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BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
92-38 (COR)	Sabrina Salas Matanane Frank F. Blas, Jr Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Christopher M. Dueñas Vincent A. V. Borja Telo T. Taitague Chris Barnett Shelly V. Calvo V. Anthony Ada Jesse A. Lujan William A. Parkinson Joe S. San Agustin Tina Rose Muña Barnes Therese M. Terlaje Sabina Flores Perez	AN ACT TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 1041 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS "VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION MONTH" IN GUAM AND ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO HONOR AND SUPPORT VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.	3/18/25 9:42 a.m.	3/25/25	Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	Request: 3/25/25 4/4/25	6/17/25 2:00 p.m.	7/2/25 As Amended.	



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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE
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Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

June 26, 2025

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

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

RE: **Committee Report on Public Hearing – Bill No. 92-38 (COR)** As amended – Sabrina Salas Matanane, Frank Blas, Jr., Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Christopher M. Dueñas, Vincent A. V. Borja, Telo T. Taitague, Chris Barnett, Shelly V. Calvo, V. Anthony Ada, Jesse A. Lujan, William A. Parkinson, Joe S. San Agustin, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Therese M. Terlaje, Sabina Flores Perez. - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1041 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS “VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION MONTH” IN GUAM AND ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO HONOR AND SUPPORT VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.

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Committee votes are as follows:

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Sincerely,

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Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

From: **Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane**
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- Copy of Bill No. 92-38 (COR) Intro
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- 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.

Sincerely,



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Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
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March 25, 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. 92-38 (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. 92-38 (COR)** Sabrina Salas Matanane, Frank Blas, Jr., Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Christopher M. Dueñas, Vincent A. V. Borja, Telo T. Taitague, Chris Barnett, Shelly V. Calvo, V. Anthony Ada, Jesse A. Lujan, William A. Parkinson, Joe S. San Agustin, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Therese M. Terlaje, Sabina Flores Perez. – “AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1041 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS "VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION MONTH" IN GUAM AND ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO HONOR AND SUPPORT VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs chaired by Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane. 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.





Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

First Notice of Public Hearing: Thursday June 12, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

2 messages

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov> Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 9:28 AM
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Sabrina Salas Matanane

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June 5, 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: Thursday June 12, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

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1 message

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

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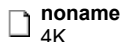
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Fri, May 30, 2025 at 8:36 AM

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June 12, 2025 2:00 p.m.
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Raymond Fong	VVA 668		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☒ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Jesus H. Aguon	VVA		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Louder Banha	VVA		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Lee T. Borge	AVVA 668		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☒ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Frank Martinez	VVA	7	☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Joe MATANAS	G.O. VALIASON	1	☒ 5-38 (COR) ☒ 92-38 (COR)	☒ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☒ In Support ☐ Not In Support
STAN Y. KO	KAVU	1	☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Nick Francisco	VVA		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Joe San Agustin	GVVA		☒ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☒ Verbal	☒ In Support ☐ Not In Support



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Joseph J. A. fater	VA CL 665		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
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<i>Roy Gamboa</i>	<i>CMG71</i>		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
<i>Daniel L. Coar</i>	<i>VVA</i>		☐ 5-38 (COR) ☐ 92-38 (COR)	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☒ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
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Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Vice Chair, Committee on Veterans Affairs	E-Vote 6/25/25	X				
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	E-Vote 6/25/25	X				
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	E-Vote 6/24/25	X				
Senator Shelly V. Calvo Member	E - Vote 6/26/25	X				
Senator Christopher M. Duenas Member	E-Vote 6/25/25	X				
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	E-Vote 6/25/25	X				
Senator Tina Rose Muna Barnes Member	E-Vote 6/25/25	X				



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Request for e-vote: Committee Report relative to Bill No. 92-38 (COR)

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Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

Tue, Jun 24, 2025 at 5:45 PM

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Respectfully,

Sabrina Salas Matanane

Senator, 38th Guam Legislature

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

Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 8:48 AM

To: Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

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Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 10:15 AM

To: Senator Shawn Gumataotao <office.senatorshawn@guamlegislature.gov>

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Hafa Adai,

To do pass. Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

Best Regards,



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

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW:

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs conducted a Public Hearing on Thursday June 12, 2025, scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M., in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

Among other items, on the agenda for discussion was **Bill No. 92-38 (COR)** – Sabrina Salas Matanane, Frank Blas, Jr., Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Christopher M. Dueñas, Vincent A. V. Borja, Telo T. Taitague, Chris Barnett, Shelly V. Calvo, V. Anthony Ada, Jesse A. Lujan, William A. Parkinson, Joe S. San Agustin, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Therese M. Terlaje, Sabina Flores Perez. - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1041 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS “VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION MONTH” IN GUAM AND ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO HONOR AND SUPPORT VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.

The history of the Bill is as follows:

Introduction on March 18, 2025, at 9:42 A.M.

Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with Open Government Law, the public notice for this public hearing was disseminated via email to all senators and main media broadcasting outlets on June 5, 2025, and June 10, 2025. This 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 Shawn Gumataotao
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator Therese M. Terlaje
Senator Chris Barnett

Appearing before the Committee:

Roy Gamboa – President, Got your 671
Jose San Agustin – Director, GOVA
Nick Francisco – Vietnam Veterans Association
Daniel Cogar - Vietnam Veterans Association
Sgt. Maj. Vicent Santiago – 30 Marine Association

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION:

This Public Hearing was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

WE WILL NOW BEGIN TESTIMONY ON BILL 92 WHICH I INTRODUCED. IF YOU SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, PLEASE COME TO THE TABLE. BILL 92 I'LL JUST BRIEFLY EXPLAIN IT. IT MAKES NOVEMBER VETERANS' SERVICE RECOGNITION MONTH ON GUAM INSTEAD OF JUST SAYING THANK YOU ON VETERANS DAY IT GIVES US THE WHOLE MONTH TO HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM GUAM WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY AND THE FAMILIES WHO STOOD BY THEM. GUAM HAS A PROUD

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TRADITION OF SERVICE. OUR PEOPLE HAVE WORN THE UNIFORM IN EVERY BRANCH OF THE US MILITARY. SOME CAME HOME AS HEROES. SOME CAME HOME WITH WOUNDS THAT WE CAN'T ALWAYS SEE. SOME MAY PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. THEIR FAMILIES ALSO CARRIED THE LOAD KEEPING THINGS TOGETHER AT HOME PRAYING FOR THEIR SAFE RETURN AND SOMETIMES DEALING WITH HEARTBREAKING LOSS. AGAIN, WE DO INVITE THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON BILL 92 TO PLEASE COME TO THE TABLE. WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SPEAK CLEARLY INTO THE MICROPHONE STATE YOUR NAME AND LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE HERE TO SPEAK ON IN YOUR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY OR FOR A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR FOR ANY PARTICULAR BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION. WE'LL START WITH YOU MR. SANTIAGO.

