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
376-38 (LS)	Committee on Child Welfare, Youth Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women's Affairs, Disability Services, the Arts, Culture, Historic Preservation and Hagåtña Restoration by request of *I Kongressun Manhoben Guåhan* , the Guam Youth Congress, in accordance with 2 GCA § 7102	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SAFETY BARRIERS AT ALL SCHOOL BUS STOPS ACROSS GUAM TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION AND WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED TRANSPORATION SAFETY AND SECURITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "GUAM STUDENT SHIELD SAFETY ACT OF 2025."	10/15/26 12:58 p.m.	10/21/26	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request: 10/21/26 11/4/26			

COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

November 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. 376-38 (LS)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 376-38 (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. 376-38 (LS)

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SAFETY BARRIERS AT ALL SCHOOL BUS STOPS ACROSS GUAM TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION AND WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND SECURITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "GUAM STUDENT SHIELD SAFETY ACT OF 2025".

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Public Works (DPW)	Dept./Agency Head: Vincent P. Arriola, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	3,814,436
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: Guam Highway Fund ($10,274,822); Guam Educational Facilities Fund ($7,907,558);	19,101,546
	$22,915,982

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2026 Unreserved Fund Balance		$0	$0
FY 2027 Adopted Revenues	$0	$0	$0
FY 2027 Appro. (P.L. 38-136)	$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 2027 (if applicable)	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
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?	/ / N/A	/ / Yes	/ / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? $ 1/	/ / 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	/ / Other:		

Analyst: _____ Date: 10/30/24 Director: _____ Date: NOV 0 3 2026
William P. Taitingfong, Acting BMA Supvr. Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director

Comments:
1/ See attached comments on Bill 376-38 (LS).

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 376-38 (LS)

The proposed Bill No. 376-38 (LS) is an act to appropriate funds for the purchase and installation of safety barriers at all school bus stops across Guam to ensure the protection and well-being of students through enhanced transportation safety and security, to be known as the "Guam Student Shield Safety Act of 2025".

According to the legislative intent of Bill No. 376-38 (LS), it is to mandate the installation of safety barriers at every school bus stop in every village throughout Guam, starting with the high-risk areas of vehicular traffic and any potential dangers. The protective barriers will create a secure, designated waiting zone, preventing unnecessary exposure to vehicular traffic and enhancing a safer area for all students waiting for the school bus.

Bill 376-38 (LS) appropriates $1,000,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2025 Net Unobligated Excess Revenues to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for the execution of the Act. The DPW shall use the funds to purchase and install safety barriers at all designated school bus stops across Guam and the construction of temporary or permanent bus structures at locations identified as active student pick-up and drop-off areas, as determined by the DPW in coordination with the Guam Department of Education and municipal mayors. The appropriated funds are to be used exclusively for materials, labor, installation and associated administrative costs. Any surplus funds are to be allocated towards on-going maintenance, repair, and upkeep of the structures. The funds are not subject to the transfer authority of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* and remain with the DPW until fully expended.

The Bureau had sought comments on the financial impact of the proposed Bill 376-38 (LS) from the DPW on October 23, 2026 with a follow-up request on October 28, 2026. The Bureau has not received any official comments from the DPW as of the date of this fiscal note.

The Bureau does anticipate Bill 376-38 (LS), if enacted, to pose a significant financial impact to the DPW to complete the proposed mandate. Based on an internet query, the cost to install a concrete safety barrier at a school bus stop generally ranges from $35 to $180 per linear foot, depending primarily on whether the project utilizes precast, temporary-style blocks or permanent, in ground foundations. Because a typical bus stop requires roughly 40 to 100 linear feet of coverage to shield waiting students, total installation costs for a single site usually fall between $1,500 and $18,000. There is no official published total count for the exact number of individual school bus stop across Guam. The DPW manages the island-wide public school bus network (operating around 168 to 182 buses and roughly 179 distinct routes).

Absent detailed information from the DPW as to its funding requirements to install safety barriers at all school bus stops, the Bureau is unable to determine if the appropriated amount is adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation.

The Bureau notes that the fund source identified for the appropriation, the FY2025 Net Unobligated Excess Revenues, is not a viable fund source. The fund source as written in the Bill 376-38 (LS) does not specifically identify the actual Fund of the excess revenues, whether it is the General Fund or a Special Fund.