL WHO PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON SENATOR TERLAJE'S BILL 56 I WILL NOW OPEN UP FOR QUESTIONING FROM COLLEAGUES WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE AUTHOR SENATOR TERLAJE

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Senator Therese M. Terlaje: SI YU'OS MA'ASE AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR TESTIMONY ALL OF YOU AND THE SUPPORT OF THE BILL SO JUST TO MAKE IT CLEAR SO THE FINDINGS OF THE BILL DO STATE THE TRAINING REQUIRED FOR PODIATRISTS AND KIND OF THE RATIONALE WHY THEY SHOULD BE UNDER THE MEDICAL BOARD AND THEY'RE PERFORMING SURGERIES AS WELL HOW THEY'RE PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ALL OF IT AND IT DOES MOVE ALL THE CURRENT RULES THAT YOU'VE ENACTED FOR YOURSELVES UNDER THE ALLIED HEALTH THEY'RE GOING TO MOVE THOSE OVER AND THE ETHICS CONDUCT RULES AS WELL THAT WE ENACTED NOT TOO LONG AGO AND THEN IT DOES WHEN IT ADDS THAT ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD IT ADDS A MEMBER TO THE BOARD AND THAT IT WILL BE A PODIATRIST SO THAT VOTING POWER IS STILL THERE IT'S DIFFERENT BOARD HOWEVER AND SMALLER NOT AS BIG AS THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD WE DID ASK THE HPLO OFFICE TO NOTIFY ALL THE PODIATRISTS AND THEY NOT THEY TOLD US THERE WERE ONLY SEVEN BUT THEY'VE SUPPOSEDLY WERE ALL NOTIFIED ABOUT THE HEARING AND THE BILL SO THAT THEY COULD LOOK AT IT THEMSELVES WE ALSO ASKED THE GUAM MEDICAL SOCIETY AND GUAM MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO NOTIFY THEIR MEMBERS WE WANT TO MAKE SURE I THINK YOU'RE MEMBERS OF THAT AS WELL BUT WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS FROM ANY OF THE OTHER SIDE THAT'S ONE OF THE ISSUES WHEN THE PHYSICIANS ASSISTANCE BILL THAT WE TRIED TO DO WITH THESE BOTH TOGETHER LAST YEAR AND THERE WAS SOME OBJECTION TO THAT SO WE'RE TRYING TO WORK ON THAT AS WELL SO I DON'T SEE ANY OBJECTION TODAY SO THAT'S GREAT SO ON THE MEDICAL BOARD SIDE IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WORK ON GUAM AND THAT THE VERY FEW OF YOU THAT THERE ARE I KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF WORK AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WORK AT THE HOSPITAL AS WELL AND I GUESS MY ONLY QUESTION WOULD BE AND I'LL ASK THE DIRECTOR ON WOULD THERE BE ANY PROBLEM OR WILL IT BE A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO MOVE ANY PENDING DISCIPLINARY CASES TO THE OTHER BOARD I DON'T KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY AT THIS TIME THERE AREN'T ANY THAT'S GREAT

Dr. Sungwook Steve Kim, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: AS FAR AS I KNOW THERE'S NO

Senator Therese M. Terlaje: SHOULD BE A SMOOTH TRANSITION BY THE HPLO OFFICE AND THEY'RE VERY COMPETENT SO I HAVE NO REAL CONCERNS ABOUT THAT PART ALL RIGHT SI YU'OS MA'ASE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR

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Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: THANK YOU SENATOR CHAIR TERLAJE VICE CHAIR SENATOR ADA NO QUESTION SENATOR CALVO

Senator Shelly V. Calvo, Committee Member: BUENES AND HABA ADAI EVERYONE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I THINK THIS BILL ENHANCES I BELIEVE THAT IT ENHANCES PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROFESSIONAL OVERSIGHT AND IT'S A GOOD BILL IT'S MINDFUL BECAUSE THIS ENSURES PODIATRISTS ARE HELD TO THE SAME STANDARDS OR HIGH STANDARDS AS OTHER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS GO THROUGH IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FRAMEWORK AND THE TIMELINE TO TRANSFER ACTIVE LICENSES I JUST HAVE ONE KIND OF LIKE ONE TWO QUESTION IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FRAMEWORK AND TIMELINE TO TRANSFER ACTIVE LICENSES AND INTEGRATING PODIATRISTS INTO GMB OPERATIONS HOW WILL LICENSE RECORDS APPLICATIONS PROCESSES AND DISCIPLINARY CASES BE TRANSFERRED OR RECONCILED WHAT IS THE PROPOSED PLAN TO TRANSITION PODIATRY LICENSES FROM GB GBH AHE TO GBME THAT'S MY OWN PENMANSHIP AND I CANNOT READ IT

Theresa C. Arriola, Director - Department of Public Health and Social Services: THANK YOU SENATOR CALVO I'LL ANSWER THAT UNDER H BECAUSE IT'S A AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS SO WHAT WE'LL DO IS AS SOON AS THE BILL IS LAW THEN WE'LL JUST TRANSITION AND ISSUE OUT NEW LICENSES

Senator Shelly V. Calvo, Committee Member: IT'S PRETTY MUCH A VERY SIMPLE

Theresa C. Arriola, Director - Department of Public Health and Social Services: SEAMLESS

Senator Shelly V. Calvo, Committee Member: IT'LL BE PROCESS THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THAT

Theresa C. Arriola, Director - Department of Public Health and Social Services: IF NEEDED I MEAN THERE CURRENTLY THE LICENSE IS INTACT AND IF THERE IS AN EIGHTH PODIATRIST THAT COMES ON GUAM THEN THEY'LL BE GETTING THEIR LICENSE THROUGH THE NEW BOARD IN WHICH IT'S FALLS UNDER BUT IT'S IT'LL JUST BE SEAMLESS

Senator Shelly V. Calvo, Committee Member: THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTION THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR

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Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: THANK YOU SENATOR CALVO SENATOR GUMATAOTAO

Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Committee Member: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND IT'S GREAT TO SEE 28% OF THE TOTAL PODIATRISTS ON GUAM IN ONE ROOM AT ANY GIVEN TIME SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT I WAS LIKE OKAY THERE'S SEVEN SO I JUST WANTED TO JUST PUT IT OUT THERE JUST A LITTLE BIT OF A LIGHT NOTE BEFORE MY QUESTIONS JUST HAD ONLY HAVE TWO QUESTIONS IF I CAN AND MAYBE THE DOCTORS CAN HELP AND PERHAPS MAYBE EVEN THERESE BUT WITH THE BILL AS DRAFTED LISTING REASONS FOR DENIAL SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSURE WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF ADDITIONAL INSTANCES THAT SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE BILL BEFORE IT MOVES THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS INCLUDING PERHAPS LANGUAGE COVERING MAYBE THE FOLLOWING INSTANCES PRESCRIBING DISPENSING OR ADMINISTERING LEGALLY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR ANY DEPENDENCY INDUCING MEDICATION WITHOUT LEGITIMATE MEDICAL JUSTIFICATION THEREFORE IN OTHER THAN A LEGAL OR A LEGITIMATE MANNER OR EMPLOYING SOLICITORS OR SUBSIDIZING AGENCIES OR PAYING OR PRESENTING ANY PERSON MONEY OR ANYTHING OF VALUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING PATIENTS WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS MEASURE IT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT BUT ALSO WOULD DO YOU GUYS WOULD YOU RECOMMEND ANY ADDS IF YOU WILL

Dr. Teresa D. Borja, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: I COULD SPEAK TO PART OF THAT IT IS A NEW REQUIREMENT OF ALL PHYSICIANS HOLDING DEA DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY LICENSE FEDERAL AND STATE WE ARE NOW REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH EIGHT HOURS OF TRAINING TO RENEW OUR DEA LICENSE AND THROUGH THAT WE LEARN THE HISTORY OF LIKE DRUG ABUSE AND SUBSTANCE DISORDERS THROUGHOUT THE STATES AND THE NATION INCLUDING THE TERRITORIES AND HOW THE DRUGS GOT BROUGHT INTO OUR NATION SO NOW WE ARE TRAINED TO IDENTIFY MAYBE DRUG SEEKING BEHAVIOR STUFF LIKE THAT AND TO KNOW THAT THERE IS HELP IN THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES WE CURRENTLY NOW HAVE A DEA OFFICE ON GUAM WHICH WILL HELP GREATLY WHEN WE DO ENCOUNTER SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO IN ADDITION TO THAT WE ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO DO I THINK FOUR HOURS OF ETHICS TRAINING SO THAT KEEPS THE DOCTOR INFORMED ON BOTH OF THESE TOPICS RELATING TO EVEN DEALING WITH PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES ANYTHING THAT MIGHT OR RELATIVES

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OTHER PEOPLE THAT MIGHT INFLUENCE YOUR DRUG PRESCRIBING PRACTICES SO BY THAT THE FEDERAL AND THE STATE AUTHORITIES HAVE MONITORING OVER ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY LIKE THAT SO WE ARE HELD TO THAT AS WELL

Dr. Sungwook Steve Kim, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: JUST TO ADD ON TO WHAT DR BORJA HAS MENTIONED THAT ETHICS COURSE THAT REQUIRED IS REQUIRED BY OUR ALSO FOR GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH AND ALSO FOR MEDICAL EXAMINERS AS WELL THAT WAS SOMETHING IMPLEMENTED I BELIEVE LAST RENEWAL CYCLE FOR THE MEDICAL LICENSE INCLUDING PODIATRY SO YOU KNOW THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WAS ADDED AND YOU KNOW COUPLE APPLICANTS THAT I REVIEWED FOR PODIATRY THAT HAD TO BE YOU KNOW YOU KNOW THE APPLICANTS HAD TO BE REFRESHED AND RENEWED WITH THESE NEW ETHICS COURSE THAT THEY HAVE TO TAKE AND FULFILL SO THEY CAN RESUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION IT HAPPENED A COUPLE TIMES DURING LAST APPLICATION RENEWAL SO IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S STRONGLY BEING IMPLEMENTED TO ALL THE DOCTORS AND THAT ARE APPLYING TO OUR TO GUAM AND IN EXTENT OF YOU KNOW SENATOR CALVO'S QUESTION THE LAST RENEWAL PERIOD WAS JUST LAST DECEMBER SO YOU KNOW ALL PODIATRY MEMBERS AT LEAST THE LICENSE THAT THEY HAVE IS SOMETHING THAT WERE RENEWED JUST STARTING THIS YEAR SO I THINK EVERYONE IS PRETTY MUCH ON THE SAME PAGE FOR THAT ONE

Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Committee Member: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU DR KIM

Dr. V. Kwasi Nyame, Chief Medical Officer - Guam Memorial Hospital: IF I MAY THE FEES FOR THE PODIATRY AND THE GBME ARE DIFFERENT READING THROUGH THE BILL I DIDN'T SEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PODIATRISTS VERSUS MEDICAL DOCTORS DO WE CARRY OVER THE FEES FROM THE ALLIED HEALTH OR DO WE HAVE NEW FEES IF THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE BILL I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO CLARIFY THAT ALSO TRAINING FOR THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS ON HOW TO I GUESS PROVIDE LICENSES TO PODIATRIST WOULD BE HELPFUL ON THE BOARD SOMETIMES NOT ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE AVAILABLE AND SO FOR EXAMPLE IF THE ONE PODIATRY MEMBER IS NOT AVAILABLE IT FALLS ON THE REST OF THE BOARD TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THIS APPLICANT GETS A LICENSE AND SO IF WE CAN HAVE TRAINING ON HOW TO ESTABLISH GIVEN LICENSES TO PODIATRISTS I THINK THAT WOULD BE THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL

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Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Committee Member: AND THANK YOU AND I THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA IN THE MARKUP FOR THIS BILL SO THANK YOU FOR THE YOUR INPUT MADAM CHAIR I ONLY HAVE ONE MORE ONLY ONE MORE QUESTION RECOGNIZING THAT 10GCA SECTION 12203 WITH THE GUAM MEDICAL BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS REQUIRES THAT ALL BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAVE RESIDED IN GUAM FOR AT LEAST FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THEIR APPOINTMENT CAN YOU PLEASE CLARIFY IF YOU COULD FOR THE RECORD WHETHER PERMANENT RESIDENTS MUST BE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN IF THEY WISH TO OBTAIN A LICENSE TO PRACTICE PODIATRY IN THE TERRITORY OF GUAM

