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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
255-38 (COR)	V. Anthony Ada Christopher M. Dueñas Vincent A.V. Borja	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> CHAPTER 67 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING AND EXPANDING THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (GOVA) WITH THE INTENT OF STRENGTHENING SERVICES, IMPROVING ACCOUNTABILITY, ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITIES IN STATUTE, AND ENHANCING SUPPORT FOR GUAM'S VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND TRANSITIONING SERVICE MEMBERS.	1/13/26 10:44 a.m. ^7/1/26 1:59 p.m.	7/8/26	Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	Request: 7/8/26 7/17/26			



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson

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38th Guam Legislature

July 17, 2026

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. 255-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 255-38 (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. 255-38 (COR)

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Office of Veterans Affairs	Dept./Agency Head: Jose San Agustin, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$1,246,443
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	\$0
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$1,246,443

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2025 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2026 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2026 Appro. (P.L. 38-60)	\$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 2026 (if applicable)	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
General Fund	\$0	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/

- 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? /X/ Yes / / No
 If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? / / N/A / / Yes /X/ 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: <u>Jasmine C. Tereas, BMA II</u>	Date: <u>7/17/2026</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr.</u>	Date: <u>JUL 17 2026</u>
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Comments:

1/ See attached comments.

Bureau of Budget and Management Research
Comments on Bill No. 255-38 (COR)

As stated in the Legislative Findings and Intent of the proposed legislation, the subject Bill No. 255-38 (COR) seeks to modernize the role of the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA) by updating definitions, expanding the scope of the OVA's mission, improving accountability mechanisms, and clarifying the OVA's role as the central coordinating entity for veteran-related services across the government of Guam. The bill also establishes the Veterans Emergency Assistance Program (VEAP) which provides temporary housing, food, transportation and utility assistance for Veterans experiencing temporary hardship that threatens health stability, or access to essential services, not to exceed 30 days.

Per comments received by the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA), there are no fiscal impacts of concern. However, the Bureau does anticipate costs associated with providing direct emergency assistance as outlined in the VEAP to include temporary housing, the purchase of food commodities, fuel and maintenance for the vehicle used for medical transportation, and cash assistance for utility arrears. Absent pertinent information from the OVA, a specific fiscal impact cannot be ascertained at this time.

Additionally, the proposed legislation states that funds used are subject to availability and further authorizes the use of donations deposited into the Veterans Affairs Fund to supplement the program. Although the OVA has not identified the primary source of funding, the Bureau anticipates the use of their General Fund (GF) appropriations as the primary source of funding.

The Bureau provides the following account balances as of 3rd quarter ending:

	Account	Appropriation Amount	Balance
1	FY 2026 GF Appropriation(P.L. 38-60)	\$1,246,443.00	\$859,362.78
2	Veterans Healthcare Assistance (P.L. 37-101)	\$340,000.00	\$309,237.97
3	OVA - Supplemental Budget (P.L. 37-102)	\$1,000,000.00	\$902,017.66
4	Veterans Affairs Fund (P.L. 28-78)	-	\$1,300.02
5	Veterans Cemetery Trust Fund (P.L. 28-78)	-	\$31,579.81