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Chairperson, Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs

October 1, 2025

The Honorable Frank Blas Jr., Speaker

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

163 Hagåtña, Guåhan

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VIA: **The Honorable V. Anthony Ada, Vice Speaker** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on the Oversight Hearing relative to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

Håfa Adai Speaker Blas,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on the Oversight Hearing relative to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.

Sincerely,



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Oversight Hearing

Guam Memorial Hospital Authority



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Thu, Sep 18, 2025 at 8:00 AM

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Subject: Invitation to Oversight Hearing on Thursday September 25, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

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If your office requires any assistance or accommodation that can be provided by my office or the 38th Guam Legislature, please contact my office via email or voice call.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you may contact my office at 671-989-2572 or email office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov.

Thank you,

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- Vendor payments
- Capital improvement projects-electrical panels, HVAC, and other infrastructure
- IT system upgrades
- Cost containment initiatives
- Safety Protocols

Please be prepared to provide relevant reports, documentation, and any additional information that will facilitate a comprehensive discussion. The Committees look forward to your insights and appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the continued support and well-being of our hospital.

The Committees request that all written testimony and presentations be submitted forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing. Additionally, you are welcome to invite other officials who may be able to contribute to the discussion.

If your office requires any assistance or accommodation that can be provided by my office or the 38th Guam Legislature, please contact my office via email or voice call.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you may contact my office at 671-989-2572 or email office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov.

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Respectfully,

Sabrina Salas Matanane

Senator and Legislative Secretary, 38th Guam Legislature
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Oversight Hearing

September 25, 2025 9:30 AM

Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Opening Remarks**
- III. Oversight Hearing**
 - a) Vendor payments
 - b) Capital improvement projects (such as electrical panels, HVAC, and other infrastructure)
 - c) IT system upgrades
 - d) Medical Supplies & Equipment
 - e) Cost containment initiatives
 - f) Safety protocols
- IV. Closing Remarks**
- V. Adjournment**



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B Guiao	GM		GMHA OVERSIGHT HEARING	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
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Leia Obelia	GMHA - DR/HAU		GMHA OVERSIGHT HEARING	☒ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☒ In Support ☐ Not In Support
Vincent J. Cruz	GMHA - IT		GMHA OVERSIGHT HEARING	☒ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☒ In Support ☐ Not In Support
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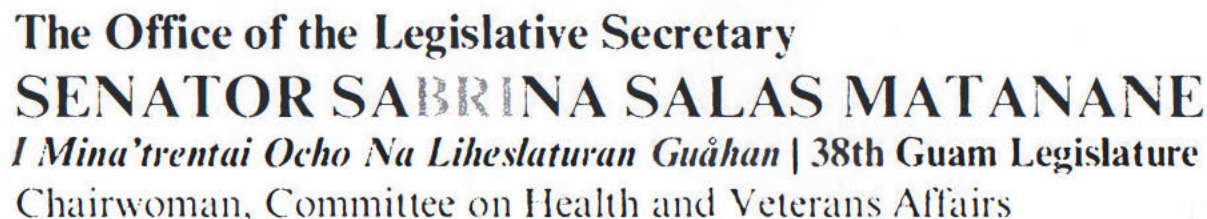
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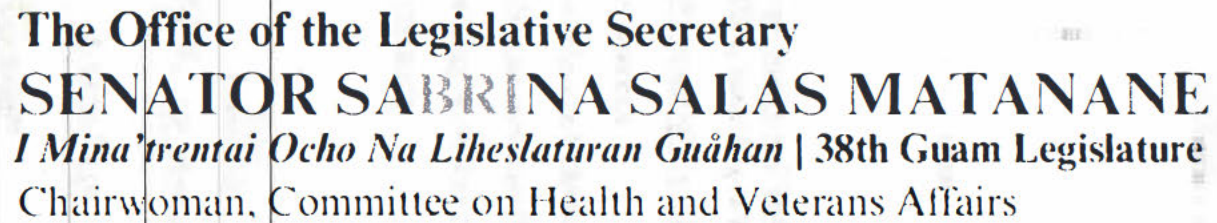
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MARVIN CRISTOSTOMO	LEGISLATURE	—	GMHA OVERSIGHT HEARING	☐ Observing ☐ Written ☐ Verbal	☐ In Support ☐ Not In Support
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Written Testimony – In Support of GMHA Funding Bills

Honorable Members of the Guam Legislature,

My name is Sharon Azucena, and I have dedicated nine years of my professional career to Guam Memorial Hospital. I am here as someone who has witnessed how every crack in our hospital walls, every missing supply, and every broken system puts lives at risk.

At GMH, every second matters. This is not like office work, where tasks can be postponed. A delay is not an inconvenience, it can mean the difference between life and death. A patient waiting for lab results, a monitor that fails during surgery, or a life-saving supply that is missing, these are moments where every second counts.

Our hospital is crumbling. Water seeps into patient rooms. Electrical systems are unreliable. HVAC units fail to keep proper air quality. These are not small problems, they threaten safety and dignity. No family should have to wonder if the building itself is safe when they bring their loved one to the only public hospital on this island.

We also face shortages of equipment and life-saving supplies. Too often, we are forced to make do with tools that are outdated, unreliable, or simply not there when we need them. No nurse, no doctor, no healthcare worker should have to choose between rationing supplies and delivering the care that every patient deserves.

And our IT and electronic health record systems, these are the backbone of modern medicine, but at GMH they are failing us. When systems crash, when patient records vanish from reach, when communication breaks down, it is the patient who suffers. In those moments, seconds slip away, and with them, lives.

We understand funding must be used wisely. We are not asking for luxury or state-of-the-art systems like other hospitals may have. We are asking for the basics, for working tools, reliable systems, and the supplies that allow us to save lives.

The root cause of so many challenges at GMH is that the hospital has never been fully funded. Year after year, we are forced to stretch an already thin budget, and every shortfall comes at the expense of patient care. On top of this, we are carrying the weight of patients with deep social issues who cannot be discharged. These cases tie up beds, staff time, and critical resources. Instead of generating income, they drain our already fragile funding. Every dollar spent this way is a dollar pulled away from urgent patient care. Every occupied bed means another critically ill patient waiting for a chance they may never get. GMH will remain trapped in a cycle of loss: losing resources, losing capacity, and ultimately, losing lives. We hope there will be a plan to address these situations so our resources can be used where they are most needed.

I want to take a moment to express my deepest appreciation to Senator Matanane for standing with GMH. Her vision and leadership give us hope that real change is possible. I also want to extend heartfelt gratitude to every senator who will stand with us on these measures. Your action is more than funding, it is recognition. It tells our patients their lives matter. It tells our hospital that it matters. And most importantly, it tells us that we matter. That is what gives us the strength to keep fighting for this community.

Thank you.

Sharon Azucena, MBA, RD, CDM
Clinical Nutrition Manager
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

September 29, 2025

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Hafa Adai Senator Salas Matanane and Committee Members,

I wanted to sincerely thank you for hosting the hearing, on-site at GMH, as some of us clearly would not have been able to make it had it been at the legislature, and that it sends a great message to us that you want to hear us, and you value our input. Unfortunately, we did not have the opportunity to speak during the hearing, so I hope you will consider this written testimony.

I am not at the table where the big decisions governing GMH are being made, but I am on the other side of the door that bears the brunt of these decisions. I believe myself and many other staff here can offer some valuable insight into some of the heavy issues we face and offer possible suggestions. I also want to make this very clear- I am not speaking for or against any particular party- and I would appreciate these words not being used to further any particular political agenda. I speak as a healthcare professional who wants to see progress and change.

That being said, the problems we have here at GMH are not due to any one person's mistakes. It is the **decades** of complacency and unwillingness to change, keeping the status quo, it's keeping GMH tied to politics, and not allowing GMH to evolve with the rapidly changing state of healthcare that has landed us where we are today. Politics has no place in a successful GMH. How GMH has been structured clearly does not work for the healthcare industry now. If we want GMH to have any hope of climbing out of this sinkhole, we must change the systems. Changing the little systems first, that add up to great change. And we need *proactive leaders*, including yourselves, at the forefront who understand the difficult population we serve, take accountability, work collaboratively, and who are *aggressive* with measures and policies that can sustain a health system with this very difficult population. I *know* there are alternatives and creative solutions to our problems. We just have to put our best ideas together, be aggressive about progress, and move forward together.

One of the main issues we face here at GMH is the extremely poor health literacy of the people of Guam, people just lack the means and the health education to lead healthy lives. There are patients that have been here for *years*, not months, *years*.. They come on the brink of death, and their home situation or family members cannot support them, so they live here. How can our hospital hope to be successful if there are multiple tenants here racking up millions and millions of dollars each and GMH does not see anything in return? We appreciate the appropriations but those millions are immediately

out the door. There are so many important debts that even I see as a bedside nurse that need to be paid. But Senator Lujan asked, what is the issue - is it a funding issue? Yes, absolutely, but it is also a collection issue and leadership that lacks the proactive initiative necessary to address the underlying issues. How can we provide multimillion-dollar services, get no money in return, and expect to stay afloat? We have policies that lay all the accountability on GMH and none on the patients, public health efforts, OR the federal government. People coming to Guam for a better life is great, but the effects of compact-impact are astronomical on GMH. The effects of a sick general population and very poor health literacy are enormous on GMH. People use GMH as their primary care, their acute care, their post-acute care, and whatever other health needs they can, because these people have nowhere else to go for healthcare. If we are to absorb ALL the responsibility for the health of this region at GMH, we need support from the governing body that brings them here- the federal government.

We all know that we must simultaneously get the support to build a new hospital AND maintain this one. From my first-hand observation, there are several very pressing issues we face right now: 1. the IT infrastructure to support, 2. An efficient EHR to document thoroughly, so that we can 3. BILL in a timely manner and receive reimbursement – we need a good billing system. We need the cash inflow. Because any money given to GMH right now just goes right out the door if we don't fix the systems, the holes in our bucket. There is no specific number to give that will fix the problems. It's the system. If you didn't know about our supply charging system, let me explain. We take a little yellow sticker off a package of gauze, put it on a Xerox piece of paper with the patient's sticker on it, and data clerks come around the units to collect these pieces of paper, and manually enter the charge codes on the stickers. This is the most archaic and inefficient system I have ever been involved in. I have two relatives who have tried to pay their bills at GMH and have been turned away and told they cannot pay at this time. They said I am trying to give you money right now, but were told they couldn't pay at this time. I believe it's systems like these that are keeping us where we are.

And lastly, please stop fighting over a location of a new hospital. As leaders, you need to be decisive. **"A"** decision is better than no decision. The **wrong decision** is better than no decision. **Indecision** is the worst thing a leader can do because it gets us **nowhere**. And everyone involved in this process so far has been a part of the indecision- nothing tangible has been done. So please, let's work together, let's do away with the status quo, let's be proactive and aggressive toward forward movement. It will take years to build a new hospital, and we have to simultaneously maintain this one. So time is of the essence, let's move this process forward together. Thank you for your time.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase,



Isabel Flores Ilao, BSN, RN, CCRN



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Public Notice Requirements

In accordance with Open Government Law, public notice for this oversight hearing was disseminated via email to all senators and main media broadcasting outlets on September 18, 2025, and September 23, 2025. The public notice was also posted on the Guam Legislature website and the Public Notice Portal.

Senators Present

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs
Senator Chris Duenas, Chairman of Finance and Government Operations
Speak Frank Blas Jr.
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Vice Chairperson on Health
Senator Shawn Gumataotao
Senator Jesse Lujan
Senator Vince Borja
Senator William A. Parkingson
Senator Therese M. Terlaje

Sergeant. at Arms – Ed Pocaigue

Appearing before the Committees:

Lillian Posadas – GMHA Administrator
Jesse Quenga - GMHA
Yuka Hechanova - GMHA
Rodalyn Gerardo - GMHA

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Zaly Tugade - GMHA

Jennifer Sablan – GPA

Melanie Mendiola – GMHA Board of Trustees

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION:

The Oversight Hearing was called to order at 9:30 A.M.

JOINT OVERSIGHT HEARING - SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE - SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 9:30AM

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS BUENAS AND HABA ADAL. THIS JOINT OVERSIGHT HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS IS NOW CALLED TO ORDER. THE TIME IS NOW 9:30 IN THE MORNING. IT IS SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2025. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR WELCOMING US AND HOSTING US HERE AT GMH. BEING HERE ALLOWS MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF TO SEE FIRSTHAND THE ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOUR DOCTORS YOUR NURSES AND YOUR STAFF WORK EVERY SINGLE DAY PROVIDING CRITICAL CARE TO OUR PEOPLE. FOR THE RECORD, OFFICIAL NOTICE OF TODAY'S HEARING WAS SENT OUT TO ALL SENATORS, KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE MEDIA IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW. IT WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE LEGISLATURES' WEBSITE AND THE PUBLIC NOTICE PORTAL FOR FULL TRANSPARENCY. ALL HEARING MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COMMITTEE SHARED DRIVE AND PRINTED COPIES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. A RECORDING OF THIS HEARING WILL BE AVAILABLE AGAIN ON THE GUAM LEGISLATURES' YOUTUBE CHANNEL SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN REVIEW THE DISCUSSIONS AT ANY TIME. THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S OVERSIGHT IS TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM HOSPITAL LEADERSHIP AND STAFF ABOUT PRESSING ISSUES INCLUDING VENDOR PAYMENTS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS LIKE ELECTRICAL PANELS, HVAC AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE, IT UPGRADES, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT, COST CONTAINMENT MEASURES AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS. BEFORE WE BEGIN WITH TESTIMONY AND QUESTIONS, I'D LIKE TO INVITE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS, TO GIVE ANY OPENING COMMENTS.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSSI YUUS MAASE, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR CONDUCTING THIS JOINT OVERSIGHT HEARING HERE AT GMH. MISS LILLIAN, I'M SURE THAT YOU MAYBE DIDN'T EXPECT TO HAVE THIS SENDING OFF TO HANDLE THIS OVERSIGHT HEARING THIS MORNING, BUT I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT YOU GET YOUR LAST FINAL WORDS IN IN TERMS OF YOUR TENURE AND A DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR TODAY ON THE AGENDA, MADAME CHAIR. UM, AND I SEE A LOT OF, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS THAT ARE HERE. I SEE A LOT OF SIGNS OUT THERE THAT SAY SUPPORT GMH. AND ABSOLUTELY, WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT GMH. I