VINCENT SANTIAGO WELL GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIR MADAME CHAIRWOMAN AND DISTINGUISHED SENATORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING TO SPEAK FRANKLY I THINK THIS IS A NO-BRAINER, BUT I COMMEND YOU. I COMMEND ALL OF YOU FOR RECOGNIZING ALL THE VETERANS AND YOU KNOW WE HAVE A DAY RIGHT WE HAVE A DAY AND FOR YOU ALL TO SEE THAT IT'S MUCH MORE THAN A DAY I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT NOT JUST FOR THE VETERANS. I'M THINKING YOU KNOW I GOT THE PRIVILEGE TO SIT UP HERE TODAY ACTUALLY I GOT VOLUNTOLD BUT ANYWAYS I GOT TO LOOK AT THE APERTURE OF THOSE WHO FOLLOW RIGHT MY KIDS MY GRANDKIDS ALL OF THEM YOU KNOW IS THIS LEGISLATURE GOING TO BE THE LEGISLATURE THAT MARKS THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER THE MONTH FOR VETERANS AND THAT'S A PROUD DAY TO SAY I WAS A VETERAN COME HOME TO GUAM AND OUR LEGISLATURE SAW SUIT TO DO SO. SO I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT YOU KNOW SPECIFICALLY IN THE WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY OF UNCERTAINTY RIGHT AND WE CAN GO DOWN THE WHOLE LONG LIST BUT WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THE PRIDE WE HAVE NOT ONLY AS LOCALS BUT AS CHAMORROS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY AS US SERVICE MEMBERS TO HAVE OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS SEE THAT PRIDE SHARE THAT PRIDE I MEAN IF NOT ALL OF YOU HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED OR EVEN YOU HAVE SERVED. SO AGAIN, IT GOES BACK TO IT'S A NO-BRAINER. WE ARE VERY PROUD. WE'RE A PROUD ISLAND PROUD PEOPLE. WE'RE DEFINITELY PROUD AS VETERANS. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU MR. SANTIAGO. MR. FRANCISCO

NICK FRANCISCO THANK YOU MADAME CHAIR SENATOR GUMATAOTAO SENATOR TERLAJE SENATOR BARNETT AND SENATOR TAITAGUE. YOU KNOW I SEE THIS BILL THAT ALL THE 15 SENATORS ARE THE CO-SPONSOR 14 CO-SPONSORS SO IT MUST BE A GOOD BILL I THANK THE AUTHORS SENATOR SABRINA FOR INTRODUCING THIS BILL AND I THANK ALL THE OTHER SENATORS AS JUMPING IN TO BE THE CO-CHAIR. I KNOW THAT NOVEMBER 11 IS VETERANS' DAY, AND I KNOW IN THE PAST THAT WE ALWAYS ASK THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS VETERANS' MONTH. WITH THIS BILL NOW BECOME LAW THAT MONTH WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL THE VETERANS OF IN GUAM ESPECIALLY THE ORGANIZATION THEY CAN DO A LOT OF PLANNING AND PROGRAM TO IN CONJUNCTION

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WITH THIS MONTH. I THANK SABRINA FOR INTRODUCING THIS AND LIKE I SAID THE VETERANS IN GUAM I THINK SHOULD BE VERY HONOURED TO SAY THAT THEY LOOK FORWARD FOR THIS MONTH NOVEMBER AND WE HOPE THAT THE OTHER VETERAN ORGANIZATION WILL DO SOMETHING ON THIS MONTH BECAUSE I MYSELF AUGUST IS OUR MONTH PURPLE HEART MONTH. WE TRY TO DO AS MANY AS WE CAN DO AS MUCH AS WE CAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PURPLE HEART MONTH. SO THIS VETERANS MONTH THIS IS ALL THE VETERAN REGARDLESS OF WHAT BRANCH THIS IS THE MONTH THAT DESIGNATED TO BE RECOGNIZED AND DO ALL THE RECOGNITION THAT AND I HOPE THAT SOMETHING GOING TO DRAFT UP SOME KIND OF A PROGRAM THAT SHOULD ENTICE THIS SO WE CAN SAY THAT REALLY THE YEAR OF 2025 NOVEMBER IS A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON HAPPENING FOR THAT MONTH SO I THANK AND I SUPPORT THIS BILL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU MR. FRANCISCO MR. SAN AUGUSTINE.

JOSE SAN AUGUSTIN MADAME CHAIR AND HONOURABLE SENATORS. THANK YOU AND FOR ALL THE CO-SPONSORS OF THIS BILL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PRESENTING THIS, BILL. I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL. IN SAYING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO JUST SHARE WITH YOU ALL THAT NOVEMBER 10 AS MR. SANTIAGO MENTIONED IS VETERANS' DAY. ON 10 NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR SINCE 1775 IT'S THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY AS WELL. YES. SO, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS. I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU ALL TO GIVE ME THE AUTHORITY TO AGAIN RECRUIT THE COMMISSION FOR US TO LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS ACTIVITIES THAT WE WANT TO MAKE HAPPEN. I WILL TAKE THE PRIVILEGE TO DO THIS THROUGH PROBABLY SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS, AND WE'LL SEE HOW REAL HOW FAR THAT COULD GO BUT I THINK WITH THE INPUTS AND SUPPORT OF ALL THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION AND VETERANS OF GUAM I FULLY SUPPORT THIS, AND I THINK THEY WILL BE HAPPY THAT SUCH A BILL IS BEING INTRODUCED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU, MR. SAN AUGUSTIN. WE NOW WILL OPEN THE FLOOR TO MY COLLEAGUES TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. STARTING WITH YOUR SENATOR GUMATAOTAO.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO

THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND AGAIN THANK YOU FOR THE PANEL. MR. SAN AUGUSTINE LET ME HELP YOU OUT A LITTLE BIT. 10GCA SECTION 67106. IT AUTHORIZES THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO SOLICIT ACCEPT UTILIZE AND ADMINISTER ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS GIFTS BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS. I THINK THERE'S YOUR PATHWAY. BUT ALSO LET ME JUST I WANTED TO STOP WITH THAT. BUT THE FUNDS THAT RECEIVED ARE RECEIVED SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE VETERANS AFFAIRS FUND FOR THE RECORD AND GIFTS BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS SHALL BE USED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES INCLUDING OBVIOUSLY THE MAINTENANCE OF THE VETERAN CEMETERY THE MAINTENANCE OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS THE SPONSORSHIP OF MEMORIAL DAY AND VETERANS DAY EVENTS AND PURPOSES INTENDED BY THE DONOR WHICH ARE

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CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. OBVIOUSLY, THAT'S LOOKING AT FOLKS THAT MIGHT GIVE LONGER GIFTS THAT COULD MAYBE STAND THE TEST OF TIME BECAUSE AT SOME POINT MANY IN THIS ROOM INCLUDING OURSELVES, WE WON'T BE HERE. BASED ON EARLIER MEMORIAL DAY AND VETERANS DAY PREPARATIONS, HOW HELPFUL IS THE CURRENT LAW WHICH ALLOWS YOUR OFFICE THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO IN FACT SOLICIT ACCEPT UTILIZE AND ADMINISTER GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR THESE ISLAND WIDE EVENTS HONOURING OUR NATIONAL HEROES?

JOSE SAN AUGUSTIN SO SENATOR GUMATAOTAO, THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. IT'S A GREAT QUESTION. I'LL TELL YOU THAT THE WAY THOSE ACTIVITIES WERE FUNDED WAS MAINLY COMING FROM OUR VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS. WE'VE GONE OUT AND SOLICIT TO BUSINESSES WHICH THEY DEEPLY CONTRIBUTED AS WELL. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT MY PROBLEM IS. MY PROBLEM IS I LIKE TO SELF- SUSTAIN AND WHEN YOU SEE A BUSINESS GOING DOWN BECAUSE OF COVID RIGHT AND THEY START TO LOSE THEIR BUSINESS IT'S ALMOST IT TAKES YOUR APPETITE AWAY FROM WANTING TO GO AND SOLICIT RIGHT BUT THAT DOESN'T STOP US FROM GOING TO BANK OF GUAM OR BANK OF AMERICA RIGHT THEY GOT MONEY. BUT WE DO THAT, BUT I'LL TELL YOU THE THE LAST THAT WE HELD WHICH WAS THE WOMEN VETERANS DAY DOWN AT YPAO. HOLY MOLY. THE BUSINESSES CONTRIBUTED A LARGE NUMBER OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE FOR THAT ACTIVITY. SO, TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION IF WE WENT THAT ROUTE, WE COULDN'T GO WRONG. WE COULDN'T GO WRONG. I THINK MANY OF THE BUSINESSES DO WANT TO DONATE. DO WANT TO DONATE BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHERE MY APPETITE GOES AWAY WHEN I START TO SEE THEM GOING DOWN BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED AT COVID RIGHT. I'LL TELL YOU I CONTRIBUTE A LOT TO THIS EVENT BECAUSE IT'S MY LOVE IT'S MY PASSION. THAT'S WHAT I'M THERE FOR AND MY COLLEAGUES MY VETERAN ORGANIZATION LEADERS THEY DO THE SAME. SO THAT'S HOW WE MOVE BUT IN SAYING THIS YOU KNOW WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF THE WAY WE'RE GOING WITH THIS BILL IT'S GOOD. IT'S GOOD. JUST KEEP IN MIND MADAME SENATOR SABRINA THAT YOU KNOW MAYBE I MIGHT BE COMING TO YOU FOR A DOLLAR DONATION, BUT I THINK WE COULD DO WITH JUST THE SOLICITATIONS FOR THIS ACTIVITY.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO SO I GUESS TO ANSWER MY QUESTION SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE CURRENT LAW DOES HELP YOU?

JOSE SAN AUGUSTIN THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO IT IS HELPFUL.

JOSE SAN AUGUSTIN YES IT DOES.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO OKAY. NOW. ONE OTHER LAST QUESTION MADAM CHAIR. ASIDE FROM THE ENTITIES THAT ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE BILL INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHAMORRO AFFAIRS GDOE AND THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD TO WHAT EXTENT WILL THERE BE

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INVOLVEMENT BY OTHER GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM MANY OF MY STUDENTS WHO ARE PART OF THE ARMY RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS THE GUAM CHARTER SCHOOLS THE GUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HOW SPECIFICALLY CAN THESE GROUPS ASSIST YOU AND OUR VETERANS GROUPS WITH THE ANNUAL COORDINATION EFFORTS IF YOU'VE EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BRINGING THEM ALL IN TO HELP OUT WITH THIS WHAT WILL BE VETERANS MONTH?

JOSE SAN AUGUSTIN WELL I THINK IT'LL BE A BIG HELPO, WITH THE COMMITTEE ONCE WE GET TOGETHER AND FIGURE OUT WHAT ACTIVITIES WE WANT WHEREVER THESE ENTITIES THAT YOU HAVE JUST MENTIONED WHATEVER AREAS IS IT THAT THEY COULD HELP ONCE WE IDENTIFY WHAT ACTIVITIES THEY'RE MORE THAN WELCOME. I HAVE NOT AVAILED MYSELF TO RECRUITING OR REQUESTING FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE FOR SAY I SOLELY UTILIZE THE EXPERTISE OF WHAT I HAVE WITH MY PERSONNEL AND THE VET COMMISSION.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO OKAY SO MOVING IN.

JOSE SAN AUGUSTIN THAT'S WHERE A LOT OF THE DIRECTIONS I TAKE BUT IF YOU'RE ALLUDING TO CAN I UTILIZE THE HELP FROM THESE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS MOST ABSOLUTELY AND IT'S KEY TO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING BECAUSE AGAIN IN OUR EFFORT IN WANTING TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR REGISTRY PROGRAM IN GUAM RIGHT THIS IS ONE WAY TO DO THAT.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO WE SHOULD JUST POST YOUR PHONE NUMBER RIGHT NOW AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR EVERYBODY.

JOSE SAN AUGUSTIN 6885117.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT'S WHAT I MEANT FOR THE RECORD. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND MR. SANTIAGO JUST ONE LAST THING BEFORE YOU GO, I JUST WANT I TOOK YOUR COMMENTS TO HEART SIR AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. YOU'RE A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF US THAT ARE HERE AND THE YOUNGER GENERATION. WE HAVE A LOT OF VIETNAM VETS. MY FATHER WAS A VIETNAM VETERAN AS WELL AND I'M NOT FORGETTING SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SERVICE SIR. APPRECIATE YOUR INSIGHT TODAY.

