

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
282-38 (COR)	Telo T. Taitague Shelly V. Calvo V. Anthony Ada Sabina Flores Perez Therese M. Terlaje Frank F. Blas, Jr. Chris Barnett Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Joe S. San Agustin Jesse A. Lujan William A. Parkinson	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 40145 TO CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN COASTAL PADDLING PROGRAM IN THE VILLAGES OF HÁGAT, HUMÁTAK, MALESSO', AND INALÁHAN; AND TO APPROPRIATE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.	2/24/26 9:53 a.m. 3/13/26 8:00 a.m.	3/13/26	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request: 3/13/26 3/19/26			



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

March 19, 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. 282-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 282-38 (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. 282-38 (COR)**

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 40145 TO CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN COASTAL PADDLING PROGRAM IN THE VILLAGES OF HAGAT, HUMATAK, MALESSO', AND INALAHAN; AND TO APPROPRIATE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Mayor's Council of Guam	Dept./Agency Head: JoyJean Arceo, Executive Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Operations (\$16,807,881), VOMBPS (\$422,126), Miscellaneous Appropriation to the MCOG from FY2025 Net Unobligated General Fund Revenues (Excess) (\$2,000,000)	\$19,230,007
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: Limited Gaming Fund (\$343,564), Guam Educational Facilities Fund (\$307,375), Host Community Fund (\$300,000), Recycling Revolving Fund (DPW) (\$1,500,000)	\$2,450,939
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$21,680,946

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 thru _____)	\$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	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$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? / / N/A / X / 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 / 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
/ X / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst:  Date: 03/18/2026	Director:  Date: MAR 19 2026
Tyler Bautista, BMA II	Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director

Notes:
1/ See attached comments.

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 282-38 (COR)

The proposed legislation intends to add a new § 40145 to Chapter 40, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to establish the southern coastal paddling program in the villages of Hagat, Humatak, Malessó', and Inalahan. The intent of the proposed legislation seeks to start this pilot program to empower youth, preserve maritime heritage, and encourage community-based engagement, while promoting long-term sustainability through grants, partnerships, and other non-General fund revenue sources. Although the program will be administered through the MCOG in coordination with the mayors of Hagat, Humatak, Malessó', and Inalahan, participation is not restrained by municipal residency. The program may include the acquisition and maintenance of paddling equipment, development of maritime training activities, safety instruction, cultural education components, coordination of village-based paddling events, and related activities.

Additionally, the proposed legislation seeks to appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from the General Fund to the MCOG for the implementation of this program for Fiscal Year 2027 as a non-lapsing appropriation until fully expended. This funding will be evenly distributed amongst the four (4) mayors at \$50,000 per village. The appropriation is a one-time, non-recurring startup investment and shall not be construed as creating a General Fund obligation, unless otherwise appropriated by I Liheslaturan Guahan. Per Section 4 of the proposed legislation, the MCOG is authorized to incorporate this program as a separate line item within their respective municipal budgets to identify and track long-term funding, which will require legislative appropriation if it is a part of their annual budget submissions.

Absent correspondence from the MCOG pertinent to the cost and maintenance of equipment, in addition to administrative costs for planning of activities, events, and educational components, the estimated cost impact to the Government of Guam is \$200,000 from the General Fund for the first year of the program.