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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
323-38 (LS)	Tina Rose Muña-Barnes	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 77302 OF CHAPTER 77, TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST.	5/19/26 4:14 p.m.	5/27/26	Committee on Child Welfare, Youth Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women's Affairs, Disability Services, the Arts, Culture, Historic Preservation, and Hagåtña Restoration.	Request: 5/27/26 6/4/26			




COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
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38th Guam Legislature

June 4, 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. 323-38 (LS)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 323-38 (LS).

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. 323-38 (LS)**

AN ACT TO AMEND §77302 OF CHAPTER 77, TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Parks and Recreation		Dept./Agency Head: Warren Pelletier, Acting Director	
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Guam Historic Resources Division (\$848,666), Civilian Volunteer TPP Officer Reservists (\$90,000)			\$4,596,359
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Limited Gaming Fund (\$343,564), Public Recreation Services Fund (\$86,596), Tourist Attraction Fund (\$400,000)			\$830,160
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:			\$5,426,519

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

- 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: Michelle Pineda Date: 6/1/26 Director: Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director Date: JUN 03 2026

Notes:
1/ See Additional Comments.

Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Comments on Bill No. 323-38 (LS)

Current law under § 77302 of Chapter 77, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated provides that the Guam Historic Preservation Officer shall be the head of the Historical Resources Division and serve as the Executive Director for the Guam Preservation Trust Fund. The proposed legislation seeks to amend this provision by removing outdated language that requires the Guam Historic Preservation Officer to serve as Executive Director, as long-standing practices have vested the management and administration of the Guam Preservation Trust (GPT) in its Board of Directors and professional staff. According to legislative findings, the Guam Historic Preservation Officer has not exercised executive authority over the operations of the GPT, and the GPT has operated independently through personnel hired through the authority of the Board.

The Bureau notes that Bill No. 323-38 (LS) poses no fiscal impact on the funds of the Government of Guam, as it amends the Guam Historic Preservation Officer's role in the Guam Preservation Trust. Per the attached comments received from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the bill is an unnecessary revision of existing legislation that originally established the structure for heritage management on Guam, and recommends restoring previous cost-sharing formulas between all preservation entities. The SHPO expresses concern that the motive of the bill in eliminating their oversight role as executive manager of the Guam Preservation Trust Fund would result in a lack of accountability to GovGuam, and recommends that the proposed bill be withdrawn.