VINCENT SANTIAGO YEAH. SENATOR THANK YOU MAY I ADD TO.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO SURE

VINCENT SANTIAGO THE DIRECTOR OF GOVA. SIR THE BEAUTY OF THIS BILL ONCE AGAIN IS THAT ON PAGE SIX-LINE NUMBER EIGHT. YOU CAN PROBABLY START FROM LINE NUMBER ONE AND GO ALL THE WAY TO 27. IT BASICALLY GIVES US A ROAD MAP OF WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING. WHAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT. SO, THIS RIGHT HERE GIVES US THE BASELINE AND THE DIRECTION TO GO MOVE OUT AS A COMMISSION. I'M SORRY I'M VINCE SANTIAGO THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT. I'M

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ALSO THE SECOND CHAIR OF THE OF THE OF THE VETERAN COMMISSION. AND SENATOR YOU TALK ABOUT BEING THE YOUNG GUY IN THE ROOM, MAN I TELL YOU, MY FATHER WAS ALSO A VIETNAM VETERAN A UNITED STATES MARINE. I'M A SECOND GENERATION. MY TWO SONS ARE THIRD GENERATION. SO YES, DEFINITELY DEEP WITHIN FAMILY. BUT THIS PAGE SIX BASICALLY GIVES US THE ROAD MAP RIGHT IT'S KIND OF LIKE A IT'S LIKE A BUFFET. RIGHT, WE CAN SELECT ALL. WE CAN SELECT SOME. WE CAN SELECT A FEW BUT THE GREAT THING ABOUT IT IS BEING THE ENTIRE MONTH AND WE ENCOURAGE ALL THE VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS THE STUDENT'S SIR. YOU MENTIONED THE STUDENTS. WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY. WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY AND THIS IS WHAT I WENT I STARTED OFF WITH RIGHT. LET'S LOOK AT HOW THIS MONTH CAN IMPACT THE FUTURE LEADERS AND FUTURE SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE ISLAND OF GUAM. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY, AND YOU KNOW YOU LOOK ABOUT YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT IT SAYS THEIR ENGAGEMENT WITH VETERAN COMMUNITIES AND ALSO THE FAMILY MEMBERS. I MEAN THIS IS THE ROAD MAP AND YOU KNOW MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW TERRIFIC BILL TERRIFIC BILL AND WITH ALL THE SENATORS YOU KNOW THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SUPPORTING THIS AND YOU KNOW THE BEAUTY OF HAVING THE DIRECTOR OF GOVA YOU KNOW IN THE ROOM WITH US WITH THE WITH THE COMMISSION IS WE ALL SHARE IDEAS AND FIND A WAY TO GET TO YES AND PUT ON A GOOD SHOW FOR THE ON GUAM AND OUR PEOPLE. THANK YOU, SIR.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO

THANK YOU SIR AND THIS BILL HAS MY VOTE OF YES TOO.

THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU SENATOR GUMATAOTAO. SENATOR TERLAJE.

SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE

SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND I AGREE WITH YOU. NO BRAINER BUT I ALSO THINK THE BEAUTY OF THE BILL IS THAT WHILE THE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TAKEN IT UPON THEMSELVES FOR ALL THESE YEARS TO REALLY LEAD IN THESE CEREMONIES AND I KNOW THE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE LEADS IN THE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY THE GOVERNMENT KIND OF JOINS IN ON THAT BUT A LOT OF THE REST OF THE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN LED BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS THEIR OWN DIME THEIR OWN FUNDRAISING THEIR OWN SOLICITATION AND I THINK THE BEAUTY OF THE BILL IS THAT IT BRINGS THE GOVERNMENT IN AS AN ABSOLUTE ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE GOVERNMENT PRETTY MUCH THE AGENCIES. IT OUTLINES WHICH AGENCIES GOING TO DO WHAT AND WHAT OUR GOALS ARE IN THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITIES. IT EVEN SAYS THAT THE FUNDING SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM APPROPRIATIONS BY THE LEGISLATURE. THAT'S IMPORTANT RIGHT? I THINK THAT'S WHERE WE PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTHS ARE AND WHEN WE WANT TO HONOR, WE HELP YOU TO CELEBRATE WE HELP YOU TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS I LIKE YOUR SUGGESTION DIRECTOR THAT THE PART WHERE YOUR OFFICE IS SUPPOSED IS DETAILED TO DO THINGS. THAT YOU ARE GOING TO COORDINATE IT WITH THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION IS NOT NECESSARILY MENTIONED IN HERE, BUT I THINK COORDINATING WITH THEM WOULD BE PERFECT TO ADD IN RIGHT THERE. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD I'D LIKE THE GOALS LIKE THERE'S A WHOLE LONG LIST OF THEM,