Dr. Sungwook Steve Kim, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: I DO LACK YOU KNOW SOME KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THIS BUT AS FAR AS I KNOW JUST GETTING INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL OR PODIATRY SCHOOL YOU DO HAVE TO HAVE US CITIZENSHIP OR PERMANENT RESIDENCY TO EVEN TO GO INTO THE SCHOOL AND TO GRADUATE SAME FOR THE RESIDENCY TRAINING THEY DO REQUIRE US CITIZENSHIP OR PERMANENT RESIDENCY SO THE 5-YEAR PERIOD I SORRY I'M NOT TOO SURE BUT YES YOU DO NEED TO BE US CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENT TO BECOME A PRACTITIONER A PHYSICIAN ON UNITED STATES IN GENERAL SO BUT THE LENGTH FIVE YEARS SORRY I'M NOT TOO SURE ABOUT THAT

Dr. Teresa D. Borja, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: AND ALSO IN ADDITION TO THAT YOU ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF GBME AND GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH IS THAT YOU COMPLETE A RES A US RESIDENCY DEPENDING ON YOUR SPECIALTY FOR THE UNIFORM AMOUNT LIKE GENERAL SURGERY IS FIVE YEARS CONSECUTIVELY CONSECUTIVE FIVE YEARS SO IN ADDITION TO US RESIDENT BEING A US RESIDENT AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS THAT IS A REQUIREMENT OF BOTH BOARDS TO BE LICENSED HERE ON GUAM SO THAT'S JUST ANOTHER LEVEL OF TRAINING THAT THEY ENSURE THAT OUR DOCTORS HAVE YEAH

Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Committee Member: AND THANK YOU FOR THAT BECAUSE I MEAN OBVIOUSLY I MEAN WE'RE ALL WATCHING THE CONRAD STATE 30 AND PHYSICIAN ACCESS REAUTHORIZATION ACT THAT'S GOING THROUGH CONGRESS RIGHT NOW THAT IS AGAIN LOOKING AT YOU KNOW HOW DO WE MANAGE INTERNATIONAL DOCTORS WHO WOULD HAVE COMPLETED THEIR RESIDENCY TRAINING IN THE US AND HOW DO THEY REMAIN IN AMERICA

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SO OBVIOUSLY WITH THE SHORTAGES NOT JUST IN GUAM BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT PARTICULAR FEDERAL LAW HAS A LOT OF ATTENTION AND I JUST WANTED TO BRING IT UP ESPECIALLY AS PART OF THIS PARTICULAR HEARING BUT OTHERWISE MADAM CHAIR I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR TESTIFYING TODAY

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: THANK YOU SENATOR GUMATAOTAO SENATOR TAITAGUE

Senator Telo T. Taitague: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR GOOD AFTERNOON TO MY COLLEAGUES AND THOSE WHO ARE HERE TESTIFYING AND OF COURSE THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE I APPRECIATE YOU COMING TODAY TAKING THE TIME OUT OF YOUR VERY BUSY SCHEDULE YOU KNOW WHERE THERE'S THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF PHYSICIANS AS WELL AS OTHER PROFESSIONALS IN THE INDUSTRY AND I APPRECIATE YOU BEING ON GUAM TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE SO FIRST AND FOREMOST THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT I DO KNOW THAT THIS WAS UNDER THE BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS BEFORE AND NOW IT'S GOING TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS CAN YOU TELL ME WHY IT WAS PUT IN ALLIED HEALTH AT THE VERY BEGINNING AND NOT INTO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS SORRY I WAS KIND OF LATE SO IF SOMEBODY ALREADY ANSWERED THAT QUESTION I APOLOGIZE BUT CAN SOMEONE GIVE ME A REASON FOR THAT WHY IT WAS PLACED THERE INSTEAD OF WHERE IT'S GOING TO NOW

Dr. Teresa D. Borja, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: YES SO SINCE THE FIRST PODIATRIST HERE ON GUAM I BELIEVE THAT WAS DR HAZEN SOME 28 30 YEARS AGO HE CAME INTO THE ISLAND WHEN WE HAD NO PODIATRIST AND HE FELL IN LOVE WITH THE ISLAND AND HE WANTED TO STAY SO AT THAT TIME THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY WAS NOT FULLY AWARE OF PODIATRY SCOPE OF PRACTICE THEY HAD VERY LITTLE EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND MIRRORING SOME OF THE OTHER STATES THEY DECIDED IT'S BEST PROBABLY TO START US OUT AS AN ALLIED HEALTH MEMBER BECAUSE WE BACK IN THAT TIME WE WERE ALSO NOT VIEWED AS PHYSICIANS EARLY ON UNTIL MEDICARE DEFINED THE PODIATRIST AS A PHYSICIAN A DECADE OR A COUPLE DECADES AGO SO IT STARTED OUT AS ALLIED HEALTH AND SOME OF THE OTHER STATES DO HAVE ALLIED HEALTH SOME ARE CHANGING IOWA HAS LICENSED SHARE OF PODIATRISTS UNDER THE ALLIED HEALTH NOT TOO MANY ARE LEFT UNDER THE ALLIED HEALTH GUAM WAS THE ONLY OTHER ONE THAT I KNEW THAT WE WERE UNDER ALLIED HEALTH SO THIS MOVING TO GBME WAS THOUGHT OF ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO WITH DISCUSSIONS

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WITH DR BALAJADIA AND SOME OF THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY THERE MAY BE STILL SOME MEDICAL PHYSICIANS THAT ARE NOT IN SUPPORT OF THIS BUT FOR OUR PURPOSES ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE LATER IN THEIR CAREER I AS I EXPRESSED WITH THE DISCUSSION WITH SENATOR TERLAJE FOR ME PERSONALLY IT DOESN'T MATTER BECAUSE THE RULES AND THE LICENSING PROCESS IS JUST AS STRINGENT AS IT IS THROUGH THE MEDICAL BOARD SO FOR ME PERSONALLY IT DIDN'T MATTER WHERE I REMAINED I'M KIND OF LATER IN MY CAREER BUT FOR SOME OF THE NEWER ONES I THINK IT BEHOOVES GUAM TO HAVE THIS UNDER GBME SO THAT YOU HAVE A LIKE YOU SAID A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO LICENSE NEW PODIATRISTS COMING IN BECAUSE SOME OF US HAVE BEEN HERE FOR A LONG TIME AND SOME OF THE NEW RULES AND REGULATIONS CAN BE YOU KNOW KIND OF IMPLEMENTED PROBABLY MORE STRONGLY WITH GBME

