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The Guam Legislature is the lawmaking body of our government and sets policy for Guam. Fifteen Senators are elected at-large by island voters and serve two-year terms.

Senators hold hearings which give members of the public the opportunity to provide input on bills and resolutions introduced which address various community issues. Senators also host roundtable discussions, conduct oversight hearings, and participate in legislative sessions.

The 35th Guam Legislature is comprised of the following members: Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes; Vice Speaker Telena Nelson; Legislative Secretary Amanda Shelton; Senator Régine Biscoe Lee; Senator Therese Terlaje; Senator Joe San Agustin; Senator Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD.; Senator Clynton Ridgell; Senator Jose "Pedro" Terlaje; Senator Sabina Perez; Senator William Castro; Senator Louise Borja Muña; Senator Telo Taitague; Senator James Moylan; and Senator Mary Camacho Torres.



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35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE STATISTICS

OCTOBER 2019 - SEPTEMBER 2020



Bills Introduced

201

Bills Passed

28

Public Laws Enacted

22

Nominations Approved

58

Committee Reports Filed

104

Legislative Sessions*

18

*13 - Regular Sessions / 4 - Emergency Sessions / 1 - Special Session



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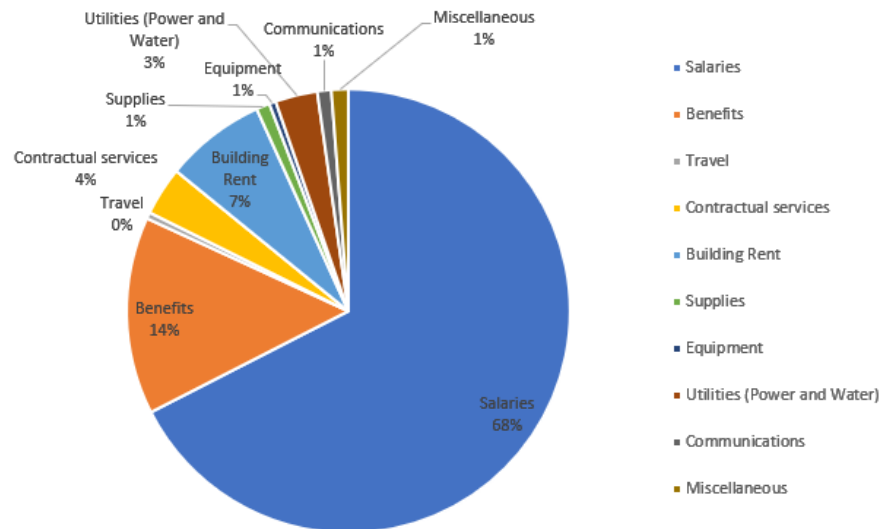
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FISCAL YEAR 2018

Budget—\$ 8,496,564.00

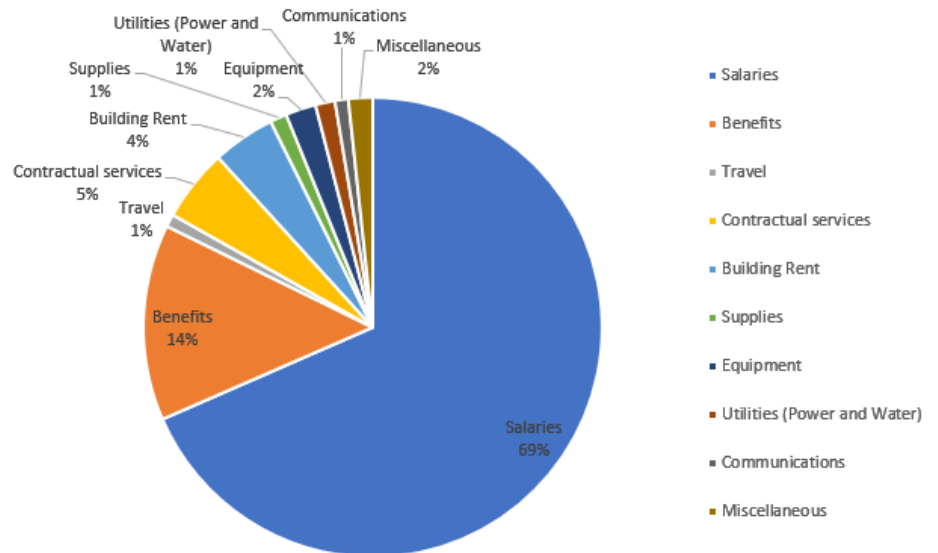
CATEGORIES	EXPENSES
Salaries	5,204,681.00
Benefits	1,109,465.00
Travel	35,553.00
Contractual services	273,314.00
Building Rent	567,022.00
Supplies	75,717.00
Equipment	37,384.00
Utilities (Power and Water)	236,976.00
Communications	78,598.00
Miscellaneous	94,599.00
TOTAL	7,713,309.00