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BUT MY FAVORITES ARE PRESERVE AND SHARE THE STORIES OF VETERAN SERVICE MEMBERS. IT'S MOST IMPRESSIVE TO ME IN MY LIFE TO BE ABLE TO HEAR YOUR STORIES. THAT'S WHAT'S INSPIRING TO ME INDIVIDUALLY I THINK IT'S INSPIRING TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE'RE SO PROUD THAT WE HAVE ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SERVED. WE HAVE CHAMORROS WHO HAVE EXCELLED HAVE BEEN AWARDED ARE SPECIAL. THEY JUST REALLY MADE US ALL SO PROUD, AND I WANT ALL OF OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS AS MR. SANTIAGO SAYS I WANT THEM ALL TO KNOW THOSE STORIES. SO, I LIKE THE GOAL THAT SAYS TO PRESERVE AND SHARE THE STORIES OF THE VETERAN SERVICE MEMBERS. THERE'S ANOTHER GOAL HERE THAT SAYS SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT ASSIST VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. SO, WE'VE GOT PROGRAMS IN PLACE, BUT I GUESS THIS IS THE TIME THAT WE GO ALL OUT WE MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T MISS ANYONE. IT SAYS DOCUMENTATION OF VETERANS' ORAL HISTORIES. THERE'S BEEN SOME OF THAT DONE BUT I SAY WHY NOT ALL OF YOU PARTICULARLY THOSE AS YOU SAY THE VIETNAM VETERANS ARE THEIR NUMBERS ARE NOT INCREASING, THEY'RE DECREASING. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S THE REALITY BUT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEIR STORIES IS SO DEAR TO US I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL OF THOSE RECORDED. BUT I WOULD IF ANYTHING ADD JUST ONE MORE GOAL TO THIS THAT IS TO IN ALL OF THESE TO TIE THEM INTO YOUR OFFICE. THE REGISTRY RIGHT SO THAT WE CAN ALWAYS TIE ALL OF OUR GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES INTO THAT GOAL OF BUILDING OUR REGISTRY AND GETTING THAT REGIONAL OFFICE HERE. THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO THE REGIONAL SERVICES THAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN ASKING FOR SO SI YU'OS MA'ASE. I SUPPORT THIS BILL OF COURSE. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE. I LOOK FORWARD I'M SORRY SENATOR TERLAJE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON DURING THE MARKUP HEARING ON THIS BILL FOR ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS THAT YOU MAY LIKE TO INCLUDE SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL. I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO BE INCLUDED AS A CO-SPONSOR AS WELL. YOU KNOW I AGREE YOU KNOW YOU DON'T DESERVE JUST A DAY. IN FACT, I DON'T THINK YOU DESERVE A MONTH. I THINK EVERY DAY ALL YEAR SHOULD APPRECIATE AND RESPECT THE SACRIFICES AND THE SERVICE THAT OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY HAS MADE SUCH A SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY AND I AGREE WITH SPEAKER TERLAJE AND A LOT OF THESE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE ADDED I MEAN WE'RE NOT JUST MAKING NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF YOU KNOW VETERANS CELEBRATION BUT THERE'S A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS THAT A LOT OF DIFFERENT AGENCIES ARE GOING TO BE TASKED TO DO. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE SCHOOLS VETERANS INVITED TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH THE STUDENTS. CURRICULUM SHALL INCLUDE LESSONS ABOUT GUAM'S MILITARY HISTORY STUDENT PROJECTS SHALL FOCUS ON VETERAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY THERE'S ALSO NATIONAL GUARD RECOGNITION SUPPORT SERVICES THE BILL EVEN MANDATES THE GOVERNOR. SHE SHALL ISSUE AN ANNUAL PROCLAMATION FOR VETERAN SERVICE RECOGNITION MONTH. SO, YOU KNOW IN MY MIND WITH THIS BILL'S PASSAGE WHAT I'M ENVISIONING IS A MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF RECOGNITION AND RESPECT TO OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY AND FOR ME I REALLY WANT TO HIGHLIGHT WHAT I BELIEVE

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IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS MEASURE THAT IS THE FUNDING. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION MONTH PROGRAM SHALL BE SUBJECT TO FUNDS APPROPRIATED LEHISLATURAN GUAHAN AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE IF WE'RE GOING TO SAY THAT WE RECOGNIZE AND WE RESPECT OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY THEN I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD TELL THEM TO GO OUT THERE AND SOLICIT DONATIONS TO GO OUT THERE WITH THEIR HAT IN THEIR HAND EVEN THOUGH MANY ORGANIZATIONS ARE VERY WILLING TO SUPPORT I THINK IF WE'RE GOING TO SUPPORT OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY THEN WE HAVE TO LITERALLY PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS AND SO FOR ME THAT'S THE BEST PART AND I DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU GUYS GO BEG OUT THERE FOR DONATIONS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A CELEBRATION SO THAT WE COULD RECOGNIZE YOU I WANT TO BE ABLE TO EMPOWER YOU WITH THAT FUNDING BECAUSE I THINK THAT SHOWS THE TRUE SUPPORT BECAUSE YOU KNOW AT THE END OF THE DAY WE CAN SAY WE APPRECIATE THE VETERANS. WE CAN GIVE THE VETERANS A MONTH. IN FACT, WE JUST GAVE THE VETERANS A YEAR. REMEMBER IT WAS THE YEAR OF THE VETERAN. WELL, A LOT OF THE VETERAN COMMUNITY WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE YEAR OF THE VETERAN TURNED OUT. SO, I JUST WANT TO SAY IF WE'RE GOING TO TRULY SUPPORT THEN LET'S TRULY SUPPORT AND LET'S NOT JUST PAY LIP SERVICE AND SAY, "OH IT'S THE YEAR OF THE VETERAN WE'RE GOING TO PROMISE YOU THE HESLER BUILDING." BUT HAVE YOU GOT THE HESLER BUILDING? AHI. NO. SO FOR ME THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE REALLY SUPPORT YOU GUYS IN THAT IN THAT WAY AND MAKE THIS TRULY A MONTH WHERE WE RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT OUR VETERAN COMMUNITY. SI YU'OS MA'ASE MADAM CHAIR FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT. MISTER?

JOSEPH MAFNAS THANK YOU SENATOR MADAME AND TO THE MEMBER OF THE 38 GUAM LEGISLATURE. I'M JUST HERE TO ECHO WHAT SENATOR TERLAJE MENTIONED AND MY COLLEAGUE TO MY RIGHT SARGENT MAJOR SANTIAGO. YOU KNOW I'M ALSO A WAR SURVIVOR RIGHT. SO, THE THING ABOUT THIS TELLING STORY IS DON'T ASK ME HOW TO TELL YOU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE WAR RIGHT BECAUSE YOU KNOW I GET GOOSEBUMPS WHEN I MENTION THAT BUT I CAN TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE WAR WHATEVER CONFLICT YOU'RE IN. SO WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY HERE IS THAT YOU KNOW TO TEACH OUR YOUNG FOLKS OR YOUNG KIDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE HERE WHATEVER IS YOU KNOW HAVE ONE OF SOME OF THE VETERANS TO TELL THE STORY WHAT HAPPENED DURING THEIR CONFLICT YOU KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF WAR CONFLICT HERE AND MAYBE WE CAN KEEP THAT ON RECORD SO THAT IN THE FUTURE WE CAN REVIEW THAT OH SENATOR I MEAN SARGENT MAJOR SANTIAGO WENT TO ALL THIS CONFLICT. I'VE BEEN TO ALL THIS CONFLICT SO WHEN IT COMES FOR ME TO DETERMINE WHICH VETERANS PLAY, I'M GOING TO CHOOSE WHETHER I CHOOSE VIETNAM OPERATION THERE'S A STORM OPERATION DESERT SEAL. SO WHAT I WANT TO SAY HERE REALLY TO BACK UP IS LET'S HAVE SOME OF THE VETERANS TELL THE STORY WHAT HAPPENED OKAY AND THIS IS WILL BE THE FUTURE FOR OUR YOUNG GENERATION SO THAT THEY SAY "OH MY DAD WAS IN VIETNAM AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED DURING HIS TOUR OR MY DAD WAS IN DESERT STORM THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED," OKAY BUT

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IF YOU'RE GOING TO ASK ME I CAN TELL YOU THAT BUT PLEASE DON'T ASK ME ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE WAR SURVIVING SITUATION BECAUSE I WOULD NOT TELL YOU THAT BECAUSE IT'S REALLY HARD TO SAY THAT. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
IF YOU COULD PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

JOSEPH MAFNAS I'M SORRY MY NAME IS JOSEPH MAFNAS. I'M ALSO A RETIRED ARMY COMMAND ARMY MAJOR 36 YEARS OF SERVICE. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
AND ARE YOU SPEAKING FOR IN YOUR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY?