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WANT TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY REAL QUICKLY HERE. MOST OF YOU, I'M SURE, ARE BUSY TAKING CARE OF PATIENTS AND SAVING LIVES. BUT IN THE 36 GUAM LEGISLATURE, WHEN MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF CAME DOWN AND MADE A VERY COMPELLING PRESENTATION TO THE GUAM LEGISLATURE, WE IMMEDIATELY ACTED PASSED OR INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALL THE DIFFICULTIES THAT YOU HAD AND IMMEDIATELY WEEKS AFTER PASSED THE FIRST \$30 MILLION IN SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. WE ALSO THEN SUBSEQUENTLY GAVE A BUDGET TO YOU THAT WAS HISTORIC IN TERMS OF THE 36TH GUAM LEGISLATURE COMPARED TO THE FUNDING YOU USED TO GET. GOING INTO THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE, WE ONCE AGAIN INCREASED THAT AMOUNT. AND WE NOT ONLY INCREASED THAT AMOUNT, BUT WE PUT A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN FOR \$20 MILLION AGAIN IN FISCAL YEAR 2027 OR IN THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE, EXCUSE ME. NOW GOING INTO THE 38TH GUAM LEGISLATURE, WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT WHEN WE OVERRIDE THIS VETO ON MONDAY IS ANOTHER HISTORIC BUDGET. YOU'RE GOING TO GET \$57 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. YOU HAVE \$20 MILLION RECOGNIZED IN THE FIRST EXCESS REVENUE OF FISCAL YEAR 2026. THE CURRENT REVENUE TRACKING IS \$74 MILLION EXCESS REVENUE IN THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, WHICH MEANS THAT \$20 MILLION TO BE RECOGNIZED IS VERY, VERY ACHIEVABLE. ASIDE FROM THAT, MY COMMITTEE NEXT MONTH WILL BE HEARING A PAIR OF BILLS TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$32 MILLION OF REVENUE THAT HAS BEEN REALIZED SINCE GOING ONTO THE BOND MARKET AND HAVING REFINANCING DONE OF THE BPT BONDS. THAT WILL BE A TOTAL OF OVER HUNDRED MILLION FOR THE GUAM HOSPITAL. I'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO MEMORY LANE AS MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE PANEL THIS MORNING CAME TO OUR OFFICE IN THE PRE-BUDGET HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 OR EXCUSE ME, YEAH, FISCAL YEAR 2026. AND THE REVENUE THAT WE'VE REALIZED TO GIVE YOU IF THE GOVERNOR SIGNS THE BILLS WHEN WE PASS THEM WILL BE IN EXCESS OF WHAT YOU ACTUALLY ASKED FOR. IT WILL REALIZE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. AND ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE DIDN'T PUT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS IN THE BUDGET IS BECAUSE THAT'S NOT A STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE. THE BUDGET IS FOR YOUR OPERATIONAL ISSUES AND YOUR FIXED COSTS. SO, WE NOW HAVE FOUND THE RESOURCES TO MAKE SURE THAT THE REVENUES YOU NEED TO REALIZE FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS OF YOUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THIS HOSPITAL WILL BE REALIZED WITH ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ON TOP OF YOUR ANNUAL BUDGET. WE'RE HERE TODAY, AS THE AGENDA POINTS OUT, TO ENSURE NOW THAT THERE'S ACCOUNTABILITY. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, AND I'M GLAD ED BIRN'S HERE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE HIM COME UP WHEN WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE 40 MILLION. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THERE SEEMS TO BE A DISCONNECT AND A MISCOMMUNICATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE HOSPITAL IN TERMS OF HOW THEY PERCEIVE THE OPERATIONS HERE. WE PASSED THE \$40 MILLION WEEKS AGO AND THE BOTTOM LINE IS WE PASSED IT SO THAT MONEY CAN BE DEPOSITED INTO YOUR ACCOUNT. WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT IF THAT HAPPENED THIS MORNING. I HAVE A FEELING IT DIDN'T. AND THAT'S BECAUSE WHEN THE GOVERNOR FIRST SENT DOWN THE BILL FOR THE \$40 MILLION, SHE

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DID NOT WANT THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION TO MANAGE THAT MONEY. SHE WANTED FOR DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO MANAGE THAT MONEY. BUT WE MADE AN AMENDMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT COME DIRECTLY TO YOU. SO WE'LL FIND OUT IF THAT HAPPENED. WHAT WE WANT TO GO THROUGH TODAY AND PURPOSE OF BEING HERE TODAY IS TO ENSURE THAT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE PASSES APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE TO HELP THIS HOSPITAL THAT IT GOES TO YOU AND IT GETS SPENT ON THE ITEMS AND THE THINGS THAT IT WAS INTENDED FOR. IN CLOSING TO THIS OPENING REMARK, I REALLY WANT TO SAY THIS TO ALL OF YOU BECAUSE I'VE FELT BAD THAT YOU'VE HAD TO ENDURE BEING PIT BETWEEN TAX REVENUES AND THE JOB THAT YOU HAVE DO EVERY DAY. YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO ENDURE THAT. THAT'S OUR JOB. THE BOTTOM LINE IS YOU'RE FUNDED BY YOUR FEES AND YOUR SCHEDULES AND WHAT YOU HAVE TO OPERATE THIS HOSPITAL AND A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION. THAT GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION WILL COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND WHETHER THE TAX RATE IS 5% BPT OR 4% BPT. BOTTOM LINE, YOU ARE NOT TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT. THAT'S OUR JOB TO WORRY ABOUT IT. OUR JOB IS TO WORK WITH YOU TO GET THE RESOURCES THAT YOU NEED TO RUN THIS HOSPITAL TO GET THESE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DONE AND TO ENSURE YOUR STABILITY AS WE ALL WORK TOWARDS A NEW GUAM HOSPITAL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, SENATOR DUENAS. AT THIS TIME, I'D ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENCE OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT ARE JOINING US FOR TODAY'S OVERSIGHT HEARING. WE HAVE THE COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR OF HEALTH VICE SPEAKER TONY ADA. WE HAVE SPEAKER FRANK BLAS JR., MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR JESS LUJAN, SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO, AS WELL AS SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE, AND SENATOR VINCE BORJA. BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF GROUND TO COVER AND MUST ADJOURN BY 1:00 THIS AFTERNOON, I ASK FOR EVERYONE'S COOPERATION WITH THE FOLLOWING GROUND RULES. EACH SENATOR WILL BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES FOR THEIR QUESTIONS. PLEASE USE YOUR TIME WISELY. GET STRAIGHT TO YOUR QUESTION. THIS IS NOT STORY TIME. SO, IF YOU DON'T HAVE A QUESTION, WE WILL MOVE ON. THERE WILL BE NO POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS. INSTEAD, THIS HEARING IS MEANT TO BE OPEN AND AN HONEST DIALOGUE WITH HOSPITAL LEADERSHIP AND STAFF AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR AND MR. EDWARD BIRN AND THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY. UM, PLEASE KEEP YOUR ANSWERS CLEAR AND TO THE POINT SO WE CAN MAKE THE MOST OF THE TIME THAT WE HAVE. WE ASK NOW THAT GMH MANAGEMENT TEAM AND ALL OF YOU WHO WILL BE ANSWERING QUESTIONS PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELVES.

LILLIAN POSADAS GOOD MORNING AND BUENAS. MY NAME IS LILLIAN POSADES. I AM THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR. TO MY RIGHT IS MISS YUKA HECHANOVA WHO IS OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. TO HER RIGHT IS DR. RICARDO EUSEBIO. HE'S OUR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER. AND THEN TO HIS RIGHT IS MISS RODALYN GERARDO. SHE IS THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF OPERATIONS. TO MY LEFT IS MR. ZAUDI TUGADE. HE IS

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THE ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF OPERATIONS. AND TO HIS LEFT IS MR. JESSE QUENGA, OUR PERSONAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR. WE ALSO HAVE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE TEAM, BUT THEY'RE SITTING IN THE BACK AS WELL AS ALL THE EMPLOYEES.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW CALL UP OUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS TO SWEAR IN THE PANEL. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO SWEAR IN DOA AND THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY THAT WILL BE TESTIFYING OR ANSWERING QUESTIONS.

ED POCAIGUE PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND. UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, DO YOU ALL AFFIRM THAT ANY AND ALL INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE TODAY, WHETHER IT BE VERBALLY, ELECTRONICALLY, AND IN WRITING BE THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH. MADAM CHAIR, UNDER OATH, YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU. AGAIN, AS THE COMMITTEE CHAIR ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS EXPRESSED, WE ARE HERE MORE SPECIFICALLY TO FIND OUT THE STATUS OF THE \$40 MILLION THAT THE LEGISLATURE APPROVED VIA A BILL THAT THE GOVERNOR SENT DOWN TO THE LEGISLATURE AND CALLED US INTO A SPECIAL SESSION. SO, THERE WAS A SENSE OF URGENCY DESPITE THE FACT THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS NEVER DECLARED EVEN THOUGH IT WAS REQUESTED BY THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. SO, I'LL JUST KICK THINGS OFF REALLY QUICKLY ON JUST WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THIS \$40 MILLION APPROPRIATION.

LILLIAN POSADAS THANK YOU, UH, SENATOR, UH, SABRINA, AND THANK YOU, SENATORS. I JUST WANT TO REAL QUICK MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS. THAT'S OKAY. I'LL TRY NOT TO TAKE TOO LONG. GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO GMH. THANK YOU FOR MEETING WITH US IN OUR ONE AND ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL FACILITY. WE'RE ALSO EQUALLY AND SINCERELY THANKFUL FOR GIVING US ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND LIKE I SAID FRUITFUL AND HEALTHY DIALOGUE WITH OUR GMHA EXECUTIVES, EMPLOYEES AND MEDICAL STAFF REGARDING OUR ONE AND ONLY PUBLIC HOSPITAL, ITS FINANCIAL STATUS, IT SYSTEM, OVERALL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES TO INCLUDE CIP UPDATES, COST CONTAINMENT INITIATIVES, SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND VENDOR PAYMENTS. SECONDLY, THANK YOU SENATORS FOR SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF GOVERNOR LOURDES LEON GUERREROS BILL FOR THE 40 MILLION EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS WHICH IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 38-59. WE ARE HERE BEFORE YOU NOT ONLY AS A VOICE FOR THE HOSPITAL GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, BUT AS RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE ADVOCATES FOR THE THOUSANDS OF LIVES THAT DEPEND ON OUR HOSPITAL EVERY SINGLE DAY. THE DECISION YOU MADE IN SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE 40 MILLION APPROPRIATIONS BILLS INITIATED BY GOVERNOR RIPPLES THROUGHOUT EVERY DEPARTMENT AT EVERY PATIENT CARE SERVICES WE DELIVER HERE AT GH AND ALSO AT THE DOC OUTPATIENT CLINICS IN MANGILAO AND IN HAGATNA AND AT THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY. SO THOSE ARE THE OTHER FACILITIES

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THAT WE OPERATE AND WE MANAGE AND THAT'S WHERE THE FUNDING ALSO GOES. YOUR DECISIVE ACTION CLEARLY SHOWS YOUR CONVICTION AND COMPASSION TO CONTINUE APPROPRIATING FUND SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR GMH SO THAT THE UNDERFUNDING CYCLE WILL HOPEFULLY NO LONGER BE THE MINDSET, THE PRACTICE OR THE THOUGHT PROCESS. I THINK I CAN SAFELY SAY THAT WE ALL KNOW AND THINK KNOW THAT IT'S AND IT'S EMBEDDED IN OUR HEARTS AND IN OUR MINDS. GMH AS THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL IS AN EXTREMELY AND FUNDAMENTALLY ESSENTIAL A MUST-HAVE HEALTH FACILITY BECAUSE IT DEALS WITH LIFE AND DEATH 24/7 EVEN THROUGHOUT TYPHOONS AND IN TIMES OF DISASTERS. ON THAT NOTE, PLEASE FORGIVE ME IF I OFFEND ANYONE, BUT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE AS A LONGTIME REGISTERED NURSE, I BELIEVE THE LEGISLATION AND THE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP HAS THE ADVOCACY, THE INFLUENCE, AND THE POWER TO SAVE LIVES. IN YOUR ROLES AS LEGISLATIVE LEADERS, YOU ALSO SERVE AS LIFELINES FOR GMH AND THE COMMUNITY WE ALL LIVE IN. AND AS YOU HAD MENTIONED EARLIER, SENATORS, YOU SUPPORT THE HOSPITAL, AND WE APPRECIATE THAT VERY, VERY MUCH. YOUR CONTINUED AND INFLUENTIAL SUPPORT IS NOT JUST ABOUT FINANCIAL NUMBERS, HEALTHCARE DATA, OR LEGISLATIVE POLICIES. IT IS ABOUT PEOPLE, ABOUT FAMILIES, AND ABOUT THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY. GMHA IS THE BEATING HEART OF GUAM'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. AND WHAT WE NEED, WHAT OUR PATIENTS AND STAFF NEED IS YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT, CREDIBLE, AND TRUSTWORTHY LEADERSHIP THAT TRULY SUPPORTS GMH TO THRIVE, NOT JUST HERE IN THIS AGING FACILITY, BUT IN GOING FORWARD TO THE BUILDING OF A NEW HOSPITAL FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM. SENATORS, WE THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF EVERY PATIENT WAITING CARE, EVERY DOCTOR AND NURSE STRUGGLING THROUGH DWINDLING AND LACK OF BASIC SUPPLIES, AND EVERY FAMILY THAT COUNTS ON GMHA. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT GMH WITH ITS MISSION TO PROVIDE FORWARDING, HIGH QUALITY, AND SAFE PATIENT CARE. THANK YOU. AND SO WE ARE HERE NOW TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU LILLIAN. SO AGAIN, TWO WEEKS AGO, THE LEGISLATURE, THEY PASSED THE BILL SENT DOWN FROM THE GOVERNOR TO APPROPRIATE \$40 MILLION TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. WE DID THAT. 5 DAYS LATER, THE GOVERNOR SIGNED THE BILL INTO LAW. IT'S BEEN OVER A WEEK NOW. AND CAN YOU TELL US IS IT IS STILL \$1.3 MILLION THAT GMH HAS RECEIVED TO DATE?

LILLIAN POSADAS THAT IS CORRECT. WE RECEIVED 1.3 MILLION LAST WEEK, FRIDAY, AT AROUND 4 IN THE AFTERNOON. AND THAT 1.3 WENT OUT WENT TO THE PAYOUT OF THE DOCTOR'S PAY. THE DOCTOR'S PAY WAS 1.7, BUT WE WERE ABLE THEN TO GET ADDITIONAL FUNDING. AND I'LL LET YUKA SPEAK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT IT.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES, WHAT MISS LILLIAN SAID IS CORRECT. WE GOT THE 1.3 ON FRIDAY. I MET WITH MR. BIRN, DIRECTOR BIRN ON MONDAY ABOUT THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE THAT WILL COME IN. SO WHAT IMMEDIATELY IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AS

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WE SPEAK IS DOA IS PROCESSING THE PAYMENTS FOR THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS WITHHOLDING TAXES AND THE AMOUNTS WE OWE FOR GPA. SO THAT IS APPROXIMATELY \$14.3 MILLION. SO I'M EXPECTING THAT TO BE PAID OFF TODAY OR TOMORROW. AND THEN ON SEPTEMBER 30TH WE WILL RECEIVE \$10 MILLION. AND RIGHT NOW, UM, MY ACCOUNTING STAFF IS PROCESSING ALL OF THE VENDOR PAYMENTS THAT WE'LL USE THE \$10 MILLION FOR. SO, AS SOON AS THE MONEY HITS THE ACCOUNT, WE'LL BE ABLE TO CUT THE CHECKS AND RELEASE THEM RIGHT AWAY. UH, ON OCTOBER 15, ANOTHER 7.5 MILLION WILL BE RELEASED TO US. AND THEN BY OCTOBER 30TH, THE REMAINING 6.8 MILLION WILL BE RELEASED AS WELL. SO, WE'RE GOING TO ALSO RESERVE THE \$10 MILLION \$10 MILLION OF THAT FOR THE IT AND THE ELECTRICAL PANEL, WHICH WE'LL DISCUSS LATER ON TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN FUND ALL OF THE THINGS FOR THAT. SO, RIGHT NOW, WE ARE PROCESSING THE PAYMENT REQUEST SO WE CAN PAY THE VENDORS AS SOON AS THE MONEY HITS THE ACCOUNT.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND TO CLARIFY, DID YOU SAY 14.3 YOU'RE EXPECTING TODAY?

