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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
337-38 (COR)	Chris Barnett Telo T. Taitague William A. Parkinson	AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 22109 OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION.	6/26/26 9:49 a.m.	7/2/26	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 7/2/26 7/10/26			

COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

July 10, 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. 337-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 337-38 (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. 337-38 (COR)

AN ACT TO AMEND § 22109 OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Unified Judiciary of Guam	Dept./Agency Head: Robert J. Torres Jr., Chief Justice
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Operations ($41,623,822); Drug and Therapeutic Courts ($889,319); Electronic Monitoring Program ($868,157); Guam Criminal Law and Procedure Review Commission ($378,845)	43,760,143
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: Safe Streets Fund-Family Visitation Center ($29,993)	29,993
	43,790,136

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2025 Unreserved Fund Balance		$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 2025 (if applicable)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund	$0	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
Special Fund	$0	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
Total	$0	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/

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? $ ________ / / 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
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst: ________ Gianni Toves, BMA I	Date: 07/09/26	Director: ________ 07/9/26 Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director	Date: JUL 09 2026

Comments:
1/ See attached comments on Bill No. 337-38 (COR).

According to comments received on Bill 337-38 (COR), the Unified Judiciary of Guam notes that the FY 2027 budget was developed under the assumption that the stipend rate would remain at $30 per day. Increasing the stipend to $60 would significantly raise total program costs and will double direct stipend expenditures. With respect to administrative costs, while the issuance of 1099 forms and related processing are already part of our standard administrative duties, a higher stipend rate may increase the number of individuals who exceed the reporting threshold. This could result in a modest increase in workload, including additional processing, verification, and postage. Although these impacts are not expected to be substantial relative to the direct stipend costs, they do represent incremental administrative expenses that should be considered the overall fiscal impact.

The JOG summarized the total stipend costs by fiscal year in the table below:

FY 2023	$371,760.00
FY 2024	$412,620.00
FY 2025	$494,160.00
FY 2026	$418,890.00 as of 6/15/26 (projected total: $500,000.00-550,000.00)
FY 2027	$550,000.00 (budgeted as current rate of $30 per day)

Additionally, the table below outlines the total number of jurors who appeared from FY 2021 through FY 2026 (January through April 2026):

FY 2021	13,549
FY 2022	11,803
FY 2023	13,020
FY 2024	15,163
FY 2025	16,654
FY 2026	7,246 (January through April)

Finally, under the current law, the government of Guam employees are generally required to turn their stipends to their employer and instead receive their regular salaries while on jury duty. The fiscal impact of Bill 337-38 (COR) could be further reduced by not requiring the payment of stipends at all to active government of Guam employees who are on paid status while in jury service.

However, absent detailed information from the Judiciary regarding its operations and financial impact, the Bureau is unable to provide an estimated cost impact to the Government of Guam should the Bill be enacted.