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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
261-38 (COR)	V. Anthony Ada Vincent A. V. Borja William A. Parkinson Frank F. Blas, Jr. Sabina Flores Perez Joe S. San Agustin Jesse A. Lujan Shelly V. Calvo	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 23111(e) OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING PATIENT CAREGIVERS, SUPPORT PERSONS, OR MEDICAL ESCORTS TO USE TRAVEL BANK MILEAGE FROM THE SENATOR EDWARD J. CRUZ MEDICAL REFERRAL AND EDUCATION MILEAGE PROGRAM TO ACCOMPANY ELIGIBLE PATIENTS WHO REQUIRE OFF-ISLAND MEDICAL TREATMENT.	1/26/26 9:39 a.m.	2/3/26	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request: 2/3/26 2/11/26			



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

February 11, 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. 261-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 261-38 (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. 261-38 (COR)**

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Administration (DOA)	Dept./Agency Head: Birn, Edward M., Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$11,036,842
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: Indirect Cost Fund (\$947,521) & Limited Gaming Fund (\$54,246)	\$1,001,767
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$12,038,609

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	Special Fund:	Total:
FY 2025 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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| 1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions?
If Yes, see attachment | | // Yes | /X/ No |
| 2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation?
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ | /X/ N/A | // Yes | // No |
| 3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency?
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies?
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? | /X/ N/A | // Yes
// Yes
// Yes | /X/ No
// No
/X/ No |
| 4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? | | // Yes | /X/ No |
| 5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency?
/X/ Requested agency comments not received by due date: | If no, indicate reason:
DOA | // Yes | /X/ No |

Analyst: <u>Raymond Nieta, BMA IV</u>	Date: <u>2/10/26</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director</u>	Date: <u>FEB 11 2026</u>
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Notes:
1/ See Additional Comments.

Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Additional Comments on Bill No. 261-38 (COR)

Legislative Bill No. 261-38 is an act to amend § 23111(e) of Chapter 23, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated (GCA) relative to authorizing patient caregivers, support persons, or medical escorts to use travel bank mileage from the *Senator Edward J. Cruz Medical Referral and Education Mileage Program* to accompany eligible patients who require off-island medical treatment.

Based on the existing law, “all accrued mileage earned through the use of credit cards for travel by employees of the legislative, judicial and executive branches, including, but not limited to, all government agencies, instrumentalities, autonomous and semi-autonomous agencies, public corporations shall be available to support off-island medical care, and off-island student travel involving academic, sports and cultural activities.”

The same law cites that persons eligible for participation to receive the mileage for off-island medical care are: a) patients under the Medically Indigent Program (MIP); patients under other Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) income-based health programs and patients with serious medical illness and financial need as determined by the Director of DPHSS, and b) all health care staff (physicians, nurses, technicians) providing direct care to the patient being transported. Bill No. 261-38 proposes to add patient caregivers, support persons, or medical escorts as eligible to receive this mileage.

Because the above referenced travel bank mileage program currently designates persons eligible to receive the mileage for off-island medical care, while the subject legislation proposes to expand the eligibility list, the potential impact of Bill No. 261-38 would be to the mileage already accumulated within the program and the use of the mileage for other patients and healthcare staff. However, absent information from the Department of Administration relative to the current accumulated mileage accrued within the program and the actual usage of those mileage for patient travel, the Bureau is unable to ascertain the fiscal impact of this proposed legislation.