Senator Telo T. Taitague: WELL THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT HISTORY ABOUT THAT AND KNOWING THAT GUAM WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT PLACED IT IN ALLIED HEALTH THERE'S STILL SOME OTHER STATES OUT THERE DOING THE SAME IT WAS ANOTHER QUESTION I HAD ACTUALLY IT WAS TOUCHED ON BY I'M SORRY I DON'T KNOW YOU DR KWASI OKAY YOU BROUGHT UP BECAUSE ONE OF MY QUESTIONS HAD TO DO NOW THAT YOU'RE MOVING OVER TO MEDICAL THE MEDICAL BOARD SIDE INSTEAD OF ALLIED HEALTH THE COST WILL THE PODIATRISTS HAVE TO NOT HAVE TO BUT DO YOU SEE YOURSELF RAISING FEES BECAUSE OF THE MOVE GOING FROM ONE ALLIED HEALTH TO NOW THE MEDICAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS WHICH IS MORE STRINGENT AND SO DO YOU SEE THE COST GOING UP IN YOUR IN YOUR LINE OF WORK

Dr. Sungwook Steve Kim, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: I CAN ANSWER THIS FOR YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE FROM MY UNDERSTANDING EVEN WITHIN GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS PODIATRY APPLICATION FEE WAS NEVER RAISED I THINK THREE YEARS AGO OR SO GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH OVERALL THEY RAISED THEIR APPLICATION FEE THREE OR TWO YEARS AGO I MAY BE WRONG BUT PODIATRY WAS NEVER RAISED BECAUSE THEY WERE THINKING THAT PODIATRY MAY TRANSITION IN UNDER GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS SO THEY LEFT PODIATRY APPLICATION FEE AS IS OR MEMBERSHIP FEE AS IS SINCE THEN SO AND THEN AS YOU KNOW THERE WAS ABSENCE OF A PODIATRY BOARD MEMBER FOR GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS AS WELL SO THAT KIND OF LED TO NOW WHERE I THINK PODIATRY HAS THE LOWEST APPLICATION FEE EVEN WITHIN THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED

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HEALTH EXAMINERS SO YES YOU KNOW IT IS EXPECTED I BELIEVE TO ONCE WE MOVE UNDER TRANSITION UNDER GUAM MEDICAL EXAMINERS IT SHOULD BE WE'LL HAVE THE SAME FEE PLEASE

Senator Telo T. Taitague: YOU'LL HAVE THE SAME FEE IS THAT

Dr. Sungwook Steve Kim, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE WE'LL HAVE SORRY WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE SAME FEE

Senator Telo T. Taitague: SO YOU DON'T SEE AN INCREASE BEING UNDER THIS BOARD THEN WE'LL HAVE

Dr. Sungwook Steve Kim, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: SORRY WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE THE SAME FEE AS THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS APPLICATION FEE

Senator Telo T. Taitague: OKAY WHICH WILL BE MORE

Dr. Sungwook Steve Kim, Podiatrist - Mariana's Footcare Clinic: MORE YES

Senator Telo T. Taitague: YES SUBSTANTIALLY MORE

Dr. V. Kwasi Nyame, Chief Medical Officer - Guam Memorial Hospital: SO I THINK THE LAST TIME FEES WERE RAISED FOR GBME WAS BETWEEN 5 AND 10 YEARS AGO CURRENTLY IS \$400 FOR A NEW APPLICATION AND \$200 FOR A RENEWAL FOR PODIATRY IS \$250 FOR A NEW APPLICATION AND \$80 FOR RENEWAL WE NEED TO GENERATE FUNDS IN ORDER TO DO OUR JOB WE NEED TO HIRE LAWYERS WE NEED TO HIRE INVESTIGATORS THAT COSTS MONEY RIGHT NOW THERE ARE CASES THAT WE HAVEN'T DECIDED ON BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND IS DELAYING THE PROCESS SO WE ARE TALKING ABOUT INCREASING OUR FEES WHICH HAVEN'T DONE A LONG TIME BECAUSE THE WORK WE DO IS VERY TIME CONSUMING AND REQUIRES STAFF WE ALSO HAVE TO RAISE THE COST OF PODIATRIST BECAUSE THEY ARE NOW PART OF THE FAMILY SO I FORESEE THAT BEING SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS

Senator Telo T. Taitague: AS IN THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD THERE IS A POSITION FOR PODIATRY TO BE SITTING ON THAT BOARD WHEN YOU GO TO MEDICAL EXAMINER'S SIDE OF COURSE IT'S MOST OF IT'S APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR THOSE WHO ARE SITTING ON THE BOARD AND THERE'S A LOT OF CONTROVERSY THAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW AT THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS YOU

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KNOW SUITS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP THAT FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS NOBODY HAS YOU KNOW BEEN TRIED FOR ANYTHING OR CONVICTED YET THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE COUNTLESS TIMES OF CALLED FOR NEGLECT OR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE FOR SOME OF THESE PHYSICIANS YOU'RE UNDER A LOT OF SCRUTINY NOW YOU KNOW BEING UNDER THIS PARTICULAR BOARD AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF CONTRIBUTIONS YOU HAVE TO THIS BOARD OTHER THAN YOU KNOW FOLLOWING THE RULES AND GUIDELINES BUT I HOPE YOU BECOME DON'T TURN A BLIND EYE I HOPE THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS BOARD THAT NOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE MEMBER OF BECAUSE I THINK THIS BILL IS GOING TO PASS THAT YOU CAN INCORPORATE SOME OF THE YOUR INSIGHT ON HOW TO MAKE THIS BOARD BETTER BECAUSE EVERYBODY KNOWS THIS BOARD IS REALLY UNDER WELL THEY HAVEN'T BEEN DOING A WHOLE LOT OF ADDRESSING WHEN IT COMES TO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SO IT'S SOMETHING I THINK YOU SHOULD REALLY LOOK INTO AS WELL BUT I APPRECIATE YOU BEING HEARING AND YOUR HONESTY AND GOOD LUCK IN INTO THIS NEW BOARD THANK YOU THANK YOU MR CHAIR

