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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
389-38 (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 *ADD* A NEW § 54110 TO CHAPTER 54, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE "GUAM PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND WALKWAY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2025, " REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO IDENTIFY, PRIORITIZE, AND CONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS IN HIGH-RISK PEDESTRIAN AREAS, ESPECIALLY NEAR SCHOOLS AND BUS STOPS.	10/15/26 2:31 p.m.	10/22/26	Committee on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks, and Infrastructure.	Request: 10/22/26 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. 389-38 (LS)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 389-38 (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. 389-38 (LS)

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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?	/ 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?		/ X / Yes	/ / 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: 10/30/25 Director: _____ Date: NOV 0 3 2026
William P. Taitingfong, Acting BMA Supvr. Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director

Comments:

1/ See attached comments on Bill 389-38 (LS).

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 389-38 (LS)

The proposed Bill No. 389-38 (LS) is an act to add a new § 54110 to Chapter 54, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to establishing the "Guam Pedestrian Safety and Walkway Improvement Act of 2025", requiring the Department of Public Works (DPW) to identify, prioritize, and construct sidewalks in high-risk pedestrian areas, especially near schools and bus stops.

Bill No. 389-38 (LS) intends to provide for improved and accessible sidewalks to enhance public safety by reducing pedestrian-vehicle conflicts, but also supporting healthier lifestyles, promoting walkability, encouraging local economic activity in village centers, and strengthening Guam's image as a welcoming and safe destination for visitors. It mandates the DPW, within 6 months of the Acts enactment, to create and publish a Sidewalk Priority Plan identifying areas that lack safe pedestrian walkways, and which prioritizes school zones, tourist zones, Guam Regional Transit Authority and Department of Public Works bus stops without safe pedestrian access, and high-risk roads. The Bill requires the DPW to begin sidewalk construction on the identified areas on the Sidewalk Priority Plan no later than 1 year after its publication.

The Bureau had sought comments on the financial impact of the proposed Bill 389-38 (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 389-38 (LS), if enacted, to pose a significant financial impact to the DPW to complete the proposed mandate. Based on an internet query, the cost of constructing sidewalks on both sides of the roadway can run roughly between $93,000 and $155,000 per kilometer ($150,000 and $250,000 per mile) per cost estimate provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) report "PEDSAFE": Pedestrian Countermeasure Selection Guide". Until such time the DPW competes its Sidewalk Priority Plan, and absent detailed information from the DPW, the Bureau is unable to provide a financial cost impact at this time.