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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
335-38 (COR)	Vincent A.V. Borja Tina Rose Muña-Barnes	AN ACT TO *AMEND* CHAPTER 56, DIVISION 5 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RULEMAKING AUTHORITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE GUAM VETERANS HIGHER EDUCATION BENEFITS ACT.	6/17/26 9:26 a.m.	6/18/26	Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting.	Request: 6/18/26 6/25/26			

COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

June 25, 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. 335-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 335-38 (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. 335-38 (COR)

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information			
Dept./Agency Affected: University of Guam / Guam Community College		Dept./Agency Head: Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, President Dr. Judith Guthertz, President	
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:		UOG: $47,023,391	GCC: $14,891,858
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date:	UOG: Healthy Futures Fund ($3,000,000) Guam Educational Facilities Fund: ($500,000) Total: $3,500,000	GCC: Manpower Development Fund $8,471,562	
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:		UOG: $50,523,391	GCC: $23,363,420

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

1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes /X/ No
   If Yes, see attachment
2. 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
3. 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
4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes /X/ No
5. 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: Guam Community College / / Other

Analyst: [signature] Michelle Pineda, BMA I — Date: 6/24/26 — Director: [signature] Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director — Date: JUN 2 4 2026

Notes:
1/ See Additional Comments.

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 335-38 (COR)

The Guam Code Annotated (GCA) currently outlines the eligibility and educational benefits for Guam's veterans and their families, otherwise known as the "Guam Veterans Higher Education Benefits Act," as established through Public Law 38-99. The Act is designed to provide meaningful assistance to qualifying veterans and their dependents by leveraging existing institutional capacities for tuition waivers at the University of Guam (UOG) and the Guam Community College (GCC). The provision of a tuition exemption shall be contingent upon availability after all federal veterans' educational benefits providing tuition assistance have been exhausted.

Bill No. 335-38 seeks to amend Chapter 56, Division 5 of Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, relative to rulemaking authority and administrative procedures for the Guam Veterans Higher Education Benefits Act. Specifically, the proposed legislation seeks to authorize the Board of Regents of the University of Guam and the Board of Trustees of the Guam Community College to each promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer tuition waivers within their respective institutions.

Based on comments received from the University of Guam, there are currently 64 veterans and 164 dependents enrolled for a total of 228 potentially eligible students. Assuming a modest 50% of eligible current students, or 114 eligible individuals, and assuming the maximum number of 36 credits taken each year (18 credits per semester x 2 semesters per year), the projected fiscal impact is approximately $906,984 (114 students x $221 per credit x 36 credits per year). The UOG notes that this figure may vary based on program enrollment restrictions, class capacity limits, and the enrollment of new eligible students. The Bureau has also reached out to GCC for their comments/testimony, but has not received a response as of the date of this fiscal note. Consequently, a specific fiscal impact for GCC cannot be determined at this time.