YUKA HECHANOVA NOT EXPECTING, BUT DOA WILL BE PAYING THAT ON OUR BEHALF BECAUSE MOST OF THAT IS GOING TO HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS, WITHHOLDING TAXES, AND ALMOST \$2 MILLION TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS LET ME LET ME JUST ASK YOU THIS. WHEN WE WERE IN SPECIAL SESSION, WHEN THE BILL WAS SENT DOWN TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR THIS \$40 MILLION, AGAIN, IT WAS A SPECIAL SESSION. WERE YOU ANTICIPATING THAT ONCE WE PASSED IT AND WAS SIGNED INTO LAW THAT YOU WOULD GET THAT \$40 MILLION NOT AFTER THE FISCAL NEW FISCAL YEAR OR AFTER THIS FISCAL YEAR ENDS BUT BEFORE THIS FISCAL YEAR ENDS? WERE YOU ANTICIPATING THAT THAT \$40 MILLION WAS GOING TO COME REALLY QUICKLY? NOT A WEEK, TWO WEEKS OR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR?

YUKA HECHANOVA I HAD I REMEMBERED MR. BIRN TESTIFYING THAT IT REALLY IS A CASH FLOW THING. SO DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH CASH COMES IN WILL DICTATE HOW MUCH WE CAN GET.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS I'M SORRY, JUST YES OR NO. DID YOU ANTICIPATE THAT THIS \$40 MILLION WAS GOING TO COME BEFORE THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR?

YUKA HECHANOVA NO, I DID NOT.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS YOU DID NOT ANTICIPATE BEING YOU WERE SHAKING YOUR HEAD. DIDN'T YOU EXPECT THAT THAT \$40 MILLION WAS GOING TO BE COMING BEFORE THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR?

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LILLIAN POSADAS THAT WAS MY ANTICIPATION AND MY HOPE, BUT YOU KNOW, UNDERSTANDING THE REALITY OF THE CASH SITUATION THAT I DON'T HAVE CONTROL OVER, I EXPECTED TO GET THE 40 MILLION. SO WE COULD PAY THE VENDORS THAT WE OWE.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS SO, NOW THAT YOU'RE NOT, YOU KNOW THAT WELL, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET THE \$40 MILLION UNTIL THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, HAVE YOU BEEN RECEIVING ANY PHONE CALLS OR ANY CONCERNS FROM YOUR VENDORS? AND WHAT HAVE THEY BEEN SAYING? BECAUSE I'M SURE THAT THESE VENDORS WERE ALSO ANTICIPATING THAT THEY WERE GOING TO GET PAID BEFORE THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. AS MOST OF US THAT WERE AT THE LEGISLATURE AND ACTED ON THIS LEGISLATION BELIEVED THAT BECAUSE WE WERE CALLED INTO SPECIAL SESSION AND THAT THERE WAS \$40 MILLION THAT WE BELIEVE WAS AVAILABLE THAT YOU WERE GOING TO GET THAT MONEY SO THAT YOU CAN SETTLE THESE DEBTS.

LILLIAN POSADAS THAT THAT IS OUR ANTICIPATION. THAT WAS OUR HOPE BECAUSE WE WERE GETTING PHONE CALLS AND EMAILS. YOU KNOW, LILLIAN, WE NEED TO LAUNDRY WILL NOT DELIVER THE LAUNDRY COME THIS SATURDAY IF WE DON'T PAY MAKE A PAYMENT THIS FRIDAY. AND SO, WE'VE BEEN GETTING COMMUNICATION FROM VENDORS THAT THEY NEED TO BE PAID. AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT I CAN'T PAY IF I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY IN MY ACCOUNT IN OUR ACCOUNT. IT'S NOT MINE.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CAN WE PLEASE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR, MR. EDWARD BIRN, PLEASE COME TO THE TABLE, PLEASE?

EDWARD BIRN GOOD MORNING, SENATOR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS GOOD MORNING, MR. BIRN, SENATOR DUENAS,

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSSI YUUS MAASE MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING FOR US TO BE VERY DIRECT. SO, LET'S JUST GET TO IT. MR. BIRN. THE DISCUSSION NOW AND WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN TERMS OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN SEEING FROM THE LEGISLATURE AND WE DISCUSSED THIS ON THE FLOOR OF THE LEGISLATURE IS THERE SEEMS TO BE A MISTRUST OR DISCONNECTION BETWEEN THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION IN TERMS OF THE EXPENDITURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. HAS THAT BEEN CORRECTED?

EDWARD BIRN SENATOR, I HOPE YOU'LL ALLOW ME TO BE EQUALLY DIRECT.

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SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS PLEASE DO.

EDWARD BIRN OKAY. SO, I NEED TO CORRECT SOME OF THE STATEMENTS THAT WERE MADE. UM, THE 1.3 MILLION THAT WE PAID ON FRIDAY WAS AN EMERGENCY REQUEST WHICH WE GOT ON THURSDAY AND RESPONDED TO IN ORDER THAT THE PHYSICIANS BILLINGS COULD BE PAID AND THEY WEREN'T ON THE AP SCHEDULE THAT WE RECEIVED. SO, I ASSUME THEY WERE I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE BILLS CAME FROM OR WHY THEY WEREN'T ANTICIPATED, BUT WE PROVIDED THE MONEY TO GMH TO PAY THEM. UM, THE \$10 MILLION NEXT PAYMENT IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE MADE ON 9:30, WHICH IS STILL THE FISCAL 25 FINANCIAL YEAR, AND THAT'S TUESDAY. THE SMALL AMOUNTS THAT ARE REMAINING WILL ALL BE PAID OFF BY THE END OF THE MONTH. I MET WITH MRS HECHANOVA AS SHE SAID ON MONDAY WHICH WAS HER FIRST AVAILABLE SPOT AFTER THE AFTER THE BILL WAS PASSED AND WE AGREED THIS SCHEDULE. I DID INFORM THE COMMITTEE AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AS MISS HECHANOVA SAID THAT ALL THE CASH WAS NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE AT ONCE. PLEASE LET ME ADD THAT THIS IS A VERY AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE FOR OUR CASH FOR OUR CASH PAYMENTS. BUT I'VE COMMITTED TO IT BECAUSE I FEEL THAT THE NEEDS OF THE HOSPITAL ARE PARAMOUNT. NOW, I SPENT TWO YEARS HERE. I'M VERY WELL AWARE OF WHAT GOES ON. AND THE TWO YEARS, PART OF THAT TWO YEARS WAS BEFORE WE GOT THE BOND MONEY. SO, WE WERE IN KIND OF THE SAME SITUATION WITH HAVING LOTS OF BILLS PILE UP. SO, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, MY CONNECTION WITH THE HOSPITAL, I DON'T THINK THERE'S A DISCONNECT.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS MR. BURN AND YUKA, EVERYBODY THAT'S STANDING BEHIND YOU AND THAT HAS COME IN HERE TO PRESENT THE SIGNS ON SUPPORTING GMH NEEDS TO HEAR THIS. THEY NEED TO HEAR THAT THERE IS A COMMITMENT WHEN THE GUAM LEGISLATURE PASSES LEGISLATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS THAT THERE IS A SEAMLESS TRANSITION OF THAT MONEY AND A PLAN GOING FORWARD TO ENSURE THAT IT GETS WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE AND THE HELP IS THERE. YUKA, NOW I NEED YOU TO GO ON THE RECORD THAT YOU ARE IN SYNC WITH DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND THAT AND ALSO THE TO MISS LILLIAN THAT YOU ARE IN SYNC WITH DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND YOU UNDERSTAND THE SCHEDULE AND YOU CAN MANAGE THE SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES, I MET WITH MR. BIRN MONDAY AND THAT'S WHAT WE AGREED TO. AND TO PUT ALL THESE INVOICES TOGETHER, MY STAFF NEED TIME TO PUT IT TOGETHER. SO THEY HAVE AT LEAST THREE, FOUR, FIVE DAYS TO GET ALL THESE INVOICES TOGETHER. SO I SAID BY 9:30 WE HAVE THE COMMITMENT FROM MR. BIRN THAT THE MONEY WILL BE IN. SO WE NEED TO BE READY TO JUST CUT THOSE CHECKS, GET THEM SIGNED AND GET THE VENDORS PAID.

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SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSMR. BIRN. SO, ONE OF THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND I'VE, YOU KNOW, LIKE I SAID, I'M SAD THAT STAFF HAS TO BECOME FISCAL EXPERTS AS WELL. BUT ONE OF THE DISCONNECTS HAS BEEN THAT WE ONE OF THE REASONS WHY MOST OF THE THOUGHT PROCESS WAS THE 40 MILLION WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE HOSPITAL AND TO LILIAN DIRECTLY RIGHT AWAY WAS BECAUSE IF THE FISCAL YEAR EXPIRED, WHAT WOULD BE THE TRANSITION IN A NEW FISCAL YEAR AND IT LOOKS LIKE BY THE SCHEDULE IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT THIS APPROPRIATION IS DURABLE. IT LASTS AS USING FUND BALANCES FROM PRIOR YEARS AND CURRENT FUNDS GOING INTO NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM IN EXPENDING THE SCHEDULE IS

EDWARD BIRN WE'VE COMMITTED TO IT.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSSO MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR. I'D LIKE MY COLLEAGUES TO BE ABLE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS AS WELL. IF I CAN HAVE AT LEAST AFTER THAT THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE NEW FISCAL YEAR SO THAT THE FOLKS THAT ARE HERE WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'VE DONE FOR GMH AND HOW WE'VE PLANNED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A GREAT FUTURE GOING INTO FISCAL YEAR 2026. WITH THAT, MR. CHAIR, MADAM CHAIR, I THINK WE'VE CLEARED UP THIS COMMUNICATION ISSUE AND I'D LIKE MY COLLEAGUES TO BE ABLE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU. WE WILL GO IN THE ORDER OF THOSE THAT ARRIVED HERE FIRST AND I BELIEVE SPEAKER YOU WERE HERE BEFORE EVERYBODY ELSE.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL BEING HERE. UM, I GUESS THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE HERE IS OBVIOUSLY THERE'S GOING TO BE AN OVERLAP IN THE FISCAL YEARS THIS \$40 MILLION THAT WAS APPROPRIATED AND IT'S VERY INTERESTING HOW YOU WOULD HOW YOU HAD CHARACTERIZED MISS POSADAS \$40 MILLION EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION. I NEED TO BE ABLE TO EMPHASIZE THAT IN THAT IN THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAD TWO WEEKS AGO. THIS WAS AN EMERGENCY. THIS WAS A DIRE NEED. WE'RE SITTING HERE TODAY AND THERE WAS ONLY 1.3 OF THE \$40 MILLION THAT HAD THAT HAVE BEEN EXPENDED. AND THERE ARE VENDORS, THERE ARE PATIENTS, THERE ARE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE WAITING NOT FOR THE FOR THE VENDORS TO BE PAID AND THE SUPPLIES TO BE OKAY AS WELL AS THE ELECTRICAL PANEL TO BE FIXED. THE CONCERN THAT I HAVE AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN AND MR. AND I NEED FOR THE ASSURANCES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION ON THIS IS THAT WHILE WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE BULK OF THIS MONEY IS GOING TO BE COMING IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, OKAY, THAT THE WHILE THE RULES AND THAT WE CONTAIN THAT WE HAVE CONTAINED IN THE FY26 BUDGET THAT IS GOING TO THAT IS GOING TO PASS ON THE 29TH. THAT DOES NOT THERE'S NO CONFUSION

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OR CONFLICT BETWEEN THAT FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATION AND THIS APPROPRIATION AS WELL AS THE TOOLS IN THAT. CAN I GET THAT ASSURANCE?

EDWARD BIRN YES SIR. JUST FOR THE RECORD THE AMOUNT THAT'S COMING IN NEXT FISCAL YEAR IS ABOUT JUST UNDER 14 MILLION. NOT THE BULK BUT YES THERE WILL BE NO CONFUSION.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS OKAY. I

EDWARD BIRN JUST WANT MY MIND OR IN THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNT

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS THAT WAY YOU KNOW MRS. LILLIAN AND MS HECHANOVA IT'S THE ASSURANCE THAT THIS IS NOT NOW I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER WAS REMAINING IN THIS \$40 MILLION CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DOESN'T SUBTRACT THAT FROM THE FROM THE APPROPRIATION THAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GET ALREADY IN THE FY26 BUDGET. MR. BIRN,

EDWARD BIRN I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT.

SPEAKER FRANK BLAS OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE OF THAT. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, MR. SPEAKER. SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I KNOW YOU ASKED US NOT TO HAVE STORY TIME, BUT I GOT TO MAKE THIS I TAKE A MOMENT TO SAY THANK YOU. I WAS JUST HERE UP UNTIL LAST MONDAY FOR FOUR WEEKS TAKING CARE OF A FAMILY MEMBER. AND I TOLD THIS TO THE DURING OUR SESSION AND I NOW I WANT TO TELL THE EMPLOYEES HERE ESPECIALLY THOSE ON THE THIRD FLOOR THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MY FAMILY MEMBER. SHE'S HOME RESTING AND I BELIEVE SHE'S WATCHING. SO I WANT TO TELL YOU ALL FROM MY FAMILY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT YOU DO HERE. IF I CAN JUST JUMP IN. I KNOW YOU MENTIONED IT A BIT EARLIER BUT I WANT TO JUST GET IT FOR THE RECORD. AND , THIS IS GOING OFF OF THE STATEMENT FROM OUR FINANCE CHAIRMAN, BUT TO WHAT EXTENT IS BBMR, DOA, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SINCE THE SIGNING ON FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK, DID THEY REACH OUT TO GMHA FOR A SPENDING PLAN BASED ON THE PRIORITY VENDOR PAYABLES, FACILITY REPAIRS, AND OPERATION NEEDS? I THINK SOME OF IT'S OUTLINED HERE, BUT TO WHAT EXTENT DID YOU DID THEY REACH OUT FOR A SPENDING PLAN?

EDWARD BIRN WE DID NOT REACH OUT FOR A SPENDING PLAN. WE I SIMPLY DISCUSSED AS I SAID WITH MR. HECHANOVA OVER ON MONDAY A REASONABLE RELEASE OF FUNDS WHICH AREN'T GOING TO ENDANGER THE GENERAL FUND. IT'S UP TO GMH TO PRIORITIZE THOSE PAYMENTS AND I'M SURE THEY WILL.

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SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO GO BACKWARDS A BIT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE HAVE I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES ARE GOING TO ASK VERY SIMILAR QUESTIONS. BUT LET ME TAKE IT BACK A COUPLE OF FISCAL YEARS, BUT CAN YOU TELL ME YUKA OR EVEN LILLIAN WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE \$10 MILLION IN EXCESS FISCAL YEAR 2019 INCOME TAX AND BPT COLLECTIONS WHICH WAS REQUIRED BY FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE HOSPITAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED BY THE SAME BUDGET LAW.