JOSEPH MAFNAS YES IN MY INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. MR. SANTIAGO?

VINCENT SANTIAGO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. STAYING IN LINE WITH THE STORIES LAST MONTH REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY OF THE UNITED STATES CAME AND WAS INTERVIEWING VETERANS TO TELL OUR STORIES. OUR NATION IS ALREADY MOVING OUT WITH THAT AND WHAT AN AWESOME THING TO DO TO COME ALL THE WAY TO GUAM TO HEAR OUR STORIES. SO, OUR STORIES RIGHT NOW IS IN THE CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY. SO, I THINK RECOMMENDATION RIGHT IF WE'RE REALLY GOING TO GO FULL BOAR ON THIS WHY DON'T WE DO IT. RIGHT TO WHERE OUR YOUNG STUDENTS OUR FAMILIES THEY CAN JUST CLICK A VIDEO AND HEAR THE STORIES. I MEAN WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY IF WE REALLY WANT TO CAPITALIZE ON WHAT WE'RE REALLY DOING. GOING BACK TO WHAT YOU KNOW DISTINGUISHED SENATORS HAVE ALREADY SAID AND YOU WHAT AN YOU KNOW JUST KEEP JUST KEEP THAT SNOWBALL GROWING RIGHT FOR THE GOODNESS AND REMEMBERING EVERYTHING THAT VETERANS BEFORE US AND OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AFTER US WILL DO. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
THANK YOU AND YOU CERTAINLY HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS IN THIS LEGISLATURE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MEDIA AND HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN DOING INTERVIEWS AND ARCHIVING STORIES. SO, THANK YOU. SENATOR TAITAGUE?

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR. AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE ADVOCATING FOR THE VETERANS. I JUST WANTED TO SAY YOU KNOW I'M PROUD TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS LEGISLATION AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE IT WORKS IT'S NOT GOING TO BE PERFECT THERE'S GOING TO BE SITUATIONS THAT COME UP THAT MAY BE ADDRESSED BUT I WANT TO GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY THAT LEEWAY FOR WHOEVER IS OVERSEEING THIS AND THIS WOULD BE UNDER

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DIRECTOR SAN AUGUSTINE YOU WOULD BE OVERSEEING THIS ON VETERANS MONTH? OH, OKAY SORRY SAY IT AGAIN SAY IT AGAIN

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN THE COMMISSION. I'M ON WITH THE COMMISSION. THAT'S CORRECT

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE THE COMMISSION AND MR. SANTIAGO NEXT TO YOU.

JOSE SAN AGUSTIN YES.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE OKAY. HE'S PART OF THE COMMISSION. OF COURSE. YES. SO OF COURSE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF HELP AND I MEAN LOOKING HERE WE'VE ALREADY GOT MANY OF US HERE WHO WANT TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO ASSIST THE VETERANS ESPECIALLY MAKE THE FIRST ONE IN NOVEMBER TO BE THE BIGGEST ONE RIGHT AND WE HAVE TIME NOW UNTIL THEN AND OF COURSE DURING THE MARKET MEETING IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT WE NEED TO INCLUDE SO LET'S NOT JUST SAY THIS IS A DONE DEAL. WE'LL HAVE A MARKET MEETING THAT THE CHAIRMAN WILL PUT TOGETHER AND SEE SOMETHING I SEE SOMETHING HERE THAT I MAY WANT TO CONSIDER BECAUSE SOME OF THE STUFF SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE MENTIONED IN HERE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO BE DONE. I MEAN IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE IT BUT WHEN YOU PUT IN ANY KIND OF LEGISLATION SHALL THAT MEANS YOU HAVE TO DO IT ELSE, YOU'LL BE BREAKING THE LAW. SO IN THE SECTION MR. SANTIAGO WHEN YOU WERE TALKING EARLIER ON PAGE SIX LINE 21 IT SAYS SHALL IN THIS ONE PARTICULAR ARE A PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS DURING VETERAN SERVICE RECOGNITION MONTH THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITY SHALL BE CONDUCTED SO YOU HAVE TO DO THIS WELL WHAT IF THERE'S SOMETHING IN HERE THAT YOU CAN'T DO FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER OR YOU DON'T HAVE A VOLUNTEER THAT COMES UP OR JUST FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER SO YOU KNOW MADAM CHAIR I WAS HOPING THAT MAYBE WE CAN PUT MAY THERE AND GIVE THEM THAT FLEXIBILITY YOU KNOW AND THIS WOULD ALSO ALLOW YOU TO PUT SOMETHING ELSE IN THERE LATER ON THAT YOU MIGHT FIND VERY INTERESTING FOR THE PUBLIC OR TO ENGAGE AN OUTREACH TO OUR PUBLIC AND NOT TO YOU KNOW LEAVE VETERANS DAY YOU KNOW SECOND YOU KNOW BUT RIGHT ABOVE IN THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED IN SECTION 1040 IS WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY. AND NOW THIS WHEN IT BECOMES LAW WILL BE 01041. AND IT IT'S JUST SO PERFECT THAT IT'S TOGETHER YOU KNOW DURING THE HOLIDAYS THAT IT'S RECOGNIZED. SO EVEN YOU KNOW WE HAVE THE WOMEN FIRST ON. OKAY. OKAY. I'LL LET THAT GO. BUT I JUST AGAIN THANK YOU ALL FOR CONTRIBUTING YOUR TIME YOUR EFFORT AND ENCOURAGING OTHER VETERANS TO DO THE SAME. IT ALWAYS HELPS TO GET THEM UP AND OUT FROM WHAT THEY'RE DOING. GET THEM OUT OF THE HOUSE YOU KNOW GET THEM INVOLVED. SO, I HOPE THAT YOU GUYS CONTINUE THAT EFFORT. OKAY. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE. MR SANTIAGO, YOU WANTED TO MAKE A STATEMENT.

