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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
269-38 (COR)	Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Sabrina Salas Matanane Tina Rose Muña-Barnes	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> SECTION 1(aa)(3) OF CHAPTER V (EXECUTIVE BRANCH), PUBLIC LAW 38-60, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT TO EXPEND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$450,000) FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM PRIOR FISCAL YEARS FOR A "911 SURCHARGE" RATE STUDY PURSUANT TO 12 GCA CHAPTER 12.	2/6/26 9:01 a.m.	2/11/26	Committee on Public Safety, Emergency Management, and Guam National Guard.	Request: 2/11/26  2/20/26			




## COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

February 20, 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. 269-38 (COR)**

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*Håfa Adai!*

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

**Bill No. 269-38 (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. 269-38 (COR)**

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Fire Department	Dept./Agency Head: Daren Burrier, Fire Chief
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: (Inclusive of \$1,392,942 for the FY 2026 Fire Cycle)	\$39,906,992
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Enhanced 911 Emergency Reporting System Fund (\$1,905,164); Fire, Life, and Medical Emergency Fund (\$823,578)	\$2,728,742
<b>Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:</b>	<b>\$42,635,734</b>

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify 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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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	1/	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Funds	1/	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1/</b>	<b>1/</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

- 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: <u>Abigail R. Ofeciar, BMA Supervisor</u>	Date: <u>2/18/2026</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director</u>	Date: <b>FEB 19 2026</b>
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Notes:  
1/ See attached comments.

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH  
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 269-38 (COR)

The proposed legislation intends amend Section 1(aa)(3), "Unexpended Funds from Prior Fiscal Years", of Chapter V of P.L. 38-60 and adds specific authorization for the Guam Fire Department (GFD) to expend the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) from its unexpended appropriated funds from prior fiscal years for the express purpose of funding a 911 Surcharge Rate Study. Such funds are authorized specifically to cover associated costs to include professional services agreement with qualified consultant(s), public notice and hearing requirements, and legal services rendered by the Office of the Attorney General. Per the proposed legislation, such funds are not subject to the Governor's transfer authority and shall remain available to GFD until fully expended.

As per the proposed legislation, Chapter 12 of Title 12 Guam Code Annotated authorizes GFD to petition the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to amend the 911 Surcharge from time to time. Since its inception in 1999 pursuant to P.L. 25-55, the 911 Surcharge has been at \$1.00 per month per subscriber line telephone service or per line number for commercial mobile radio service.

The Bureau notes that a separate measure has also been introduced as Bill No. 274-38 (COR), which is an act to also amend Section 1(aa)(3), "Unexpended Funds from Prior Fiscal Years", of Chapter V of P.L. 38-60 relative to authorizing GFD to expend Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) from the department's unexpended appropriated funds from prior fiscal years for the establishment of a Tumon Rescue Base.

Per comments received from the Fire Chief, GFD is in support of both proposed legislations as the funding source is identified and does not impact its current fiscal year appropriation. The Bureau notes that should both proposed legislations pass, a determination will need to be made in terms of priority given that these are separate measures intending to amend the same provision in P.L. 38-60.

The Bureau cautions that on December 1, 2025, the Bureau was made aware by the Department of Administration (DOA) that based on the review and analysis of the FY 2024 General Fund fund balance, it was determined that no General Fund fund balance is available to carryforward into FY2025. As a result, the Director of Administration instructed DOA personnel to hold off on the rollover process of FY 2024 General Fund appropriations into FY 2025. In line with this, the Director of Administration also advised that the estimated General Fund fund balance for fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 that is unassigned or available for purposes such as continuing appropriation authorization is negative \$13.98M as of December 3, 2025. As a result, any unexpended General Fund appropriations for the departments from prior fiscal years as provided in the Budget Act(s) will not be deemed available for continuation into FY 2026 since the funding to support the continuing appropriation authorization is not available. Similarly, the continuing appropriation authorization for the departments' unexpended Special Revenue Funds appropriations that have been falling below the adopted levels in recent years which ended in a negative balance (shortfall) will not be deemed available for continuation as well given that there is no real funding to support such requests.