YUKA HECHANOVA THAT WAS NEVER RECEIVED

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO SINCE THE 10 MILLION WAS NEVER DEPOSITED INTO THAT FUND WHICH RENDERED PUBLIC LAW 37-73 MOOT. HAS GMHA SOUGHT LEGAL GUIDANCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THIS MONEY REMAINS A FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH UNLESS THE LAWS ARE REPEALED?

YUKA HECHANOVA NO, WE HAVE NOT.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO YOUR COUNSEL'S HERE. HE'S LOOKING AT ME WITH SOME STRANGE LOOK. BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO ENGAGE THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ABOUT THIS MATTER? THERE. YES OR NO SOMEWHERE COMING?

YUKA HECHANOVA YES, HE'S ACCORDING TO LEGAL HE'S ADVISING THAT WE CAN.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUES INVOLVING THE ELECTRICAL PANEL WHICH WE HAD TALKED ABOUT DURING THE HEARING. WHAT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND RELATIONSHIP HAS EXISTED OR IF IT'S IN EXISTENCE BETWEEN THE HOSPITAL AND GPA? I KNOW THEY'RE HERE ENSURING REGULAR SCHEDULED INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE WORK TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT GMHA IS ABLE TO DEVELOP AND SUSTAIN ITS OWN CAPABILITIES WITH THIS PARTICULAR FUNCTION.

LILLIAN POSADAS THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, SENATOR. I AM GOING TO GO AHEAD AND YIELD TO MR. ZALDY TAGADE AND/OR RODALYN. THEY HAVE BEEN MEETING REGULARLY. IN FACT, THEY JUST MET, I THINK, YESTERDAY OR YEAH. AND THEY THEY'VE OUTLINED SPECIFIC DETAILS ON WHAT THEY WILL DO TO HELP US OUT WITH THE ELECTRICAL PANEL. GO AHEAD. THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK? OH, I KNOW.

RODALYN GERADO HI, GOOD MORNING, SENATORS. SO, YES, WE ACTUALLY MET WITH GPA LAST WEEK. WE DO AS WE'VE PREVIOUSLY REPORT I GUESS DISCUSSED WITH YOU ALL THAT WE DO HAVE AN EXISTING MOA WITH THE GPA. SO WE MET WITH THEM LAST WEEK JUST TO KIND OF COME TO A MEETING OF THE MINDS OF YOU KNOW AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT EXACTLY DOES OUR MOA PERTAIN LIKE WHAT'S IN THERE AND SO YES IT IS TRUE THAT GPA HAS BEEN PROVIDING QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS OF OUR MAIN ELECTRICAL PANEL. AND THERE ARE OTHER ITEMS IN THE MOA THAT I GUESS

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WE HAVE NOT EXACTLY WORKED WITH THEM ON IN THE PAST THAT THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES THERE. AND SO ONE OF THE ASKS THAT WE DID HAVE WAS IF THEY CAN PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE ELECTRICAL PLAN THAT WAS ALSO MENTIONED IN THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER REPORT WHICH THEY DID INDICATE THAT THEY WERE ALREADY ACTIVELY LOOKING AT THAT AS WELL AS THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER REPORT. AND SO WE DID ASK THEM FOR A RECOMMENDATION AS FAR AS PRIORITIZING YOU KNOW WHAT GIVEN THEIR EXPERTISE IN THE ELECTRICAL FIELD TO GIVE US SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AND SO WHICH THEY DID. SO THANK YOU GPA FOR THAT THAT JUST CAME IN RECENTLY. AND SO,, IN FRONT OF YOU, YOU WILL SEE, UM, A ONE-PAGE DOCUMENT, , THAT SAYS PUBLIC LAW 38-59, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. AND ON THERE, YOU WILL SEE,, ON THE BOTTOM HALF, ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. AND SO, UM, PARTS OF WHAT'S IN THERE IS BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION THAT GPA DID PROVIDE, BUT WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT,, THE \$5 MILLION FOR THE ELECTRICAL PANEL IS NOT GOING TO ADDRESS US PROCURING THE ENTIRE ELECTRICAL PANEL., AND SO WE JUST HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK TO SEE BASED ON UM, THE PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS WHAT WE CAN DO WITH THE 5 MILLION. AND THAT'S WHAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO OKAY.. SO, CAN I ASK THIS BECAUSE AND IS GPA HERE? CAN YOU CONFIRM HI JENNIFER CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THAT'S THE CASE? SO, WHEN DID YOU GUYS TRANSMIT THIS LIST TO THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND AGAIN GOOD MORNING TO YOU AND GPA?

JENNIFER SABLAN HI, GOOD MORNING. SO, ACTUALLY YESTERDAY WE SUBMITTED IT. SO, WE MET

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS SORRY, COULD YOU PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF?

JENNIFER SABLAN SORRY. MY NAME IS JENNIFER SABLAN. I'M THE ASSISTANT GM FOR OPERATIONS AT GUAM POWER AUTHORITY AND THE ACTING GENERAL MANAGER AT THIS TIME. SO WE MET ON FRIDAY AND WE WORKED THROUGH SOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAD IDENTIFYING WHAT WE THOUGHT COULD BE A PRIORITY SHORT TERM. BASED ON OUR DISCUSSION WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FUNDING THROUGH THE \$40 MILLION TRANSFER WAS LIMITED TO 5 MILLION FOR CIP. SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY COSTS ON OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS WAS BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT THAT WAS DONE WITH OUR TEAM AND IN THEIR TEAM LOOKING AT SOME OF THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR MOTOR CONTROL CENTERS ATS SWITCHES WHICH AFFECTS THE OPERATIONS OF THE GENERATORS DURING EMERGENCY POWER REQUIREMENTS. AND SO IT LOOKS THE FOCUS WAS KIND OF ON THOSE THINGS THAT WE THOUGHT WERE MORE URGENT AND COULD BE DONE SOONER. FUNDING WISE, WE DON'T KNOW THAT YET. WE ARE LOOKING AT SEEING IF WE CAN COME UP WITH SOME COST ESTIMATES. THIS IS NOT OUR YOU KNOW OUR WHAT WE DO, BUT WE'RE GOING TO TRY. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO WORK WITH GH IF THEY HAD ANY COSTING OR PRICING FROM THEIR DRAWINGS AND THEIR

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PREVIOUS BIDS TO SEE WHETHER WE CAN MARK IT UP OR DO SOME KIND OF BUDGETARY ESTIMATES TO HELP IN IDENTIFYING A BUDGET FOR THIS KIND OF RECOMMENDATION.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO SO JENNIFER, ARE YOU SAYING IS THE SO THE MOU THAT YOU HAVE BETWEEN THE POWER AUTHORITY AND GMH IS A CURRENT ONE AND IT'S ENFORCEABLE THAT YOU GUYS CAN WORK WITH.

JENNIFER SABLAN I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S AN EXPIRATION DATE ON THAT. I WOULD NEED TO CHECK, BUT WE CAN WORK THROUGH THE MOU FOR SERVICES. OUR SERVICES ARE KIND OF LIMITED. I MEAN, WE CAN DO WHAT WE HAVE WITH OUR RESOURCES. WE DON'T, YOU KNOW, OUR PROCUREMENT IS THE SAME WITH GMH. I DON'T SEE US PROCURING FOR THEM, BUT WE COULD PROBABLY ASSIST WITH PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING SPECIFICATIONS OR JOB SCOPE OR WORK SCOPE TO HELP THEM PROCURE THAT.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO COULD THAT INCLUDE ALSO VENDORS THAT COULD SUPPORT THAT TYPE OF ACTIVITY?

JENNIFER SABLAN SO, OUR VENDORS ARE LIMITED TO OUR TYPE OF NEEDS. I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS WOULD APPLY FOR THIS TYPE OF WORK. SO, AND LIKE I SAID, OUR VENDORS ARE USUALLY FOR SPECIFIC TASKS. WE DON'T WHILE WE HAVE SOME LIKE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER SERVICES THOSE ARE LIMITED IN FUNDING WE HAVE THE SAME LAWS OF PROCUREMENT AS GMH DOES. SO YOU KNOW IT IF THEY CAN PROCURE IT AND WE CAN ASSIST IN HELPING THEM DEVELOP THE PROCUREMENT FOR IT WE CAN DO THAT.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO YEAH I THINK MY QUESTION WHY I WAS ASKING JENNIFER IS THAT YOU KNOW GPA'S BEEN ASKED TO HELP BUT YOUR HELP IS VERY LIMITED. THAT YOU CAN OFFER UP SOME TECHNICAL THINGS, YOU CAN LOOK AT IT, BUT TO ACTUALLY TOUCH IT AND PULL A WIRE THAT MIGHT BE A LITTLE MORE CHALLENGING. **JENNIFER SABLAN** IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE SCOPE IS. AND AGAIN, WE ARE FIRST AND FOREMOST THE POWER UTILITY. SO I WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE WHAT WE CAN TO ADDRESS THE POWER UTILITY NEEDS AND THEN IF IT'S SOMETHING WE COULD DO, WE CAN TRY TO DO IT. EVEN OUR INVENTORY, IF WE HAVE INVENTORY THAT THEY COULD USE, WE CAN OFFER IT UP FOR THEIR USE.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO AND IF I CAN TO GMH SO IF THEY'RE LIMITED CAN YOU POSSIBLY IN THIS SITUATION ENGAGE DPW TO SUPPORT WITH THEIR ELECTRICIANS?

ZALDY TUGADE GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. THIS IN REFERENCE TO THE RESPONSE OF COURSE WE ARE COLLABORATING WITH GPA AND WHATEVER CAPACITY THEY CAN PROVIDE US AS WELL AS GMH IN OUR CAPACITY AND OTHER AGENCIES OF COURSE THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO RENDER THEIR ASSISTANCE TO US. SO FOR THE 5 MILLION IT'S NOT LIMITED TO JUST GMH OR GPA. OF COURSE WE'RE GOING TO GET SOME VENDORS. FIRST OF ALL WE NEED OUR A&E OUR ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT TO COME

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AND REVIEW AGAIN THE PLAN. AND AGAIN ALL THESE THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING WILL BE IN ALIGNMENT WITH THAT PLAN AS WELL AS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF GPA.

SENATOR SHAWN GUMATAOTAO OKAY. CUZ I'M ASKING THIS IS A WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT APPROACH. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TOO. SO, I'M HOPING THAT I MEAN AFTER THIS DISCUSSION THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ENGAGE FOLKS LIKE PUBLIC WORKS AS JEN MENTIONED, THEY CAN'T DO EVERYTHING. PUBLIC WORKS HAS SOME CAPABILITY, BUT I'M HOPING AFTER THIS DISCUSSION, MADAM CHAIR, THAT WE'RE GOING TO SEE A REPORT BACK THAT THERE WAS AT LEAST MORE THAN JUST GPA ON THIS FIGHT. EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM IS EXPECTING ALL OF YOU UP FRONT TO DELIVER ADMINISTRATIVELY ON THIS. THEY GOT JOBS TO DO TO SAVE LIVES, BUT WE'RE HOPING THAT YOU'LL DO YOUR JOB TO SUPPORT THEM PROPERLY IN THAT FIGHT TO SAVE LIVES AT THIS HOSPITAL. MADAM CHAIR, I'M ALL GOOD. JOCELYN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR I'M GOOD ON QUESTIONS. THEY ANSWERED MOST OF MY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS I'D LIKE TO WELCOME THE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENCE OF MY COLLEAGUE, SENATOR WILL PARKINSON. THANK YOU, SENATOR. SENATOR TONY ADA.

VICE SPEAKER ADA THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ZALDY ON THE ON THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. THIS HAS BEEN AN EMERGENCY SINCE WHEN?

ZALDY TUGADE I WOULD SAY SINCE 2019 WHEN WE CAME UP WITH DEFINITELY WITH THE USAGE REVIEW AND INSPECTION.

VICE SPEAKER ADA SO 2019 WE WE'VE KNOWN ABOUT THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AND WE'VE KNOWN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF IT FAILING FOR MANY YEARS NOW. WE KNEW THAT A SPECIAL SESSION WAS CALLED BY THE GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS THIS \$40 MILLION. WE KNEW THAT OVER TWO WEEKS AGO. HAS THERE BEEN A PLAN FROM THAT TWO WEEKS KNOWING AND YOU KNOW GETTING THIS PREPARED SO THAT ONCE WE GET THE FUNDING IT'LL JUST GO RIGHT INTO EFFECT. I MEAN, WHAT ARE WE LOOKING AT IN TIMELINE TO GET THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM REPAIRED?

ZALDY TUGADE WELL, WE STARTED WITH THE A&E REVIEW AND RECERTIFICATION OF THE PLAN. WE CANNOT PROCEED WITH A PLAN THAT IS OBSOLETE.

VICE SPEAKER ADA ABSOLUTELY. BUT TWO WEEKS AGO, WE WENT INTO EMERGENCY SESSION FOR IT. SO, WE DIDN'T WE DIDN'T YOU KNOW I WAS IN THE ARMY FOR MANY YEARS AND IT WAS THE FIVE PS, RIGHT? PRIOR PLANNING PREVENTS YOU KNOW POOR PERFORMANCE. SO WE PRIOR PLANNED THIS THIS EMERGENCY SESSION AND YOU GUYS WEREN'T PLANNING TO MOVE FORWARD APPROPRIATELY KNOWING THAT THIS BILL PERHAPS COULD BE PASSED AND YOU GUYS WOULD GET YOUR FUNDING.

ZALDY TUGADE WELL, WE WERE NOT ASSURED OF THE FUNDING COMING IN. SO WE CANNOT REALLY ESTABLISH PROCUREMENT UNTIL THE FUNDING IS ASSURED.

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RODALYN GERADO BUT IF I MAY CLARIFY THOUGH, ONCE WE OF COURSE GOT THE ASSURANCE THAT THE SENATORS WERE GOING TO PASS THIS BILL, WE DID ACTUALLY REACH OUT TO THE ENGINEER TO REQUEST FOR A HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO DO A RECERTIFICATION? WE JUST RECENTLY GOT THAT QUOTE.

VICE SPEAKER ADA WHEN WAS THAT THAT YOU REACHED OUT TO THE ENGINEERS? CUZ THIS BILL WAS LAST WEEK,

RODALYN GERADO TWO WEEKS AGO.

ZALDY TUGADE THAT WAS SINCE WE GOT THE PROPOSAL IN AUGUST 26. SO THAT WAS WAY BEFORE THE

VICE SPEAKER ADA OKAY SEE

RODALYN GERADO YES WE DID AGAIN WE DO KNOW THE URGENCY AND WE ARE COMMITTED AND SO HENCE WE DID BECAUSE WE REALIZED THAT THAT IS THE FIRST STEP THAT WE CAN'T MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PLANS. WE HAVE THE PLANS BUT WE CAN'T MOVE FORWARD UNTIL IT'S RECERTIFIED. SO THAT WAS THE FIRST THING WE DID ASK.

VICE SPEAKER ADA SO WHEN ARE WE LOOKING AT TO PUTTING OUT AN RFP FOR THIS PROJECT?