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE AS FOR MYSELF I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR YOU BUT I DO SUPPORT BILL 56 AND HOPE TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OR BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR ON THIS LEGISLATION AND AS I MENTIONED DR NYAME I AM INTRODUCING A BILL REGARDING PHYSICIANS ASSISTANCE AND MOVING IT UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND TO ADDRESS A POINT BY SENATOR TAITAGUE I DO PLAN ON HOLDING AN INFORMATIONAL POSSIBLY EVEN AN OVERSIGHT HEARING INTO THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS SO THANK YOU SENATOR FOR BRINGING THAT UP SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU MAY CLOSE TERLAJE SENATOR TERLAJE

Senator Therese M. Terlaje: SI YU'OS MA'ASE THANK YOU AGAIN DOCTORS FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND DIRECTOR FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU YEAH WHEN YOU ARE ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS THAT REALLY I THINK WHAT THE PUBLIC'S CRYING FOR IS JUST THAT THE CASES THAT ARE BROUGHT BEFORE THEM ARE ADJUDICATED OR DISCUSSED AND TREATED QUICKLY AND I KNOW DR NYAME YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT FEES AND I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE WE'VE HAD SEVERAL OVERSIGHT HEARINGS OVER THE YEARS EVEN DURING COVID WE HAD TO HAVE SOME REGARDING THE LICENSING BOARDS THEIR COMPLAINT ABOUT NOT HAVING LAWYERS SO THAT

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WAS ALL CLARIFIED AND IT'S YOUR DUTY TO RAISE YOUR FEES WHEN YOU NEED TO RAISE YOUR FEES IN ORDER TO AFFORD WHAT THE BOARDS NEED TO AFFORD IF THEY NEED TO AFFORD DIFFERENT LICENSING PROCEDURES DIFFERENT TRAINING DIFFERENT LAWYERS THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO WORK IT OUT WITH THE AG BUT WHEN THAT DOESN'T WORK WE'VE GIVEN THEM FULL AUTHORITY TO HIRE LAWYERS AT THE HPLO OFFICE THEY WERE SHARING BEFORE AND YOU CAN HIRE YOUR OWN IF YOU CAN AFFORD IT BUT THAT'S ALL A MATTER OF FEES SO PARTICULARLY THE MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD WE'VE GONE THROUGH THAT AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE RAISING THEIR FEES IF THEY NEED TO THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD DID AND SOME OF THE OTHERS SO AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE EXPECT IS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE WILLING TO DO THAT AND ABLE TO DO THAT I KNOW IT'S YOUR PHYSICIAN PEERS THAT MIGHT OBJECT BUT STILL THAT'S REALLY WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM RIGHT THAT'S THE JOB OF THESE BOARDS AND SO I WANT TO RECOGNIZE A CRITICAL ROLE THAT PODIATRISTS PLAY IN GUAM IN DIAGNOSING TREATING PERFORMING SURGERIES ON FOOT AND ANKLE CONDITIONS ALIGNING THEIR REGULATION WITH OTHER PHYSICIAN LEVEL PROFESSIONALS VERY MUCH SO AND I THINK THE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER IT'S GOING TO BE STRINGENT MORE STRINGENT I DON'T THINK SO YOU'VE GOT TO YOU HAVE ALREADY HAD TO GO THROUGH ALL THAT TRAINING AND YOU'VE GOT TO WE'VE ADOPTED ETHICAL RULES FOR ALL THE BOARDS AGAIN BY LEGISLATION SO THERE THESE ARE THE NATIONAL STANDARDS THAT ALL THESE BOARDS NOW MUST FOLLOW OR THESE PROFESSIONS FOLLOW AND THE SAME THING WITH THE EXAMINATIONS AND I'M SURE THOSE ARE ALL STANDARDIZED FOR YOUR PROFESSIONS AND THE GOAL IS TO EQUALIZE THE REGULATION OF PODIATRISTS WITH THE REGULATION OF OTHER PHYSICIANS BECAUSE OF THE ROLE THAT YOU'RE PLAYING BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS WE'RE HAVING ON GUAM WITH THESE WITH THE NEED FOR PODIATRISTS WE'VE GOT ONE OF THE HIGHER RATES OF DISEASES THAT AFFECT OUR LIMBS DIABETES ESPECIALLY SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR WORK AND YOUR WORK IN PREVENTION AS WELL AND THAT HOPEFULLY AL TOGETHER WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO THIS SO WE I WAS LOOKING AT THE CURRENT LAW IN REGARDS TO THEIR LICENSING OF FOR GRADUATES OF FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOLS THERE ARE STRICT RULES ABOUT IT AND BUT IT'S ALLOWED WITH OTHER RULES AND IT SAYS THEY FOLLOW THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION STANDARDS OR RULES THAT THEY'VE SET UP AS WELL AND FOR THE OTHERS THEY'RE FOLLOWING THE DIFFERENT NATIONAL STANDARDS AS

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WELL SO I'M VERY CONFIDENT IN THE WORK THAT YOU DO AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE ON THE ALLIED HEALTH BOARD SAYS THAT'S A HUGE BOARD SO THEY'VE HAD TO DO A LOT OF WORK SO I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOU DR KIM FOR SERVING ON THAT BOARD DR NYAME FOR YOU'RE THE GMH REP NOW ON THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS SO BY STATUTE THE GMH REP IS I MEAN THE GMH CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER IS A MEMBER OF THAT BOARD SO SI YU'OS MA'ASE AND DIRECTOR FOR YOUR ASSURANCE OF A SMOOTH TRANSITION I KNOW THAT'S ONE OF THE CONCERNS SO VERY MUCH I'M ASSUMING THE FEES ARE GOING TO BE TRANSITIONED OVER AND IT'S COMPLETELY UP TO THE MEDICAL BOARD TO DECIDE WHETHER TO RAISE IT OR NOT WITH YOUR INPUT SO AGAIN THANK YOU AGAIN TO YOUR FOR YOUR TESTIMONY THANK YOU AGAIN MADAM CHAIR