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VINCENT SANTIAGO SENATOR THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND YOU KNOW GOOD CATCH WITH THAT SHALL RIGHT AS SERVICE MEMBERS WORDS HAVE MEANING AND WHEN YOU SEE THAT WORD SHALL THERE IS NO QUESTION AND IT'S A DO YOU WILL DO IT. BUT GOOD CATCH MA'AM AND AS AN EDUCATOR WITH MARINE CORPS JRTC AT OKKODO HIGH SCHOOL. I CAN TELL YOU. MAY IS A KEY WORD BECAUSE WE JUST CAN'T HAVE ANYBODY WALK INTO A CLASSROOM AND START SPEAKING RIGHT BECAUSE WHAT IF THAT STORY IS NOT NECESSARILY A GOOD STORY TO TELL RIGHT SO THAT VETTING PROCESS JUST LIKE ME AS A JRTC INSTRUCTOR. I CAN'T HAVE ANYBODY JUST WALK INTO MY CLASSROOM. THERE'S A VETTING PROCESS THAT HAS TO HAPPEN. SO MA'AM THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR CATCHING THAT. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

AND THANK YOU TO OUR PANEL FOR TESTIFYING ON BILL 92 TODAY AND THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT ARE HERE WITH US TODAY AND EXTENDING THEIR SUPPORT AND AGAIN THIS BILL HAS ALL 15 SENATORS AS CO-SPONSORS OF THIS LEGISLATION IT WILL AGAIN LIKE BILL FIVE WILL GO THROUGH THE MARKUP PROCESS AND WE WILL I WILL WORK AGGRESSIVELY TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS ON JULY SESSION AGENDA. AGAIN, THANK YOU MR. FRANCISCO FOR COMING TODAY. MR. SANTIAGO MR. SAN AUGUSTINE AND MR. MAFNAS FOR BEING WITH US. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON BILL 92. YES. PLEASE.

DANIEL MENDIOLA GOOD AFTERNOON, MR CHAIRMAN MY NAME IS DAN MENDIOLA MEMBER OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS HERE IN GUAM. I THINK A LOT OF THINGS WERE BROUGHT OUT HERE TODAY. I FULLY REALIZE THAT THIS COMPOUNDED WITH A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE GOES ON WITH NEW SENATORS COMING ON BOARD OLDER SENATORS AS WELL. BUT I SEE AN OPPORTUNITY I DIDN'T MAKE ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR TODAY, BUT I'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING IN SUPPORT OF THE VETERANS DAY FOR EXAMPLE I HAVE GONE THROUGH A LOT OF MEETINGS IN REFERENCE TO VETERANS DAY AND SUPPORTING VETERANS DAY. THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HIGHLIGHT THIS EVENT WITH ALL THE SUPPORT THAT WE CAN GET FROM OUR IN-HOUSE AGENCIES FOR EXAMPLE WE HAVE BEEN MISSING PARKS AND WRECKS IN PART OF THE MEETINGS THAT MR. SAN AUGUSTINE HAS COME UP WITH PUBLIC WORKS BARELY COMES TO THE MEETING WHEN THE VETERANS DAY MEETINGS ARE BEING CONDUCTED. WE NEED TO BE VERY WATCHFUL ON THESE SUPPORTS THAT WE NEED AND I THINK FOR THE BETTER PART WE CAN SAVE A LOT OF MONEY BECAUSE MR. SAN AUGUSTINE NEEDS A PLATFORM FOR VETERANS DAY. HE NEEDS A STAGE WHO CAN COME UP WITH A STAGE? PUBLIC WORKS. THEY GOT THE MATERIALS. THEY GOT THE MANPOWER. THEY GOT THE ARCHITECTURE. THEY GOT ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WORKED WITH THEM TO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM, BUT WE WERE MISSING THESE THINGS IN THE PAST. WE NEED TO GET INTO OUR IN-HOUSE AGENCIES TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO MAKE THIS MEETING PARTICIPATE AND OFFER WHAT THEY CAN DO. WE'VE MISSED OUT A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO IN HAVING VETERANS DAY AT YPAO BEACH. WHY IT'S BEEN KNOWN IN THE PAST THAT MR. SAN AUGUSTINE HAS ALWAYS PRE-RESERVE YPAO PARK FOR VETERANS DAY BUT THERE'S THIS ONE VETERANS DAY THAT WE DIDN'T GET IT BECAUSE PARKS AND WRECKS DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. SO, WE HAVE A PROBLEM, AND I THINK THAT'S THE IN-HOUSE I'M TRYING TO REFER HERE FULLY

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REALIZING THAT IF WE USE ALL THE CONCEPTS ALL OUR IN-HOUSE CAPABILITIES THAT WE COULD SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER VETERANS DAY I KNOW THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALSO CAPABLE OF HELPING BUT THEY'RE DOING IT OUT OF THEIR OWN RESOURCES. WE'RE GETTING DONATIONS AND STUFF LIKE THAT AND THAT'S GOOD, BUT I THINK THE BURDEN OF MAKING THIS PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL LIES UPON OUR AGENCIES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THEY NEED TO COME OUT AND HELP. THEY NEED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES THERE WHEN MR. SAN AUGUSTINE CALLS FOR THE FIRST MEETING FOR VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE AND BE REPRESENTED GPD AS WELL GPD SECURITY FIRE DEPARTMENT ALL THESE PEOPLE NEED TO ENDORSE PARTICIPATE OTHER THAN THAT I GUESS I'M HERE SAYING THAT WE JUST NEED TO REVIEW WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING IN THE PAST AND WHAT ARE WE MISSING AND I THINK IF WE SUM EVERYTHING UP POLICE FIRE AMBULANCE PUBLIC WORKS PARKS AND WRECKS WE SHOULD NEVER MISS OUT IN MAKING THIS PARTICULAR DAY A NICE VETERANS DAY AND HIGHLY SUPPORTED BY OUR AGENCIES TO START. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE OF HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

THANK YOU MR. MENDIOLA MR. SAN AUGUSTINE. I THINK WE CAN PROBABLY DISCUSS A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT HE BROUGHT UP REGARDING INTER AGENCY COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION. SO, THANK YOU. THANK YOU AND ALSO THANK YOU TO EVERYONE. WELL, THANK YOU EVERYBODY THAT TESTIFIED AND EVERYONE THAT IS HERE TODAY AND THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE WATCHING ONLINE. YOUR PARTICIPATION ENSURES OUR WORK REMAINS GROUNDED IN THE REAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO TESTIFY TODAY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT WRITTEN TESTIMONY UNTIL JUNE 26 2025 YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR STATEMENTS IN PERSON AT THE GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING HERE IN HAGÅTÑA OR VIA EMAIL TO OFFICE.SENATORBRI@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG IS IT .ORG .GOV I THINK IT'S GUAM YEAH GUAMLEGISLATURE.GOV. THIS CONCLUDES TODAY'S HEARING THE TIME NOW IS 3:26 IN THE AFTERNOON THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS IS NOW ADJOURNED. SI YU'OS MA'ASE.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 3:26 P.M.