RODALYN GERADO SO THE CHALLENGE WE HAVE SIR IS THAT IF WE WERE GOING TO PUT OUT THE RFP BASED ON THE EXISTING PLANS THAT WE HAVE IF AGAIN ASSUMING IT WOULD BE RECERTIFIED SHORTLY THE RFP WOULD THEN ENTAIL THERE'S PHASES TO THE PLAN AND IN THAT THE ORIGINAL COST ESTIMATE AND I ONLY KNOW THIS BECAUSE WE ALSO SUBMITTED A APPLICATION FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT. AND SO IN THE APPLICATION THERE, WE'RE ASKING FOR ABOUT \$17 MILLION. SO \$5 MILLION IS NOT GOING TO GET US ANYWHERE NEAR THERE.

VICE SPEAKER ADA BUT THAT'S NOT THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU TOLD US AT THE PUBLIC HEARING.

RODALYN GERADO I DID. IF YOU GO BACK

VICE SPEAKER ADA THAT THIS \$40 MILLION WILL HELP ADDRESS THE ELECTRICAL ISSUES, THE VENDOR PAYABLES AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS.

RODALYN GERADO YES. SO FOR THE ELECTRICAL PANEL, WHAT I DID MENTION AT THE HEARING WAS THAT IT WILL ADDRESS SOME OF OUR ELECTRICAL PANEL NEEDS, THE MOST IMMEDIATE ONES. AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY WE WERE COMMITTING TO WORKING WITH GPA AND TRYING TO GET RECOMMENDATION FROM THEM AS FAR AS WHAT ARE THE MOST CRITICAL NEEDS THAT CAN BE ADDRESSED BASED ON THE LIMITED FUNDING THAT WE HAVE. I DID RECOGNIZE I DO REMEMBER SEEING THAT AT THE LEGISLATURE THAT \$5 MILLION IS NOT GOING TO BE ENOUGH, BUT RECOGNIZING WE

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ONLY HAVE \$40 MILLION AND WE HAVE OTHER THINGS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF. THE 5 MILLION WILL AT LEAST ADDRESS THE MOST IMMEDIATE NEEDS AS IT RELATES TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.

LILLIAN POSADAS IF I MAY, I SPEAKER, WE, YOU KNOW, WE SAID THAT OF THE 40 MILLION, THE BULK OF THAT WAS GOING TO BE 26 MILLION FOR THE VENDOR PAYABLES, THE AP, AND THEN THE REMAINING 14, 5 MILLION WILL GO TO THE ELECTRICAL PANEL, 5 MILLION WILL GO TO THE IT INFRASTRUCTURE, 1 MILLION WILL GO TO THE HVAC, AND I BELIEVE I FORGOT WHAT ALL THE OTHER SUPPLIES. YES,

VICE SPEAKER ADA THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT UP. SO ON THE VENDOR PAYABLES, UH, YUKA, CAN YOU LET ME GO DOWN THAT RUN THAT RUNDOWN AGAIN ON THE 1.3 MILLION, THE 14 MILLION? WHAT WAS THE 14 MILLION FOR?

YH) UM, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY, LET ME SEE, 8.3 MILLION FOR , HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND 4.2 MILLION FOR WITHHOLDING TAXES. AND THEN GPA IS OWED 1.8 RIGHT NOW.

VICE SPEAKER ADA OKAY. AND THEN YOU SAID SEPTEMBER 30 WILL BE THE 10 MILLION FOR VENDOR PAYMENTS.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES

VICE SPEAKER ADA . AND THEN FOLLOWING THAT

YUKA HECHANOVA WE HAVE ANOTHER 7.5

VICE SPEAKER ADA AND THAT'S FOR

YUKA HECHANOVA THE ELECTRICAL PANEL AND THE IT UPGRADES.

VICE SPEAKER ADA ALL RIGHT. AND THEN YOU SAID AFTER THAT WAS THE 6.8 MILLION.

YUKA HECHANOVA 6.8. YES.

VICE SPEAKER ADA AND WHAT'S THAT 6.8?

YUKA HECHANOVA SO, WE'LL USE THAT FOR THE REMAINING VENDORS BECAUSE WE DO HAVE ABOUT 13.3 MILLION RIGHT NOW FOR THE VENDOR PAYMENTS THAT WE'RE PROCESSING RIGHT NOW. , AND THEN THE REST OF IT WE'RE GOING TO HOLD SO WE CAN CERTIFY FUNDING FOR THE IT AND THE ELECTRICAL PANEL.

VICE SPEAKER ADA SO, THE 13 MILLION THAT YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU GOT FOR VENDOR PAYMENTS, IS THAT OUT OF THIS 40 MILLION?

YUKA HECHANOVA YES.

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VICE SPEAKER ADA BECAUSE THE 10 MILLION FOR VENDOR PAYMENTS SO, I WAS ASSURED THAT THE ENTIRE \$26 MILLION FOR VENDOR PAYABLES WOULD BE PAID WITH THIS WITH THIS APPROPRIATION

YUKA HECHANOVA THAT INCLUDES THE AMOUNTS FOR THE WITHHOLDING AND THE POWER AND THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS. OKAY. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR OUR SUPPLIES VENDORS FOR SUPPLIES, I THINK IS WAS AT 6 MILLION AT THAT TIME. YEAH, \$6 MILLION IS JUST FOR SUPPLIES VENDORS AND THEN THE SERVICE VENDORS WAS LESS THAN A MILLION

VICE SPEAKER ADA AND THEN THE 6.8 MILLION THAT'S REMAINING IS GOING TO BE FOR OPERATIONAL AND OTHER NEEDS.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE CASH SO WHEN THESE REQUISITIONS AND RFP FOR THE FOR THE TWO PROJECTS FOR THE IT AND THE ELECTRICAL PANEL COME DOWN THAT WE CAN CERTIFY THE FUNDING FOR THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE THE MONEY FOR IT.

VICE SPEAKER ADA SO, DIRECTOR BURN, IF I MAY ASK YOU, WOULD THE ENTIRE \$40 MILLION FROM THIS SPECIAL LEGISLATION BE PAID WHEN WILL THE LAST PAYMENT BE MADE FOR THIS \$40 MILLION?

EDWARD BIRN THE LAST PAYMENT VICE SPEAKER IS THE END OF OCTOBER.

VICE SPEAKER ADA OCTOBER 30TH.

EDWARD BIRN OCTOBER. YES. IT'S ON THE SCHEDULE.

VICE SPEAKER ADA OKAY. SO, ZALDY THE BACK TO THE ELECTRICAL. SO ARE WHERE AND WHEN ARE WE GOING TO HAVE THIS THIS PROCESS ACTUALLY START TAKING AN EFFECT START TAKING EFFECT SO THAT WE CAN GET THIS ELECTRICAL PANEL ISSUE TAKEN CARE OF.

ZALDY TUGADE WE COULD START THE REQUISITION FOR THE A&D REVIEW AND RECERTIFICATION IMMEDIATELY NEXT WEEK AND AS SOON AS THAT'S DONE AND WE GET THE PLANS CONCURRENTLY OR SIMULTANEOUSLY WE'LL DO THE RFP OR IFB FOR THE MAIN PLAN

VICE SPEAKER ADA AND WE ARE LOOKING APPROXIMATELY WHAT DATE

ZALDY TUGADE WELL WE'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS OF COURSE WE'RE GOING TO PREPARE THE IFB DOCUMENTS HAVE THAT PUBLISHED

VICE SPEAKER ADA AND WHEN ARE WE LOOKING TO HAVE THAT PUBLISHED. I WANT A TIMELINE AS TO WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT SO THAT WE CAN WE CAN SEE THE PROGRESS OF WHAT'S GOING ON AND HOW THE \$40 MILLION IS BEING SPENT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ACTUALLY UP HERE FOR, RIGHT? IS TO KNOW WHAT THE PLANS ARE

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AND HOW WE'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS EMERGENCY \$40 MILLION APPROPRIATION SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS EXACTLY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE WE'VE BEEN CALLED INTO SPECIAL SESSION FOR IT AND WE WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT IT. WE PASSED IT AND WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU GUYS TO HAVE TO IMPLEMENT IT. SO NOW THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING EXACT TIMELINE SO THAT WE CAN COME BACK NOW AND SAY YOU GUYS ARE NOT HOLDING TO WHAT WE SPOKE TO UP HERE AT GMH.

RODALYN GERADO SO IF I MAY CLARIFY, EXCUSE ME. SO YEAH, AS MR. ZALDY ALREADY INDICATED THE FIRST STEP OF COURSE IS WE'RE GOING TO PUT THE REQUISITION TOGETHER FOR THE RECERTIFICATION PART. THE OTHER PARTS OF COURSE AS JENNIFER HAD ALREADY MENTIONED AND WHICH IS PART OF WHAT WE'VE INCLUDED ON OUR AGAIN THAT'S OUR ROUGH COST ESTIMATE FOR THE EXCUSE ME FOR THE MOTOR CONTROL CENTERS FOR THE AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCHES AND THE MANUAL TRANSFER SWITCHES TO REPLACE THEM WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCHES. WE'VE INCLUDED THOSE IN HERE. AND AGAIN, WE CAN PUT TOGETHER OUR SPECS, BUT OF COURSE, WE WE'RE GOING TO BE WORKING WITH GPA ON THAT PIECE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SPECIFICATIONS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE PUTTING IS CORRECT. AND SO, THAT'S GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME. I CAN'T GIVE YOU A SPECIFIC TIMELINE AT THE MOMENT. BUT WE ARE AGAIN, I GIVE YOU THE ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE MOVING AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN. I'M HOPING THAT AT LEAST BY SOMETIME NEXT MONTH THAT WE WOULD HAVE THE SPECIFICATIONS IN PLACE AND WE CAN AT LEAST PUT OUT THE PROCUREMENT THE SOLICITATION FOR IT.

VICE SPEAKER ADA SO WE'RE LOOKING OVER A MONTH AGAIN TO GET THINGS TOGETHER. MY QUESTION IS IF THE ELECTRICAL PANEL FAILED TODAY, WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR THAT? IF THE ELECTRICAL PANEL WENT OUT TODAY, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

ZALDY TUGADE OH, I THINK THE ONLY PERCEIVABLE ALTERNATIVE IS TO EVACUATE THE HOSPITAL.

DR. RICARDO EUSEBIO SO, SENATOR, IF I MAY JUST ADD A LITTLE BIT OF SOMETHING. UM, WHAT THE ADDRESS ADDRESSING THE ELECTRICAL PANEL TODAY IS ONLY PUTTING OUT THE FIRE. WE'RE NOT TAKING AWAY THE RISK OF THE FIRE OR ANYTHING ELSE. WE HAVEN'T ADDRESSED THE WHOLE ISSUE. THE WHOLE ISSUE HAS TO BE REPLACED WHICH COSTS A LOT OF MONEY. BASED ON MY UNDERSTANDING, I'M NOT AN ELECTRICIAN BUT A COMMON GUY. BASED ON MY UNDERSTANDING, THE ARMY CORPS ENGINEERS ALREADY MADE RECOMMENDATION, BUT WE DECIDED WE'RE NOT GOING TO SPEND THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT IT COSTS TOO MUCH AND WE'RE BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL. BUT IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE ACTUAL ISSUE AND THE FACT THAT THERE'S STILL A RISK OF FIRE OR THE WHOLE THING GOING TO FLAMES IS THE WHOLE THING HAS TO BE REPLACED WHICH COSTS A LOT OF MONEY.

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VICE SPEAKER ADA AND THAT'S WHY DOC WE'RE HERE SO THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THESE ISSUES BECAUSE THAT'S WHY WE WERE CALLED INTO SPECIAL SESSION TO ADDRESS THE \$40 MILLION. AND AGAIN, WE PASSED THAT \$40 MILLION. AND YOU KNOW, TO KNOW THAT THERE'S STILL \$10 MILLION THAT HASN'T BEEN PAID TO THE HOSPITAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATION THAT YOU GUYS HAVE NOT GONE AFTER. AND WHEN SENATOR GUMATAOTAO WAS ASKING THE QUESTION, THE LEGAL COUNSEL SAID, "YEAH, WE CAN." THAT'S NOT THE QUESTION. THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER. I BELIEVE THE EMPLOYEES HERE WANT TO HEAR. I THINK THEY WANT TO HEAR, "NO, WE'RE GOING AFTER THAT \$10 MILLION, NOT WE CAN." SO, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT WE'RE NOT HERE TO TRY AND, YOU KNOW, APPEASE ANYONE. WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS TRYING TO WORK TO THE SOLUTION SO THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AND START GETTING THESE ISSUES ADDRESSED BECAUSE IF THEY'RE NOT ADDRESSED TODAY, SOMEONE'S GOING TO FORGET ABOUT DEPOSITING ANOTHER 10 MILLION OR ANOTHER 14 MILLION AND THEN WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? WELL, YEAH, WE CAN'T GO AFTER THAT LATER. IT'S JUST LIKE NOT FIGHTING FOR THAT \$10 MILLION IN ARPA FUNDS. SO, IT IT'S JUST A LONG HISTORY OF MONEY THAT WAS BEING LEFT ON THE TABLE THAT THE GMH ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT GONE AFTER AND FIGHTING FOR. MY TIME'S EXPIRED, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, VICE SPEAKER. AND I THINK JUST TO ADD TO WHAT HE'S SAYING, WHAT WE SAW WHEN WE WENT INTO SPECIAL SESSION WAS THE WORK OF THE ADALUP SPIN DOCTORS SENDING ALL THE EMPLOYEES FROM GMH MORE THAN A HUNDRED TRYING TO PRESSURE US TO DO TO PASS THIS BILL THAT THE THAT THE GOVERNOR SENT DOWN. AND WE DID THAT WORK. WE PASSED THE BILL. AND YET WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR THIS \$40 MILLION TO BE SENT TO GMH. SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND JUST AS MUCH AS YOU ARE FRUSTRATED, WE ARE FRUSTRATED. AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE ADVOCATING FOR GMH TO GET THE MONEY THAT YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR. SENATOR JESS LUJAN.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. GOOD MORNING PANEL. JUST TO CONTINUE ON WITH THE VICE SPEAKER VICE SPEAKER LINE OF QUESTIONING. MR. ZALDY HE ASKED YOU BASICALLY ABOUT THE PANEL AND THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME BASICALLY THAT WE HEARD ABOUT THE GULLIBILITY OF THE ELECTRICAL PANEL. YOU ALSO HAD MENTIONED THAT SHOULD ANOTHER FIRE OCCUR THAT THE HOSPITAL WILL SHUT DOWN. KNOWING THAT THE YOUR PANEL IS VERY GULLIBLE, WOULD YOU ALSO SAY IS EXTREMELY FRAGILE THAT AT ANY POINT IN TIME THIS CAN HAPPEN AGAIN TO CAUSE THE HOSPITAL TO SHUT DOWN?

ZALDY TUGADE WELL, WE'RE HOPING IT DOESN'T HAPPEN.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN NO, NO, NOT HOPING. I'M SAYING THE GULLIBILITY OF THE SITUATION THAT WE'RE IN AT THIS POINT. YES, WE HOPE AND PRAY NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN. BUT IN YOUR ASSESSMENT ON THE GULLIBILITY OF THE PANEL AND THE

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FRAGILENESS OF THE PANEL, COULD AT ANY POINT IN TIME FROM NOW ON THIS PANEL AGAIN COULD ERUPT IN FIRE CAUSING THE HOSPITAL TO SHUT DOWN?

