

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
359-38 (COR)	Telo T. Taitague V. Anthony Ada Chris Barnett Shelly V. Calvo Jesse A. Lujan Sabrina Salas Matanane	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> §§ 81101, 81102, 81103, 81104, 81106 AND 81111 OF CHAPTER 81, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO <i>ADD</i> NEW §§ 81103.2 AND 81115 TO CHAPTER 81, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF POST-MORTEM EXAMINATIONS, STRENGTHENING ADMINISTRATIVE AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT, ENSURING CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS, AND PRESERVING THE PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER.	9/8/26 12:10 p.m.	9/9/26	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 9/9/26 9/14/26			



COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

September 14, 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. 359-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 359-38 (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. 359-38 (COR)**

AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 81101, 81102, 81103, 81104, 81106 AND 81111 OF CHAPTER 81, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO ADD NEW §§ 81103.2 AND 81115 TO CHAPTER 81, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF POST-MORTEM EXAMINATIONS, STRENGTHENING ADMINISTRATIVE AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT, ENSURING CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS, AND PRESERVING THE PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Office of the Attorney General (OAG)	Dept./Agency Head: Douglas Moylan, Attorney General
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Operations (\$822,999); Supplemental (\$500,000)	1,322,999
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	-
	\$1,322,999

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 2026 (if applicable)	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
General Fund	\$0	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
Special Fund	\$0	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
Total	\$0	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/

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| 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 |
| If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ | / X / N/A | / / No |
| 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 |
| 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 | / / Other: | |

Analyst: 	Date: 09/14/26	Director: 	Date: SEP 14 2026
Gianni Toyes, BMA I Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director			

Comments:

1/ See attached comments on Bill No. 359-38 (COR).

**BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 359-38 (COR)**

The proposed Bill No. 359-38 (COR) is an act to amend §§ 81101, 81102, 81103, 81104, 81106 and 81111 of Chapter 81, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated; To add new §§ 81103.2 and 81115 to Chapter 81, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated; Relative to establishing an Executive Director of the Office of Post-Mortem Examinations, strengthening administrative and fiscal oversight, ensuring continuity of operations, and preserving the professional independence of the Chief Medical Examiner.

The proposed legislative intent of Bill No. 359-38 (COR) is to establish a permanent Executive Director within the Office of Post-Mortem Examinations to oversee its administrative, fiscal, and operational functions, while maintaining the Chief Medical Examiner's authority over medicolegal, forensic, scientific, and professional medical matters. The proposed legislation also seeks to strengthen the Commission on Post-Mortem Examinations' oversight, ensure continuity of administrative operations during a vacancy or unavailability of the Chief Medical Examiner, and provide for the continued use of existing Government of Guam resources to support the Office's operations.

The Bureau has sought input on the proposed Bill 359-38 (COR) from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and has not received any official comments as of the date of this fiscal note. If enacted, the Bureau anticipates that the proposed legislation will result in additional personnel cost for the OCME; however, the Bureau currently lacks sufficient information to determine the exact fiscal impact.

The table below provides the FY 2026 comparable salaries for Executive Director positions, which typically range from \$73,000 to \$93,000 and the corresponding benefits for FY 2027. As such, the proposed legislation would require the Legislature to provide an additional appropriation to the OCME to cover the associated personnel cost estimate of \$109,906.46 based on the average benchmark.

AGENCY	POSITION	PAY GRADE & STEP	HOURLY	ANNUAL BASE SALARY	ESTIMATED BENEFITS 1/	TOTAL
Professional Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors	Executive Board Administrator	O6	\$ 35.25	\$ 73,315.00	\$ 22,375.11	\$ 95,690.11
Contractor's License Board	Executive Director	EQ-09	\$ 38.69	\$ 80,476.00	\$ 24,494.05	\$ 104,970.05
Hagatna Restoration and Redevelopment Authority	Executive Director	EO-19	\$ 43.44	\$ 90,350.00	\$ 27,415.77	\$ 117,765.77
Office of Veteran Affairs	Executive Director	-	\$ 44.71	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 28,199.90	\$ 121,199.90
AVERAGE BENCHMARK	Executive Director		\$ 40.52	\$ 84,285.25	\$ 25,621.21	\$ 109,906.46

Footnote:

1/ Estimated FY 2027 benefit rates include: Retirement (28.14%); DDI (\$19.01); Medicare (1.45%); Life (\$7.19).