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Committee Chairperson: THANK YOU SENATOR TERAJE WE HOPE TO HAVE BILL 56 ON THE NEXT SESSION AGENDA AND PASSED SWIFTLY WE WILL NOW BE PROCEEDING WITH PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON BILL 78 INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SHELLY CALVO AGAIN THIS IS AN ACT IMPLEMENT THE RESTAURANT MEALS PROGRAM OR RMP UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR SNAP AT THIS TIME I ASK THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY TO PLEASE TAKE A SEAT AT THE TABLE SENATOR CALVO YOU HAVE 10 MINUTES TO PROVIDE YOUR OPENING REMARKS ON YOUR BILL

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs finds that podiatrists are currently licensed under the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners. However, there is a proposal to move podiatrists under the Guam Board of Medical Examiners (GBME), which has a more stringent licensing process and higher fees compared to the Allied Health Board. The transition is expected to be seamless, with new licenses issued by GBME. This change is crucial due to the shortage of podiatrists in Guam, where only seven licensed podiatrists are currently practicing. Most states either have independent podiatry boards or include podiatry under their medical boards. Podiatrists perform surgeries and prescribe controlled substances, aligning their practices with other medical professionals. However, there are concerns about GBME's effectiveness in addressing medical malpractice.

Recommendations include moving podiatrists under the Guam Board of Medical Examiners to align with national standards. It is essential to ensure that podiatrists have voting power within

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GBME similar to their current status in the Allied Health Board. Consideration should be given to raising podiatry licensing fees to match those of GBME to support necessary resources. Training should be provided to GBME members on podiatric licensing and regulation. It is also recommended to address the broader concerns about GBME's responsiveness to medical malpractice issues. Maintaining stringent ethical and educational standards for podiatrists is crucial.

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs hereby reports out on **Bill No. 56-38 (COR)**- As Amended by the Committee - AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PODIATRY UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CODE OF ETHICS FOR PODIATRY BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (9) AND AMENDING SUBSECTION (7) OF §12202(a), AMENDING SUBSECTIONS (4), (7), (8) OF §12202(b), SUBSECTIONS (a)(1) AND (2) OF §12203, SUBSECTION (b)(1) AND (i)(2) OF §12205, AND ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION(10) AND (11) TO §12215(a), ALL OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED with a recommendation **TO REPORT OUT ONLY** .

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

Bill No. 56-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje 

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCLUDING PODIATRY
UNDER THE GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL
EXAMINERS, AND TO ADOPT RULES AND
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes the critical role podiatrists play in Guam's healthcare system, providing specialized medical care for conditions affecting the foot, ankle, and lower extremities. Their expertise includes diagnosing and treating injuries, managing chronic conditions such as diabetes-related foot complications, performing surgical procedures, and prescribing medications.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that, despite their surgical and medical responsibilities, podiatrists in Guam are currently regulated under the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners. While this board oversees a variety of health professions, podiatry is distinct in its training, scope of practice, and integration into medical care.

1 In many U.S. jurisdictions, podiatrists are regulated under state medical boards that
2 reflect the medical nature of their work.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that there is a need for a regulatory framework that
4 aligns podiatry with other physician-level professions. Given their ability to diagnose,
5 perform surgery, and prescribe controlled substances, podiatrists would be more
6 appropriately regulated under the Guam Board of Medical Examiners, which sets
7 standards for medical practice, ethical conduct, and patient safety.

8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that transferring podiatrists from the Guam Board
9 of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners will improve
10 the efficiency and consistency of medical licensing and oversight. This transition will
11 ensure that podiatrists are subject to the same professional standards as other medical
12 practitioners, fostering greater collaboration within the healthcare system and
13 enhancing public confidence in their care.

14 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend the regulatory
15 structure for podiatry, placing it under the authority of the Guam Board of Medical
16 Examiners to ensure appropriate oversight, consistency in medical licensing, and
17 alignment with national best practices.

18 **Section 2.** Transfer of Jurisdiction with Respect to the Profession of Podiatry from the
19 Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners.

20 (a) Jurisdiction with respect to the licensure and practice of podiatry presently
21 located in Articles 17 of Chapter 12, Title 10 ,Guam Code Annotated, is
22 transferred from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam
23 Board of Medical Examiners to be placed in Article 2 Chapter 12 Title 10,
24 Guam Code Annotated, to be codified as determined by the Compiler of
25 Laws as authorized by 1 GCA § 1606.

26 (b) Subsection 12802(a)(9) of Article 8, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
27 Annotated, is repealed and reenacted as a new subsection (8) to §12202(a)

of Article 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated and the remaining subsections of §12802(a) renumbered as determined by the Compiler of Laws as authorized by 1GCA §1606.

(c) All Guam statutes and administrative rules and regulations not specifically identified or mentioned in this enactment which refer to the jurisdiction and authority of the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners over the licensure, practice, and discipline podiatrists or doctors of podiatry are amended to reflect the transfer of jurisdiction from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners, which shall henceforward perform all functions with respect to licensure, discipline, rulemaking concerning this one profession formerly performed by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

Section 3. Subsection (7) of §12202(a) of Article 2, Chapter 12, Title Guam Code Annotated is *amended* to read as follows:

“(7) using the designation Doctor, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy, Physician, Surgeon, Physician and Surgeon, Doctor of Podiatry, Podiatrist, Dr., M.D., D.O., D.P.M. or any combination thereof in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of human disease or condition, unless such a designation additionally contains the description of another branch of the healing arts for which one holds a valid license in the jurisdiction.”

Section 4. Subsection (4) of §12202(b) of Article 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated is *amended* to read as follows:

“(4) those practicing dentistry, nursing, optometry, ~~podiatry~~, psychology or any other of the healing arts in accord with, and as provided by the laws of Guam;”

Section 5. Subsections (7) and (8) of §12202(b) of Article 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated are hereby *amended* to read:

1 “(7) those fully licensed to practice medicine or podiatry in another jurisdiction
2 of the United States who briefly render emergency medical treatment or briefly
3 provide critical medical service at the specific lawful direction of a medical institution
4 or Federal agency that assumes full responsibility for that treatment or service and is
5 approved by the state medical board.”