ZALDY TUGADE YES.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN THANK YOU. THAT BEING SAID, THAT BEING SAID, WHAT IS THE MOST URGENT FIX OUT THERE BESIDES THE PANEL? BECAUSE THIS IS THE ONE THING THAT WILL CLOSE THIS HOSPITAL DOWN.

ZALDY TUGADE WELL, AS IN COLLABORATION WITH GPA IN OUR MEETING, THEY POINTED OUT VARIOUS AREAS OF PRIORITIES. SO, ONE OF THOSE OR SOME OF THOSE ARE THE MAIN CONTROL CENTERS, MOTOR CONTROL CENTERS, THE AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCHES, AND THE MANUAL TRANSFER SWITCHES. THOSE ARE THE MAIN ONES THAT THEY RECOMMENDED TO BE LOOKED AT. BUT OF COURSE, BECAUSE WE DO HAVE THE PLAN, WE WOULD LIKE TO ALIGN THIS WITH THE PLAN AS WELL.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN WELL, AND THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. IT'S AN EMERGENCY. WE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF IT. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. THAT'S WHY WE'RE AT THE EMERGENCY SESSION. AND YOU HAD JUST SAID THAT THE THAT MENTIONED THAT THE SITUATION IS REALLY FRAGILE. IT COULD HAPPEN CAUSING THE HOSPITAL SHUT TO SHUT DOWN. THAT BEING THE CASE, WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS AT THIS POINT? BECAUSE THIS IS THE ONE THING THAT WILL CAUSE THE HOSPITAL TO SHUT DOWN. AND LIKEWISE, WHAT IS IN PLACE? WHAT IS THE PLAN IN CASE THERE'S EMERGENCY THAT THAT WILL CAUSE THE HOSPITAL TO SHUT DOWN? WHAT IS THE PLAN IN PLACE FOR THAT? THAT MUST YOU MUST HAVE A PLAN FOR THAT BECAUSE AGAIN THE GULLIBILITY OF THE OF THE PANEL THE FRAGILENESS OF THE PANEL AT THIS POINT AS YOU ADMITTED IT COULD GO DOWN AT ANY POINT. WHAT IS THE PLAN OF EVACUATION BECAUSE YOU HAD SAID THAT IT WILL CAUSE THE HOSPITAL TO SHUT DOWN.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS CAN YOU TELL US WHAT IS THE BEEPING SOUND?

(AUDIENCE) IS IT THE FIRE ALARM?

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS ITS THE FIRE ALARM.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN OH, I HOPE I DIDN'T CAUSE THAT.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS DO WE NEED TO EVACUATE?

RODALYN GERADO I THINK IT'S CLEAR NOW.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN SO, OKAY. SO, SO WHAT IS WHAT IS THE PLAN SHOULD IT HAPPEN? AND YOU KNOW, ALARM'S GOING OFF, BUT WHAT IF THE HOSPITAL SHUT DOWN? WHAT IS THE PLAN? WHAT CUZ YOU JUST SAID SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD HAPPEN

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AND IT'S GOING TO CAUSE THE HOSPITAL TO SHUT DOWN. WHAT IS THE PLAN OF EVACUATION IMMEDIATELY?

LILLIAN POSADAS AND THAT IS ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT I RAISED BEFORE THAT REALLY WE HAVE NO PLACE TO EVACUATE THE PATIENTS OTHER THAN THE ALTERNATE CARE FACILITY THAT'S BEEN RECOGNIZED DESIGNATED WHICH IS SNF. THAT'S OUR ALTERNATE CARE FACILITY THAT WE CAN THEN EVACUATE BUT IT'S ALSO LIMITED.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN CAN WE ALL AGREE THEN THAT THE UTMOST IMPORTANT THING RIGHT NOW IS TO GET THIS PANEL FIXED?

LILLIAN POSADAS ABSOLUTELY. WE'VE BEEN WANTING TO GET IT FIXED BUT IT TAKES TIME. IT TAKES MONEY AND YOU CAN'T JUST SWITCH OFF THIS ELECTRICAL PANEL THAT WE HAVE WITHOUT HAVING THE NEW

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING AGAIN.

LILLIAN POSADAS IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME. SENATOR DEPENDING ON THE ENGINEERS DEPEND DEPENDING ON THE COMPANY THE VENDOR IF THEY'RE AVAILABLE OR IF THEY'RE EVEN WILLING.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN WHAT IS WHAT'S THE WHAT IS THE SEQUENCE A SEQUENCE FOR EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL REPAIR THEN? WHAT DO YOU HAVE A TIMELINE ON THIS? I MEAN WHAT YOU KNOW WE'RE IT'S SEPTEMBER 24TH NOW. OKAY. THE EMERGENCY IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME. OKAY. GRANTED GOING TO TAKE TIME. WHAT IS THAT TIMELINE? WHAT DO WE SEE? WHAT DO WE SEE? THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. SO WHAT IS THE TIMELINE? IS THE TIMELINE STILL UNKNOWN?

LILLIAN POSADAS IT IS BECAUSE THEY AGAIN DEPENDING ON THE EXPERTISE OF THE ENGINEERS.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN ARE WE SAYING IN A WEEK, TWO WEEKS, ONE MONTH, TWO MONTHS, 6 MONTHS? I MEAN WHERE WHAT DO WE WHAT DO YOU WHAT DO WE FORESEE IN THAT TIMELINE? WE MUST HAVE SOME GENERAL IDEA ON WHAT THAT REACTION TIME WILL BE. IS IF IS IT A WEEK? IS IT TWO WEEKS? ONE MONTH

LILLIAN POSADAS TO REPLACE THE WHOLE ELECTRICAL PANEL IS GOING TO TAKE PROBABLY MONTHS.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN MONTHS.

LILLIAN POSADAS YES. MONTHS.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN SO FOR THE QUICK FIX OR THE NOT QUICK FIX IS WHAT WE HAD DELIVERED. OKAY. SO WHAT TIMELINE DO WE SEE THAT HAPPENING? CAN YOU GIVE US A TIMELINE ON THAT?

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ZALDY TUGADE WELL, I'M APPROXIMATING THIS TO BE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN 6 MONTHS UNTIL WE GET THAT DONE.

ZALDY TUGADE THAT'S VERY AGGRESSIVE. AGAIN, THESE ARE LONG LEAD ITEMS. IT DOESN'T COME OFF THE SHELF. SO, WE NEED TO MAKE THE ORDER SPECIFY IT. AND AGAIN, WE NEED OUR A&E TO CONFIRM ALL THIS TOO.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN SO, IN THE IN IN THE MEANTIME, IN 6 MONTHS IN IN THE 6 MONTHS BETWEEN NOW AND 6 MONTHS TO GET IT REPAIRED, THE SYSTEM IS STILL VERY FRAGILE AND IT COULD BLOW UP AGAIN. AND SO WITHIN THAT 6 MONTHS IT WE COULD SEE THE HOSPITAL SHUTTING DOWN COMPLETELY, RIGHT?

ZALDY TUGADE YES, THAT'S A POSSIBILITY.

DR. RICARDO EUSEBIO SENATOR, THE SYSTEMS IN THE HOSPITAL ALWAYS NEED TO HAVE BACKUP SYSTEMS SO THAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS AND THERE'S A BACKUP, THE ELECTRICAL PANEL SWITCHES HAVE NO BACKUP SO THAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, THE WHOLE THING IS SHUT DOWN. IT'S THE ARGUMENT THAT THE ARMY CORP ENGINEERS, AS I BRING UP AGAIN, IS THE REASON WHY YOU NEED TO BUILD ANOTHER ELECTRICAL PANEL SO THAT YOU HAVE THAT BACKUP SYSTEM SO THAT YOU DON'T SHUT DOWN.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, AGAIN, WE AT THIS POINT, WE DON'T HAVE ANY PLACE TO GO IF A SHUTDOWN SHOULD HAPPEN. YEAH, WE DON'T YEAH, WE'RE IN SAD SHAPE IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN. AND THAT COULD VERY WELL HAPPEN AS YOU ADMIT THAT COULD VERY WELL HAPPEN BETWEEN NOW AND SIX MONTHS. SO I MEAN WE GOT WE GOT TO PUT ANOTHER EMERGENCY TO THAT EMERGENCY. CUT THAT TIME DOWN IMMENSELY. WHAT YOU KNOW AND THAT'S WHY THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. AND SO IS IT OKAY NOW? SO IS IT A MONEY SITUATION OR A PROCUREMENT SITUATION? WHAT IS IT THAT'S GOING THAT'S GOING TO PREVENT US TO I MEAN TO SHORTEN THAT PERIOD OF TIME?

ZALDY TUGADE IT IT'S ALL OF THOSE SITUATIONS, SIR. IT STARTS WITH FUNDING. SO IF WE HAVE THE FUNDING,

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN SO WE GAVE YOU WE GAVE YOU THE WE GAVE YOU THE FUNDING AND SO THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. WE GAVE YOU THE FUNDING AND I KNOW THERE THERE'S OTHER OPERATIONAL NEEDS THAT THAT WE'LL FUND BUT IF AGAIN THE HOSPITAL COULD SHUT DOWN IF THE HOSPITAL COULD SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF THIS SITUATION WOULDN'T THAT AGAIN BOOST IT UP TO BE MAYBE THIS IS THE UTMOST EMERGENCY THAT WE HAVE AT THIS POINT I DON'T KNOW I 'M JUST SAYING BECAUSE EMERGENCY TO YOU KNOW TO CALL AN EMERGENCY AND THEN NOT YOU WON'T ATTEND TO THAT UNTIL 6 MONTHS LATER. IT'S NOT QUITE EMERGENCY. SO MAYBE WE NEED TO AN EMERGENCY SQUARE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IT EVEN MORE AN EMERGENCY

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THAN JUST THE NORMAL EMERGENCY BE BECAUSE IT'S NOT QUITE. ANYWAY, MY TIME'S UP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ZALDY TUGADE SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, SINCE 2019 IN COLLABORATION WITH GPA, WE DID AN MOU AND FOR THEM TO COME AND ASSIST US IN DOING THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE THAT WE COULD ALL DO IN THE INTERIM UNTIL WE GET A DEFINITELY DEFINITIZED APPROACH TO THIS ISSUE. NOTHING IS BEING DEFINITE.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN WELL, I WOULD WANT TO PUT THIS ON THE BACKS OF THE GPA AT THIS POINT. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN AWARDED A CONTRACT.

ZALDY TUGADE SO WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM AND THEY'VE BEEN PROVIDING US SERVICES AND WE CONTINUE THAT SERVICE TOGETHER WITH THEM AND THEY COME WITH THEIR EXPERTISE. WE DO OUR PM AS WELL.

SENATOR JESSE LUJAN YEAH. BUT THEY HAVEN'T GOT PAID FOR IT.

LILLIAN POSADAS SO ANYWAY IF I MAY SENATOR WHEN I STARTED IN 2019 AND WE WENT BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE WITH SENATOR TERLAJE BEING THE CHAIR OF HEALTH BROUGHT THIS UP THAT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ELECTRICAL PANEL. THAT WAS IN 2019. WE ARE NOW IN 2025 AND WE STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO BECAUSE OF FUNDING ISSUE. BUT NOW THAT I HOPE THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE THAT FUNDING AND THROUGH THE GRANT WRITING GRANT THAT WE HAD APPLIED FOR, WE HOPE THAT WE CAN GET THAT BECAUSE THE WHOLE PACKAGE COSTS CLOSE TO 20 MILLION AND WHAT'S IN THIS 40 MILLION IS JUST NOT ENOUGH. BUT IT'S A START WITH THE 5 MILLION TO THEN GO THROUGH THESE ITEMS THAT GPA HAS RECOMMENDED FOR US TO DO IN THIS SHORT TERM. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, SENATOR LUHAN. UH, JUST REAL QUICKLY, DOES GMH HAVE A PROJECT MANAGER FOR THIS PARTICULAR ELECTRICAL PANEL REPLACEMENT AND IF SO, IS THERE ANY SORT OF POEM PLAN OF ACTION AND MILESTONES TO SET THE TIMELINES? AND IS THERE YOU MENTIONED LONG LEAD ITEMS THAT POEM DOES IT INCLUDE THE CRITICAL PATH THAT SHOW HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT?

ZALDY TUGADE SO WE DID OUR INITIAL MEETING. WE IDENTIFIED SOME ITEMS AND THEY'RE BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND AGAIN SOON AS WE GET THE A&E REQUISITION AND PO WITH THEM, WE'RE GOING TO GET THEM IN AND REVIEW THIS AND SEE AND PRIORITIZE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

LILLIAN POSADAS TO YOUR QUESTION, SENATOR SABRINA, IN TERMS OF A PROJECT MANAGER, WE DO HAVE OUR FM MANAGER, MR. ADRIEN MANUEL. HE WILL THEN BE THE POINT OF CONTACT WITH ALONG WITH RODALYN AND ZALDY WORKING WITH GPA. THANK YOU.

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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED TIMELINE TO RECEIVE THESE LONG LEAD ITEMS?

ZALDY TUGADE I WOULD SAY AS SOON AS THE PURCHASE ORDERS BY THE CONTRACTOR IS DONE 3 MONTHS IS AGGRESSIVE. 3 MONTHS.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS OKAY.