FISCAL YEAR 2019

Budget—\$8,066,908.00

CATEGORIES	EXPENSES
Salaries	5,563,176.00
Benefits	1,121,223.00
Travel	72,111.00
Contractual services	413,574.00
Building Rent	360,000.00
Supplies	95,546.00
Equipment	174,034.00
Utilities (Power and Water)	112,126.00
Communications	76,266.00
Miscellaneous	138,168.00
TOTAL	8,126,224.00





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Guam Congress Building

The Legislature is committed to governance that is transparent, accountable, and available to all. To do this, the Legislature has achieved the following goals:

- Utilizing current and existing technology within the branch to proceed with legislative operations and hearings remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Implementing a reduction of paper usage via electronic transmittals and submissions of documents for legislative session.
- Training professional staff to amend and adjust accounting software to decrease overall consultant costs.
- Further our archival storage plan to ensure historic documents maintain presence within the branch.



Goals

- Future goals include the further use legislative technology to create a more efficient legislative process.
- Create a more transparent branch via more interactive legislative process for the public via website interaction and more.
- Development of youth through the Public Policy Institute.



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Legislative Channel and Livestream

Since its inception, *i liheslatura* has adapted to maintain transparency by utilizing live streaming technology to allow easy access of public hearings, legislative events, and legislative session via YouTube.

Since our move to the Guam Congress Building, the legislature has been livestreaming and keeping archives of legislative events on the streaming service, YouTube. Currently, there are over 1,620 video uploads that the public can access via our YouTube channel, “Guam Legislature Media.”

Month	2018 Video Views	2019 Video Views	2018 Viewing Hours	2019 Viewing Hours
January	8900	4500	2400	920
February	20300	11900	4700	2700
March	22200	36800	5600	8200
April	12600	20900	3100	3900
May	12500	12100	3100	2300
June	22400	8900	5500	1800
July	15700	10400	3900	2200
August	16500	16800	4200	4800
September	3700	6600	840	1500
October	5800	11100	1200	2700
November	3100	11900	830	2700
December	6700	9700	1500	1500
TOTAL	150400	161600	36870	35220



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The Plaza de España

Located in the heart of the Hagåtña, the *Plaza de España* is a site under the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* is the steward of this historic treasure, and has immediate purview of the Plaza, which includes the iconic three-arch gate to The Almacen, The Azotea, and the famous Chocolate House.

The Plaza has been the venue for numerous private and public events, with *I Liheslatura* providing access to the plaza grounds for each event. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Protocol Office administers the permitted use of this space.

In addition, *I Liheslatura* continuously maintains and improves the park's appearance and safety to ensure the historical value and cultural heritage is in pristine condition for our off-island visitors and local community to enjoy. Some of these improvements include:

- scheduling weekly maintenance of lawn and shrubbery.
- combining efforts with Guam Forestry to properly maintain flora.
- working with Guam Visitors Bureau,(GVB) to provide the Plaza de Espana security under the Visitor Security Officers (VSO) program.
- working closely with Guam Preservation Trust to promote the historic awareness of the Plaza via informational markers throughout the park.

I Liheslatura remains committed to ensuring the Plaza de España maintains its historic presence for generations to come.



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Guam Congress Building Mural

The Guam Visitors Bureau unveiled the fifth mural in the series of its Public Art Display Program at the Guam Congress Building in Hagåtña on February 19, 2020. The mural, by local artist Lee San Nicolas, is located on the walkway before the entrance of the Guam Congress Building. It gives off an illusion of the walkway opening up to reveal beautiful sea flora and fauna of the Marianas Trench.

This piece promotes sustainability and our pledge to our ocean & natural environment and our commitment to the United Nations sustainable development goals.



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Commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Keeping with our commitment to reach the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Guam Congress Building has achieved the following:

- The Guam Congress Building is partially sustained by the utilization of a recycled water system for our restrooms along with solar panels to augment our current power
- Our current use of electronic transmittals of documents for legislative hearings and session creates a responsible consumption of paper to reduce our overall usage.



Native trees planted at Guam Congress Building

In conjunction with the University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability, the Guam Congress Building held a ceremony to plant seedlings on the premises as part of an initiative to grow a variety of species from locally available trees.



The ceremony also housed a workshop on the interdependence between culture and the environment and the importance of traditional and ecological integration of knowledge in natural resource conservation. The workshop was held by UOG's Center for Island Sustainability Dr. Else Demeulenaere.

Native plants including the Chosga, Nanaso, and Gausali were planted outside the Guam Congress building. Additionally, several large Royal Palms were donated.

We want to hear from you! Was this report helpful? Is there other information you would like to see included? Please let us know by contacting Joe R. San Agustin, Executive Director, at (671) 472-2461 or joesa@guamlegislature.org You may visit www.guamlegislature.org for additional information.