6 (8) A licensed physician or podiatrist who resides outside of Guam within a
7 State, Federal jurisdiction or country is not subject to Guam medical licensure
8 requirements where said licensed physician is providing consultation to a Guam
9 licensed physician through the use of telemedicine technology if:

10 (A) the non-resident licensed consulting physician or podiatrist operates no
11 clinical practice or office on Guam;

12 (B) the non-resident licensed consulting physician or podiatrist does not render
13 any final written or otherwise documented final medical opinion concerning the
14 diagnosis or treatment of a patient on Guam directly to the patient; and

15 (C) the non-resident licensed consulting physician or podiatrist does not render
16 any treatment to any patient on Guam.

17 (D) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or podiatrist may render
18 care and provide final diagnostic and treatment decisions without an active
19 Guam license if the consultant is to act as a receiving physician, podiatrist, or
20 physician assistant for the patient in the consultant’s jurisdiction.

21 (E) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or podiatrist may render care
22 and provide diagnostic and treatment recommendations without an active Guam
23 license if the consulting physician or podiatrist acts jointly and directly with the
24 local attending physician or podiatrist of the patient who is the subject of the
25 consultation.

1 (F) The non-resident licensed consulting physician or podiatrist rendering
2 consultation shall abide by all local and federal laws with regard to patient
3 confidentiality.”.

4 **Section 6.** Subsection (a)(1) and (2) of §12203 of Article 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam
5 Code Annotated are *amended* to read as follows:

6 “(a) There is established, in and for the government of Guam, a Guam Board of
7 Medical Examiners (~~BOARD~~) (Board) composed of ~~seven (7)~~ eight (8)
8 members who shall be nominated and appointed by *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*, with
9 the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

10 (1) At least six (6) of the ~~seven (7)~~ eight (8) members shall be physicians,
11 Doctors of osteopathy, or surgeons licensed in Guam, and one (1) shall be a
12 podiatrist licensed in Guam. The members of the Board who are licensed
13 healthcare providers shall be persons of recognized professional ability and
14 integrity, and shall have practiced in Guam for at least five (5) consecutive years
15 immediately preceding the appointment.”

16 (2) All members of the Board shall be citizens or permanent residents of
17 the United States who have resided in Guam for at least five (5) consecutive
18 years immediately preceding the appointment.”

19 **Section 7.** Subsection (1) of §12205(b), Article 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
20 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

21 “(1) The applicant shall possess the degree of Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy
22 or Podiatry from a medical college or school located in the United States, its territories
23 or possessions, or Canada that was approved by the Board or by a private nonprofit
24 accrediting body approved by the Board at the time the degree was conferred.”

25 **Section 8.** Subsection (2) of §12205(i), Article 2, Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code
26 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

1 “(2) The Board shall review and verify medical credentials and screen applicant
2 records through recognized national physician information services (e.g. the
3 Federation of State Medical Boards’ Board Action Data Bank and Credentials
4 Verification Service, the files of the American Medical Association, the American
5 Osteopathic Association, the American Podiatry Association, and other national data
6 banks and information resources).”

7 **Section 9. Repeal of Administrative Rules and Regulations.** All references found
8 within any rules and regulations presently located at Title 25 Guam Administrative
9 Rules and Regulations Chapter 10 governing the licensure, practice, and supervision
10 of podiatry are repealed.

11 **Section 10. Approval of Administrative Rules and Regulations for Podiatry.**
12 Additions to 25 GARR Chapter 11, the Guam Board of Medical Examiners
13 Administrative Rules and Regulations governing the licensure and practice of
14 Podiatry, attached hereto as Exhibit A, are approved. GBME may repeal, amend, or
15 add to these rules pursuant to 5 GCA Chapter 9 Administrative Adjudication Law
16 (AAL).

17 **Section 11. Codes of Professional Conduct and Ethics.** The Guam Board of Medical
18 Examiners Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Podiatrists, attached hereto
19 as Exhibit B, is approved. GBME may repeal, amend, or add to these rules pursuant
20 to 5 GCA Chapter 9 Administrative Adjudication Law (AAL).

21 **Section 12. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any person
22 or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not 6 affect
23 other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid
24 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

25 **Section 13. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective upon its
26 enactment.

EXHIBIT A

GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR

PODIATRISTS

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
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**GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & REGULATIONS**

The following rules shall be added to 25 GAR Chapter 11.

§ _____ RULES APPLICABLE TO TO PODIATRISTS

§ _____. Definition – Podiatric Medicine

Podiatric medicine means the diagnosis, medical, surgical, mechanical, manipulative, and electrical treatment of the human foot and ankle, including the tendons that insert into the foot, and the nonsurgical treatment of the muscles and tendons of the leg governing the functions of the foot.

§ _____. Scope of Practice.

(a) A license to practice podiatric medicine on Guam authorizes the holder to practice podiatric medicine as defined in these Rules.

(b) No doctor of podiatric medicine shall do any amputation of the foot in total. Surgical debridement with plastic repairs or reconstruction of diseased, traumatized or devitalized, nonviable or necrotic tissue shall be the standard of treatment for these diseased processes.

(c) Doctors of podiatric medicine practicing within the framework of this policy statement are subject to all laws governing gross negligence, incompetence and repeated negligent acts

§ _____. Podiatric Medicine [RESERVED]

§ _____. RENEWAL OF LICENSE – PODIATRIST

(a) Licenses expire biennially on December 31st of even numbered years and may be renewed upon payment of a renewal fee and proof of completion of continuing education requirements as stated in these rules and regulations. The Board staff shall, no later than September 1st of each even-numbered year, mail a notice of renewal along with a renewal form to the licensee's latest address on file with the Board. Failure of the Board staff to send renewal notices and forms does not excuse the licensee from failing to file the forms, documentation, and fees required to renew their license. A new certificate or other evidence of current licensure may be mailed to all persons completing renewal requirements as stated herein.

(b) An individual licensed on or after October 1 of the renewal year is not required to renew or provide proof of continuing education until the following renewal term.

(c) In addition to payment of required fees and proof of continuing education, additional documentation is required of the following allied health professionals:

(1) *Podiatrists* must, at the time of license renewal, provide proof or otherwise certify that they possess a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation ("CPR") or Basic Life Support ("BLS"). Failure to maintain current CPR or BLS certification shall result in the automatic suspension of the Podiatrist's license.