III. Findings and Recommendations

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs finds That The committee found widespread support for Bill 92 among stakeholders, recognizing its potential to strengthen community pride and veteran engagement. Their recommendation is to proceed with the legislation while encouraging collaboration among veteran organizations and the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs to ensure robust programming and effective use of resources.

The Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs hereby reports-out **Bill No. 92-38 (COR)** As amended– Sabrina Salas Matanane - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1041 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS “VETERANS

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. With the recommendation **TO DO PASS.**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that throughout our island's history, the people of Guam have answered America's call to service with unwavering dedication and extraordinary valor. From the beaches of Normandy to the mountains of Korea, from the jungles of Vietnam to the

1 deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan, sons and daughters of Guam have served with
2 distinction in every major conflict since World War I. This legacy of service is
3 woven deeply into the fabric of our island's culture, where warrior traditions of
4 ancient *CHamoru* society find modern expression in military service to the United
5 States of America.

6 Since Guam became a U.S. territory in 1898, our sons and daughters have
7 fought and sacrificed in every major American conflict: in the trenches of World
8 War I; across the Pacific Theater of World War II; in the frozen mountains of Korea;
9 through the jungles of Vietnam; in the deserts of Operation Desert Storm; amid the
10 complex battlefields of Somalia, Bosnia, and Kosovo; across the harsh terrains of
11 Iraq and Afghanistan; and in the ongoing Global War on Terror. In each of these
12 conflicts, Guam's servicemembers have demonstrated extraordinary valor, earning
13 numerous Silver Stars, Bronze Stars, Distinguished Service Crosses, Navy Crosses,
14 Distinguished Flying Crosses, Purple Hearts, and other distinguished honors for their
15 courage and sacrifice in combat.

16 The human cost of this service is etched deeply in our community's heart.
17 Hundreds of Guam's sons and daughters have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense
18 of freedom, while thousands more bear the physical and invisible wounds of war.
19 Our veterans have endured grievous combat injuries, post-traumatic stress, and the
20 lasting impacts of toxic exposure. Their families have shouldered the
21 weight of their absence during multiple deployments, celebrated holidays through
22 video calls from distant bases, and in too many cases, received the solemn visit of a
23 military casualty officer bearing news that forever changed their lives.

24 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes that military service from Guam often
25 spans generations within families, creating a legacy of sacrifice that touches every
26 village and nearly every family on our island. Mothers have seen their children
27 deploy to the same conflict zones where their spouses once served. Children have

1 grown up touching the names of parents and grandparents etched on memorial walls.
2 Gold Star Families have transformed their grief into service, supporting other
3 military families and ensuring their loved ones' sacrifices are never forgotten.

4 The month of November holds profound significance in military history,
5 marked by the armistice that ended World War I on the eleventh hour of the eleventh
6 day of the eleventh month in 1918. While Veterans Day stands as the centerpiece of
7 this month of remembrance, our gratitude and recognition of veterans' service cannot
8 be confined to a single day. The sacrifices of our veterans, their families, and
9 particularly our Gold Star families deserve sustained recognition and honor
10 throughout the month and beyond.

11 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* acknowledges that our island's relationship with
12 military service was forever shaped by the experiences of World War II, when the
13 people of Guam demonstrated extraordinary courage and loyalty during enemy
14 occupation. The valiant service of *CHamoru* scouts, the Guam Combat Patrol, and
15 the Guam Militia alongside American forces during liberation exemplified the
16 unbreakable bond between Guam and the United States. This spirit of service
17 continues today, with Guam consistently maintaining one of the highest per capita
18 rates of military service in the nation.

19 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the contributions of Guam's veterans
20 extend far beyond their years in uniform. Upon returning to civilian life, these men
21 and women have consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership in our
22 community, serving as elected officials, educators, business leaders, and mentors to
23 future generations. Their commitment to public service remains unwavering,
24 enriching our island through their continued dedication to civic engagement and
25 community improvement.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* acknowledges the exceptional service of veterans from
2 each branch of the Armed Forces and National Guard components who have called
3 Guam home:

4 The Guam Army National Guard, whose citizen-soldiers have served with
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25 Guard's dual mission;

26 (C) Support veteran outreach programs through
27 National Guard facilities and resources.

1 (e) Funding. The implementation of Veterans Service Recognition
2 Month programs shall ~~may~~ be subject to the availability of funds appropriated
3 by I Liheslaturan Guåhan.

4 (f) Annual Report. The Government of Guam instrumentality so
5 established to service the Veteran Community on Guam shall ~~may~~ report to I
6 Liheslaturan Guåhan by January 31 of each year detailing the activities,
7 participation, and impact of Veterans Service Recognition Month programs.”

8 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
9 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall ~~may~~
10 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
11 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
12 severable.

13 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment.



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

April 4, 2025

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

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

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 92-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 92-38 (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.



Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 92-38 (COR)

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1041 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS "VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION MONTH" IN GUAM AND ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO HONOR AND SUPPORT VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Government of Guam Wide	Dept./Agency Head: Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$906,464,877
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: All Special Funds per P.L. 37-125	\$212,273,986
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$1,118,738,863

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/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund 1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total 1/	\$0	\$0	\$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
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst: Joaquin A.J. Guerrero II Date: 4/1/25 Director: Lester L. Carlson, Jr. Date: APR 03 2025

Comments:

1/ Although the proposed legislation appears administrative in nature, the Bureau notes that there will be a fiscal impact with the implementation of Veterans Service Recognition Month programs by Executive Branch agencies to support month-long observances, subject to the availability of funds appropriated by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.