RODALYN GERADO I WOULD SAY THREE TO SIX JUST CONSIDERING THAT YOU KNOW OUR SHIPPING CHALLENGES HERE ON THE ISLAND AND YOU KNOW THIS HAPPENS TO US A LOT REALLY IS THAT YOU KNOW FOR ALL ITEMS NOT ONLY EQUIPMENT BUT EVEN FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES IS THAT EVEN WHEN WE THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET THE ITEMS EVEN WHEN THE VENDOR COMMITS THAT IT'S GOING TO COME HERE IN YOU KNOW A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME DOUBLE THAT BECAUSE THE REALITY IS SIMPLY THAT THERE'S TIMES WHERE THEY HAVE ISSUES AS A MATTER OF EFFECT OUR 40 KBA THAT WE'RE EXPECTING RIGHT FOR THE OUR ENTERPRISE LEVEL UPS DEVICES IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE COMING IN OCTOBER 1. WE VERIFIED WITH THE VENDOR AND THEY WERE THEY PRETTY MUCH ASSURED US IT'S GOING TO BE HERE BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT'S GOING TO WAIT ANOTHER TWO WEEKS OR SO BECAUSE OF THE TYPHOON SUPER TYPHOON RAGAZA OR SOMETHING THAT'S RECENTLY H HAPPENED AND SO AGAIN THESE ARE THE CHALLENGES THAT WE DO HAVE SO YES WE'D LIKE TO SAY AGGRESSIVELY 3 MONTHS BUT I'LL TELL YOU THE REALITY IS 3 TO SIX

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU SENATOR BORJA

SENATOR VINCE BORJA THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. , THANK YOU FOR YOU GUYS FOR HOSTING US TODAY. THANK YOU TO THE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE HERE. YOU KNOW, I THINK MY QUESTION IS STILL GOING TO BE SIMILAR ON WHAT I ASKED AT THE OVER OR THE SPECIAL SESSION CUZ AGAIN, LIKE AS WE SIT HERE AND CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT NUMBERS, YOU KNOW, YOU GUYS ASKED IN THE IN YOUR THE ASKED FOR THE FY26 BUDGET, IT WAS ABOUT 75.8, 8, RIGHT? I KNOW IN THE ONE THAT WE JUST PASSED IT WAS 112 THAT THAT SHOULD BE COMING OUT OF THE FY26 BUDGET AND THEN YOU HAVE THE \$40 MILLION APPROPRIATION THAT JUST CAME WHICH IS PROBABLY GOING TO ROLL INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IS, YOU KNOW, WHAT IS THE MAGIC NUMBER, RIGHT? WE TALK ABOUT A LOT OF THE EXPENSES ARE GOING TO BE UNFORESEEN. YOU HAVE THE SOCIAL PATIENTS THAT AVERAGE ABOUT \$4 MILLION. YOU HAVE THE REIMBURSEMENT THAT SOMETIMES DOESN'T IT'S NOT IT DOESN'T EQUATE TO WHAT IT ACTUALLY COSTS TO WE ALSO KNOW THAT WE CAN'T TURN PATIENTS AWAY SO THERE SHOULD BE AN AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOW MUCH THAT COST IS RIGHT SO I GUESS WHY WHAT I'M ASKING IS THAT IF YOU GAVE US A NUMBER TODAY BECAUSE RIGHT NOW 15 OR 112 IS MORE THAN THE 75 THAT YOU ASKED FOR RIGHT SO YOU'RE GOING TO GET 115 IS THAT DOES THAT MEAN YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO BE OKAY

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FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR? BECAUSE IF YOU'RE NOT, THEN THAT'S WHERE I'M REALLY CONFUSED EVERY SINGLE TIME WE SIT AND GO THROUGH ALL THESE NUMBERS BECAUSE EVEN WHEN WE LOOK AT THE CIP STUFF, YOUR VENDOR PAYABLES, I'M SURE THESE ARE THINGS THAT NEED TO GET PAID, BUT WHAT IS THE NUMBER THAT GMH NEEDS AND WHAT DO YOU GUYS NEED? WHAT'S THE NUMBER THAT GMH NEED TO WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO BE SAFE? LIKE BECAUSE I REALLY, YOU KNOW, BASED ON THE DIFFERENT NUMBERS AND THE CONVERSATIONS AND A LOT OF THE QUESTIONING THAT HAS HAPPENED, I COULD FORESEE US EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE GETTING MORE THAN WHAT YOU ASKED FOR PLUS THE 40 MILLION THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE BACK HERE IN SIX, SEVEN MONTHS TALKING ABOUT THE SAME THING.

YUKA HECHANOVA IF WE ASK FOR WHAT WE NEED BASED ON OUR PROJECTED OPERATING EXPENSES WHICH FOR FY26 WAS 213.6 MILLION. SO A LOT GOES INTO THAT. WE HAVE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT THAT GOES INTO STAFFING DEALING WITH THE INCREASES IN THE RETIREMENT RATE. WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THE CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES THAT INCLUDES OUR PHYSICIANS THAT ARE ON CONTRACT. AS WELL AS OUR TRAVEL NURSES. THERE'S JUST A LOT OF THINGS, BUT THAT ALL GOES INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN WE PUT THE BUDGET TOGETHER. AND SO, IT'S REALLY SIMPLY TAKING THAT AMOUNT AND HOW MUCH WE EXPECT TO COLLECT FROM OUR PATIENT REVENUES FROM INSURANCE, SELF-PAY, EVEN MEDICARE, MEDICAID. AND THEN THAT DIFFERENCE IS WHAT WE ARE ASKING FROM THE LEGISLATURE. WE EVEN CONSIDER FUNDING FROM GRANTS AND SUCH, BUT THAT'S USUALLY FOR LIKE CIP PROJECTS AND WE DON'T ALWAYS GET APPROVED FOR THOSE THINGS. WHEN WE'RE LOOKING FOR GRANTS FOR OPERATIONAL HOSPITAL OPERATIONAL STUFF, WE CAN'T FIND IT. THERE'S SO MANY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, BUT THEY SEEM MORE GEARED TOWARDS PREVENTIVE HEALTH, LIKE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH, THAT KIND OF THING. BUT THERE'S NOTHING REALLY OUT THERE. WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR HELPING PUBLIC HOSPITALS. AND SO THAT'S THE AMOUNT THAT WE ALWAYS ASK FOR EVERY YEAR FROM THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATOR VINCE BORJA BUT IF YOU'RE ASKING FOR THAT AMOUNT EVERY YEAR, BUT YOU DON'T IT WOULD BE SAFE TO SAY THAT YOU DON'T ALWAYS COLLECT WHAT YOU ANTICIPATE TO COLLECT, WOULD THAT BE A FAIR STATEMENT?

YUKA HECHANOVA YES, THAT'S TRUE.

SENATOR VINCE BORJA SO THEN IF YOU ALWAYS ANTICIPATE THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO COLLECT, THEN WHY WOULDN'T YOU ASK? BECAUSE THE BOTTOM LINE IS WHEN PEOPLE COME THROUGH THE DOORS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HELP THEM, RIGHT? WHICH MEANS THAT AS TAXPAYERS AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IS TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE, THEN SHOULDN'T THAT BE FACTORED INTO YOUR OPERATIONAL COST BECAUSE IT'S CONTINUOUS. BUT IF YOU'RE NOT ASKING FOR THAT AMOUNT TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT YOU NEVER GET, THEN I GUESS THAT'S WHY

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I'M SCRATCHING MY HEAD LIKE HOW IS THIS IF IT'S THAT IF THAT'S THE WAY IT IS ANNUALLY, THEN REALLY WE'RE ONLY GOING TO GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ASK FOR, RIGHT?

YUKA HECHANOVA I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.

SENATOR VINCE BORJA YEAH. BECAUSE 75.8 IS WHAT YOU GUYS ASKED FOR. WE'RE GIVING YOU 1 POINT 115. NOW, ME BEING LEVEL-MINDED, IN SEVEN MONTHS, IF YOU CAME AND SAID, "I NEED MORE MONEY," I WOULD BE CONFUSED BECAUSE YOU ASKED FOR 75, WE GAVE YOU 115. SO, I GUESS I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. I I'M A NEW SENATOR, SO MAYBE I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU GUYS PLAN. BUT AT LEAST WHERE I I CAME FROM, IT WAS LIKE, "OKAY, I KNOW I'M GOING TO BE SPENDING 200 MILLION A YEAR. I'M GONNA GET HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN FEES. I NEED TO GET A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS TO STAY AFLOAT. AND IF I DON'T GET THAT 100 MILLION THEN I OR I'M NOT ASKING FOR THAT THEN I'M NOT IT'S MY FAULT.

YUKA HECHANOVA AND THE 133 THAT WE EXPECT TO COLLECT IS ACTUALLY A COMBINATION OF OUR WHAT WE EXPECT FROM OUR DIFFERENT PAYER MIXES. SO WE HAVE THE AMOUNT WE EXPECT TO COLLECT FROM THE INSURANCE WHICH IS GOING TO BE A HIGHER PERCENTAGE THAN FROM WHAT WE EXPECT TO COLLECT FROM MEDICARE OR MEDICAID AND THEN THE PERCENTAGE THAT WE COLLECT FROM SELF-PAY. SO THE 133 IS REALLY OUR GOAL FOR COLLECTIONS. IF WE DON'T HIT THAT GOAL, IT'S BECAUSE WE'VE RUN INTO SOME OBSTACLES IN COLLECTING. FOR EXAMPLE, RIGHT NOW WE'RE DEALING WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THERE'S A LOT OF DENIALS THAT WE'RE STARTING TO DEAL WITH AND THAT ALSO IMPACTS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT COMES IN, BUT WE'RE ACTIVELY WORKING ON THAT. SO THE 133 IS REALLY THE GOAL FOR THE COLLECTIONS FOR THE HOSPITAL INCLUDING THE BECAUSE OUR GROSS REVENUES IS IN EXCESS OF 200 MILLION BUT WE WON'T COLLECT ALL OF THAT. SO THE 133 IS REALLY THE NET AMOUNT THAT WE EXPECT TO COLLECT.

JESSE QUENGA AND IF I MAY ADD TO YUKA'S RESPONSE, SENATOR, BECAUSE YOU DID THROW OUT SOME NUMBERS OF APPROPRIATIONS TO THE HOSPITAL AND A COMMON MAN MIGHT REFLECT THAT IF THE HOSPITAL REQUESTED FOR 80 MILLION AND YOU'RE SUGGESTING 112.8 WAS APPROPRIATED, THEN WE SURELY WOULD HAVE MET IT. BUT WHEN YOU LOOK INTO WHAT LEVELS WERE APPROPRIATED, 55 MILLION OF THE 112 MILLION WERE BEING INFORMED IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE. 35 MILLION IS AN AMENDMENT MADE FROM THIS OVERSIGHT SHARE. THIS WOULD REAPPROPRIATE FUNDS WE SET ASIDE FROM THE 21ST CENTURY HEALTHCARE. ADELUP HAS SAID THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE. AND THEN THE 20 MILLION IS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT AFTER YOU APPROVE THE \$1.03 BILLION BUDGET, WE WOULD STILL COLLECT \$20 MILLION ABOVE THAT LEVEL AND THAT FIRST 20 MILLION WILL COME TO THE HOSPITAL. ALL ELSE EQUAL, SENATOR, YOU'RE GIVING US 50.8 8 MILLION WHEN WE NEED 80 MILLION JUST TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON AND TO PAY OUR EMPLOYEES. THE 40 MILLION IS GOING TO PAY DOWN ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND THE DIFFERENCE IS GOING TO HELP SUPPORT OUR CIPS. THERE'S STILL AN AMOUNT OF CIPS NEEDED. 29 MINUS THE 10

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WE'RE SETTING ASIDE MEANS WE'RE \$19 MILLION NEEDED FOR CIPS AND ADDITIONAL \$28 MILLION NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS. SO THE HOPE IS IF THE GOVERNMENT CAN COLLECT THE EXTRA \$20 MILLION, WE CAN REDUCE AND OFFSET THE NEED FOR OPERATIONS AND MAKE PAYROLL, BUT THERE IS THE SHORT AMOUNT AND MAYBE WE CAN FURNISH TO THE COMMITTEE A DETAILED ACCOUNTING OF THOSE AMOUNTS AND WHAT THAT FINAL NUMBER IS.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS MADAM CHAIR, I NEED TO JUST JUMP IN HERE REAL QUICK BECAUSE YOU'RE MAKING SOME ASSUMPTIONS. WE'RE CUTTING OUT THE 35 MILLION IN TERMS OF OUR INTERPRETATION. AS YOU'RE AWARE, RIGHT NOW \$74 MILLION IS WHAT'S TRACKING IN EXCESS REVENUE IN 2026 OR 2025. WE ALSO NOW HAVE TWO BILLS TO APPROPRIATE THE \$32 MILLION AVAILABLE IN THE REFUNDING. SO THAT'S REAL MONEY. IT WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON IF THE GOVERNOR SIGNED THE BILL. BUT THE FACT IS THAT'S REAL CASH AND THAT'S WHAT THE CONTEMPLATION THAT I WILL CLOSE WITH AFTER I GET BUT SO JUST TO CORRECT YOUR NUMBERS IN TERMS OF WHAT THE PROJECTIONS FROM THE LEGISLATURE IS. WE HAVE THAT FUNDING SOURCE.

JESSE QUENGA YES. AND THANK YOU SENATOR. I THINK THOSE AMOUNTS WILL HELP SHORE UP THE DIFFERENCE AND WE'RE JUST PROVIDING A BREAKDOWN OF THE AMOUNTS IN THE 26 BUDGET AND I KNOW THOSE MEASURES ARE SEPARATE AND A PART OF THE BUDGET ACT. SO WE KNOW THAT I THINK FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY HAS REALLY DELIVERED FOR THE HOSPITAL. SO WE WANT TO START OFF BY SAYING THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES. WE SEE THAT THE MOST RESOURCES HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THIS LEGISLATURE AND WITH SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. SO **THANK YOU FOR THAT.**

SENATOR VINCE BORJA ANOTHER QUESTION IN REGARDS TO COLLECTIONS. WHAT IS YOUR PROCESS WHEN YOU KNOW LIKE YOU SAID YOU GUYS HAVE A GOAL OF COLLECTING 120 MILLION RIGHT? AND I'M SURE YOU HAVE A PLAN BASED ON WHAT YOUR YOU MAYBE BY QUARTER IN REGARDS TO WHAT YOUR COLLECTIONS ARE GOING TO BE. HOW DO YOU ADJUST WHEN YOU'RE NOT MEETING THOSE COLLECTIONS? BECAUSE AT LEAST SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE, THE ONLY TIME WE'VE REALLY HEAR WHEN YOU'RE NOT OR WHEN YOU'RE SHORT ANY KIND OF CASH IS WHEN YOU GUYS COME DOWN TO THE LEGISLATURE AND MAYBE IT'S BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE CHAIR. UM, BUT WHAT IS YOUR PLAN WHEN SAY YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GET 50 MILLION EVERY QUARTER, YOU DON'T GET 50 MILLION, YOU'RE TAKING IS THAT YOU JUST TAKE IT FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR IS THAT CONSIDERED AN EMERGENCY, RIGHT? LIKE IT'S BECAUSE IT'S CASH THAT YOU'RE RELYING ON.

YUKA HECHANOVA WELL, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS IS WE HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING OUR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND THE WITHHOLDING TAXES. SO, WHEN CASH IS SHORT, WE HAVE TO PRIORITIZE. AND SO, THOSE ARE ONE OF THE THOSE ARE THE TWO THINGS THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN PAYING SINCE WELL, HEALTH

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INSURANCE PREMIUMS HAVEN'T BEEN PAID SINCE DECEMBER AND THEN WITHHOLDING IS SINCE MARCH. SO THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT WE DON'T PAY THAT WE YEAH THAT WE SACRIFICE SO WE CAN PAY FOR OXYGEN BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT DELIVER OXYGEN. OUR OXYGEN VENDOR IS YOU DON'T PAY WE WON'T DELIVER IT. AND HOW MANY OF OUR PATIENTS ARE OXYGEN DEPENDENT? IT'S LIKE MAKING THOSE KIND OF DECISIONS ON WHO WE'RE GOING TO PAY BASED ON WHAT'S AVAILABLE.

SENATOR VINCE BORJA WHEN YOU SAY WITHHOLDING TAXES, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT LIKE THE EMPLOYEES.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES.

SENATOR VINCE BORJA DEAR GOD.

LILLIAN POSADAS YES. WE DIDN'T HAVE MONEY.

SENATOR VINCE BORJA I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SENATOR BORJA. SENATOR TERLAJE,

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE HOSPITAL ARE HERE TODAY TO LISTEN IN ON THIS. I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR IT DIRECTLY AND THAT YOU'RE HERE TO ALSO ADVOCATE FOR YOUR NEEDS AS WELL. AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE MANAGERS WHO ARE HERE. I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM MR. BIRN THE MONEY THAT YOU ARE PAYING OR GIVING PAYING OUT FOR GMH ON THEIR BEHALF FOR THESE PAYABLES. IS THAT FROM THE BOND PROCEEDS OR BOND SAVINGS ANY OF THAT?