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§ _____. Continuing Education

(a) Minimum continuing education requirements. In order to qualify for renewal of a podiatrist license, a minimum of thirty (50) credit hours of continuing education must be earned during each two (2) year licensure period, of which a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours must be directly related to the licensee's profession within each two (2) year licensure period.

§ _____. Approved Continuing Education Programs. The following are approved by the Board as continuing education programs:

(a) programs which are approved by the American Podiatric Medical Association and its affiliated organizations;

(b) programs that qualify for Category I Credit of the American Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association and their affiliated organizations;

(c) programs offered by approved colleges or schools of podiatric medicine, medicine and osteopathic medicine;

(d) podiatric residency program or clinical fellowship in a hospital approved for podiatric residencies (Completion of a residency program or clinical fellowship shall be credit for fifty (50) hours of approved continuing education.);

and (e) programs offered by other individuals, organizations and institutions approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

§ _____. Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of Licensure.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule, the Board of Medical Examiners is authorized to refuse, revoke, or suspend the license of a podiatrist for any of the following reasons:

(1) Conviction of felony in Guam or any other state, territory, or country. Conviction as used in this paragraph shall include a finding or verdict of guilty, an admission of guilt, or a plea of nolo contendere;

(2) Habitually using any habit-forming drug such as opium or any of its derivatives, morphine, heroin, cocaine, or any habit-forming drug;

(3) Fraud or deceit in obtaining initial approval as a podiatrist, or in the practice of the podiatry profession;

(4) Professional misconduct of incompetence, or gross carelessness or manifest incapacity in the practice of medicine;

(5)

(6) Having his/her approval to serve as a podiatrist revoked or suspended or having any other disciplinary action taken, or an application for approval refused, revoked, or suspended by the proper regulatory authority of another state, territory, or country;

(7) Violating a lawful regulation promulgated by the Board or violating a lawful of the Board, previously entered by the Board in a disciplinary proceeding.

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(b) Disciplinary measures: When the Guam Board of Medical Examiners determines that the approval of a podiatrist may be refused, revoked, or suspended under the terms of this Act, it may:

- (1) Deny the application for approval;
- (2) Administer a public or private reprimand;
- (3) Revoke, suspend, limit, or otherwise restrict licensure and/or registration;
- (4) Require a podiatrist to submit to the care, counseling, or treatment of a physician or physicians designated by the Board;
- (5) Suspend enforcement of its finding thereof and place the podiatrist on probation with the right to vacate the probationary order;
- (6) Restore or reissue, at its discretion, a license to serve as a podiatrist, and impose the disciplinary or corrective measure which it might have originally imposed.

EXHIBIT B

GUAM BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

CODES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT & ETHICS

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25 GAR§ _____. CODES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT/ ETHICS

(a) All licensees, registrants, and certificate holders shall comply with the following Codes of Professional Conduct:

(1) **DOCTORS OF MEDICINE.[RESERVED]**

(2) **DOCTORS OF OSTEOPATHY. [RESERVED]**

(3) **DOCTORS OF PODIATRY.** The Code of Professional Conduct for Podiatrists licensed by the Board shall be the American Podiatric Medical Association – Code of Ethics (2013) as adopted as of the effective dates of these rules, and any revisions made hereafter thereto. These Rules shall be known as the Code of Professional Conduct for Podiatrist and by reference thereto shall have the full force and effect of a regulation of the Board. In the event of a conflict between the Code of Professional Conduct for Podiatrist and any statute enacted by the Guam Legislature or any rule promulgated by this Board the more recent in time statute or rule shall control.



SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 38th Guam Legislature

April 25, 2025

Transmitted via Electronic Mail:

Sabrina Salas Matanane, Chairperson
Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs
office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov

RE: Amendments to Bill 56-38(COR)

Hafa Adai Senator Matanane,

Thank you for holding a public hearing on Bill 56-38(COR) and allowing me the opportunity to submit suggested amendments to the bill. At this time I am recommending no amendments.

I hope you consider swift action to report Bill 56-38(COR) out of committee to be considered in the next legislative session.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

Senator Therese M. Terlaje



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan

38th Guam Legislature

February 28, 2025

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 56-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 56-38 (COR).

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



Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 56-38 (COR)

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Public Health and Social Services	Dept./Agency Head: Theresa C Arriola, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Operations (\$58,150,402); Health Insurance Premiums for Foster Children (\$1,855,841); Child Protective Services Program (\$2,220,129); Miscellaneous Appropriation for Grants for Homelessness (\$500,000)	\$70,787,961
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Environmental Health Fund (\$1,415,223); Health Professional Licensing Office Revolving Fund (\$338,801); Office of Vital Statistics Revolving Fund (\$225,014); DPHSS Sanitary Inspection Revolving Fund (\$424,986); Healthy Futures Fund for Guam Cancer Registry (\$389,144)	\$2,793,168
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$73,581,129

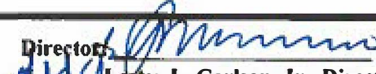
Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

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

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill

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

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

Analyst: 	Date: <u>02/25/2025</u>	Director: 	Date: <u>FEB 27 2025</u>
Tyler Bautista, BMA II		Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director	

Notes:
 1/ See attached comments.

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 56-38 (COR)

The proposed legislation seeks to include podiatry under the Guam Board of Medical Examiners and to adopt rules and regulations and code of ethics for podiatry by adding a new subsection (9) and amending subsection (7) of §12202(a), amending subsections (4), (7), (8) of §12202(b), subsections (a)(1) and (2) of §12203, subsection (b)1 and (i)(2) of §12205, and adding a new subsection (10) and (11) to §12215(a), all of Chapter 12, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated. Currently, podiatry falls under the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners; however, the proposed legislation seeks to move podiatry under the Guam Board of Medical Examiners to ensure proper oversight, consistency in medical licensing, and alignment with the best medical practices.

The Bureau notes that there is a nominal cost impact for the addition of one (1) board member to the Guam Board of Medical Examiners, for board stipends. The estimated cost impact is \$600 one full fiscal year period (\$50 per meeting, per month). Absent correspondence from the DPHSS, the Bureau is unable to determine whether additional funding is needed to cover the cost of the board stipend for the new member.