EDWARD BIRN NO SENATOR. IT'S FROM THE 40 MILLION.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE IT'S FROM WHAT? THE 40 MILLION.

EDWARD BIRN YES.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE WHERE WHICH JUST SAID GENERAL FUND WHICH IS GENERAL. SO WHERE IS THAT FROM?

EDWARD BIRN IT'S FROM THE GENERAL FUND LIKE THE ACT THAT WAS ENACTED SAYS. ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SO THOSE ARE JUST EXCESS.

EDWARD BIRN IT'S THE ACCUMULATED SURPLUSES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE 2016.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE OKAY. THE SURPLUSES. THANK YOU. AND SO FROM THE 40 MILLION I THINK WHAT WE'RE HEARING TODAY IS THAT THE 26 MILLION IN

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VENDOR PAYABLES ARE NOT GOING TO BE FULLY PAID OR ARE THEY GOING TO BE FULLY PAID? THAT WAS THE ESTIMATE AT THE TIME.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES. YES, THAT'S THE ESTIMATE. AND WE'LL CONTINUE WORKING ON THOSE PAYMENTS AS THE CASH COMES IN.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE ARE THEY ALL GOING TO BE PAID?

YUKA HECHANOVA YES, THAT'S WHAT YOU EXPECT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE OKAY. SO, BECAUSE WE'RE FIRST PAYING THE DOCTORS 1.3 AND THEN 14.3 TO GPA, UH, WITHHOLDING TAXES AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS, AND ONLY THEN AT SEPTEMBER 30 ARE WE GOING TO GET TO OTHER VENDORS, PRIVATE VENDORS, UH, 10 MILLION, BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. YOU SAID YOU'RE GOING TO WAIT UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER FOR THE REST OF THE VENDORS TO GET PAID.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES. BUT OUR FOCUS RIGHT NOW IS ON OUR SUPPLIERS WHICH IS AT 6 MILLION. AND THEN WE HAVE SEVERAL PAYMENTS READY TO GO FOR CIP. AND THAT IS AROUND 1.5 MILLION. SO THOSE ARE GOING TO BE READY TO PAY WHEN THE 10 MILLION COMES IN. WE ALSO HAVE SOME SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT WE CAN PAY. AND WE ALSO HAVE TO PAY OUR TRAVEL NURSES BECAUSE WE OWE THEM \$4 MILLION.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE THOSE ARE ALL ON THE 26 MILLION.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES. RIGHT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SO OF COURSE WE HAVE TO PAY ALL OF THESE PEOPLE. THERE'S NO CHOICE. AND I'M ASKING YOU WHO'S MAKING THE CHOICE OF WHICH ONES YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FIRST? THAT'S PRETTY MUCH YOU.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES. BASED ON WHAT'S ON OUR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RIGHT NOW ON OUR LISTING.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE AND THE IN BETWEEN PAYING SOME OF THESE VENDORS, YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR IT EQUIPMENT.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SOME OF THESE VENDORS, I GUESS WHAT I'M MY QUESTION IS, SOME OF THESE VENDORS ARE OVERDUE OVER 90 DAYS, YET YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU'RE NOT PREPARED YET WITH THE PAPERWORK TO GET THEM PAID AND THAT YOU HAVE TO WAIT TILL THE END OF THE MONTH TO GET THOSE PAID

YUKA HECHANOVA BECAUSE THE INVOICES SIT IN THE SYSTEM AND THEY'RE RECEIVED, BUT ONCE WE'RE READY TO MAKE THE PAYMENT, THEY HAVE TO BE ALL GATHERED. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, WE ONLY HAVE \$100,000 TO PAY A VENDOR, THE STAFF WILL GET \$100,000

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OF THE INVOICES AND PROCESS THEM IN THE SYSTEM AND THEN WE CAN CUT A CHECK. SO THERE THE INVOICES ARE THERE. THEY JUST HAVE TO BE PUT TOGETHER AND THEN THE CHECK CUT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE I KNOW. WELL, I JUST HOPE YOU KNOW HOW THAT MUST SOUND TO VENDORS WHO'VE BEEN WAITING OVER 90 DAYS THAT WE'RE GOING TO WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH NOW DESPITE THE EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO JUST

YUKA HECHANOVA BECAUSE THE CASH IS NOT HERE. SO, BUT THE STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING DILIGENT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SAYING THE CASH IS NOT THERE BECAUSE THE PAPERWORK IS NOT GOING TO BE READY UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

EDWARD BIRN NO, SENATOR, I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE OKAY. SO, IF THE CASH IS READY TODAY, CAN WE PAY THAT TODAY? NO. RIGHT. BECAUSE THE PAPERWORK'S NOT READY. RIGHT.

EDWARD BIRN RIGHT. RIGHT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE AND THEN, YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THIS ELECTRICAL PANEL. I'M LILLIAN, YOU BROUGHT UP THAT YOU BROUGHT THIS TO MY ATTENTION IN 2017. IN 2017. YES, THIS WAS BROUGHT UP IN 2017, 2018 BY PREVIOUS HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATIONS TO PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES. EVEN WHEN I WAS NOT THE CHAIR, IT WAS BROUGHT UP WHEN I WAS THE CHAIR ON HEALTH. ALL THE BUDGETS THAT CAME FROM FOR THE 2020 BUDGET 2021, 2022, AND 23, GMH CAME IN AND MADE THEIR PRESENTATIONS AND DID NOT REQUEST FOR CIP FUNDS. THEY REQUESTED FOR OPERATIONAL FUNDS AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THEIR BUDGET. THEY MADE A LIST OF CIPS. THAT'S WHERE I FOUND IT, THE LIST OF CIP PROJECTS., AND THAT'S WHY I IN 2019 INCLUDED THAT. THAT'S THE LAW THAT SENATOR SHAWN'S TALKING ABOUT THAT WAS INCLUDED FOR 10 MILLION DESPITE GMH SAYING THEY DIDN'T NEED IT FOR CIPS BACK THEN. WE EVEN PRIORITIZED THAT IT WOULD BE USED FOR ELECTRICAL PANEL, THE EHR AND THE I THINK THE HVAC THE NO THE ROOF. SO ALL THESE PROJECTS EVER SINCE BACK THEN MONEY APPROPRIATED FROM EXCESS FUNDS THAT ACTUALLY BECAME AVAILABLE THAT WE COLLECTED SO IT COULD HAVE BEEN MADE TO GMH AND EVERY OVERSIGHT HEARING WE'VE HAD WE FOLLOW UP ON THAT AND YOU ALWAYS SAY OH WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED IT WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED IT AND THEN WHEN THE ARP MONEY WAS LOST WE LOST THE ARP MONEY BUT THERE SEEMS LIKE NO URGENCY AND BUT MR. ZALDY ALWAYS SAID THIS IS THE WEAK LINK HERE THAT WE ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO FIRES AND WE ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO SHUTTING DOWN. THERE WAS AN ASSESSMENT DONE IN 2018 BY AN ELECTRICAL COMPANY. THEN THE ARMY CORPS CAME IN IN 2020 SAID VERY SIMILAR THAT THIS WAS A PRIORITY. WELL, THEIR REPORT WAS DONE IN 2020 AND SO EVERYBODY AGREED THIS SHOULD BE A PRIORITY EXCEPT IT SEEMS GMH MANAGEMENT

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BECAUSE GMH MANAGEMENT IF THEY'VE NEVER THEY DID DO KIND OF FOR MAINTENANCE AS MR. ZALDY SAYS, BUT THIS ESTIMATE OF HOW WHEN TELL US THESE THE LIST YOU'VE GIVEN US FOR THE FIVE MILLION, THIS IS GPA'S RECOMMENDATION OF JUST HOW WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE, BUT THIS DOESN'T PREVENT ELECTRICAL FIRES COMING UP IN THE FUTURE AS WE HAD JUST IN THE LAST MONTH, RIGHT? THIS. AND SO THIS IS AND THEN YOU NEED \$100,000 TO RECERTIFY THE PLAN. AND HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR \$18 MILLION IN THE INSURANCE CLAIM THAT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO MAKE FOR THE ELECTRICAL PANEL? AND YOU'RE HOPEFULLY WAITING FOR 17 MILLION FROM THE CDBGDR REQUEST, WHICH IS NOT GOING TO COME FOR 5 YEARS, THEY'VE TOLD US. SO THAT'S NOT REALISTIC FOR WHAT WE NEED RIGHT NOW. BUT NONE OF THIS 40 MILLION THEN IS GOING TO GO TOWARDS REBUILDING THIS ELECTRICAL ONLY FOR THIS IMMEDIATE NEEDS. MR. ZALDY, THAT THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION FROM GH AS TO WHAT WHAT'S IT WHAT'S THE GOAL OF THIS? WHAT'S IT GOING TO GET US? WHAT KIND OF SAFETY?

ZALDY TUGADE WELL, THIS IS ACTUALLY THE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH IS ALSO PART AND PARCEL TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN THAT WE HAVE IN ALIGNMENT WITH THAT. IT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN WITH OUR A&E AS TO HOW THIS NEEDS TO BE PRIORITIZED AS WELL. SO IT'S GOING TO BE A WORK BETWEEN AMONG OURSELVES A&E, GPA, GMH AND OTHER AGENCIES. SO AGAIN WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE MAIN DISTRIBUTION PANEL IS LIKE WE SAID SINGLE POINT OF FAILURE. WHY? BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE REDUNDANCY AND THE WAY THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE IS YOU NEED TO HAVE A NEW MAIN DISTRIBUTION PANEL BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN TOUCH THIS OLD ONE. SO THAT'S THE MAIN THING THAT WE'RE SAYING WE NEED TO HAVE A MAIN A NEW MAIN DISTRIBUTION PANEL ON HAND ALREADY BEFORE WE EVEN TALK OF REMOVING THIS OLD PANEL.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE RIGHT? AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE TRIED TO DO THAT SINCE 2019 TO GIVE YOU MONEY IN ORDER TO DO WHAT THE ARMY CORPS HAD RECOMMENDED THAT YOU DO BACK THEN. AND BUT WHAT BUT WHAT IS THIS GOING TO DO FOR US AS FAR AS SAFETY? THIS 5 MILLION

ZALDY TUGADE WE COULD START WITH IT.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE NO, IT'S GOING TO DO THESE THINGS HERE. BUT YEAH, WHAT IS THE GOAL? DOES IT SAY THIS WILL MAKE IT SAFE FOR THE HOSPITAL?

ZALDY TUGADE THIS WOULD ADDRESS SOME OF IT, BUT NOT THE MAIN DISTRIBUTION PANEL YET,

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE RIGHT? AND THAT'S THE 18 MILLION ESTIMATE. YES, MA'AM.

ZALDY TUGADE THANK YOU, SENATOR.

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SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, SENATOR TERLAJE.

SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS SENATOR PARKINSON. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. , IN PREVIOUS TESTIMONY, I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SAID THAT SOCIAL CASES HAVE COST GMH ABOUT 50 MILLION OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. AND THAT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE PRIMARY FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FOR GMH BECAUSE THESE CASES OFTEN GO UNCOMPENSATED AND CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR OPERATIONAL DEFICIT. BUT THIS IS A PROBLEM NOT JUST AT GMH, BUT PUBLIC HOSPITALS ACROSS ALL OF AMERICA. HAVE YOU LOOKED AT OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE HAD GREATER SUCCESS DEALING WITH THESE SOCIAL CASES OR BED BLOCKERS AND HOW COULD WE IMPLEMENT SOME OF THOSE BEST PRACTICES ON GUAM?

LILLIAN POSADAS THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, SENATOR PARKINSON. , I HAVE DONE SOME LITERATURE SEARCH AND I'VE READ SOME ARTICLES WITH REGARDS TO HOW OTHER HOSPITALS IN THE MAINLAND AND WHAT I HEAR IS THAT THEY DISCHARGE THEM RIGHT OUT THE DOOR, PUT THEM IN A WHEELCHAIR, PUT THEM OUT. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE WANT TO DO. THOSE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT THOSE HOSPITALS, COUNTY HOSPITALS DO. UM, THEY HAVE OTHER RESOURCES. THEY HAVE TRANSITIONAL HOMES THAT THEY CAN TRANSFER THEM TO, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THAT TILL WE KEEP THEM HERE. THERE IS A PLAN FOR AN ASSISTED TRANSITIONAL HOME THAT'S BEEN DISCUSSED AND THE FACILITY ITSELF HAS BEEN ACQUIRED, BUT THAT STILL AGAIN IS IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THAT SET UP WITH ADA REGULATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE FULFILLING, BUT IT DOESN'T STILL IT STILL DOESN'T MEET THE CRITERIA FOR OUR SOCIAL CASES HERE IN THE HOSPITAL TO BE ELIGIBLE TO THEN BE TRANSFERRED TO THAT FACILITY. SO, YOU KNOW, WE'RE LOOKING AT OTHER OPTIONS. WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH POSSIBLY USING A PART OF THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY UP AT THE BARAGONA HEIGHTS AND PERHAPS THEY CAN THEN ADMINISTER SOME KIND OF A PROGRAM FOR THE INTERMEDIATE CARE LEVEL OF PATIENTS WHO DO NOT NEED YOU KNOW MEDICAL STAFF OR NURSES TO THEN CARE FOR THEM BUT JUST CAREGIVERS. SO THOSE ARE WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT YOU KNOW TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE WITH REGARDS TO THE SOCIAL CASES. OUR SOCIAL SERVICES ARE WORKING VERY DILIGENTLY WITH FAMILIES OR OTHER SUPPORT SYSTEMS TO GET THESE PEOPLE EVEN IN GUAM HOUSING TO GET THEM INTO A HOUSING FACILITY, YOU KNOW, TO TRY AND GET THEM INTO THAT AREA SO WE CAN DISCHARGE THEM. UNFORTUNATELY, IT CONTINUES TO BUILD UP. WHAT WE USED TO HAVE AS EITHER 19 OR 20 SOCIAL CASES, WE'RE NOW UP TO 30 CASES. SO, THEY CONTINUE TO COME IN.

DR. RICARDO EUSEBIO SENATOR, IF I MAY ADD THAT TO DATE THIS HAS COST US \$ 38 MILLION AND I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW TO DEAL WITH THAT ISSUE BECAUSE IT'S COSTING US MONEY EVERY DAY. CERTAINLY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE OTHER

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HOSPITAL HAS DONE WHICH IS AN OPTION TO THINK OF IS TO TAKE SOME OF THESE PATIENTS WHO ARE EITHER FROM THE PHILIPPINES OR SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE AND THEN TRANSFER THEM TO A HOSPITAL IN THE PHILIPPINES AND IT'LL COST US LESS. AS A AS A MATTER OF FACT, THEY'RE WILLING TO PAY FOR THE AIRLINE TICKET TO GET THESE PATIENTS OVER THERE BECAUSE OVERALL IT'LL COST US LESS. CERTAINLY LESS THAN \$ 38 MILLION. SO, THAT'S CERTAINLY AN OPTION THAT WE CAN DO AND CERTAINLY AN OPTION THAT THEY'VE LOOKED AT AS WELL.

SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON OKAY. I APPRECIATE THOSE ANSWERS BECAUSE THE BOTTOM LINE IS WE THE TAXPAYERS END UP PAYING \$50 MILLION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. SO, YOU KNOW, I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT WHAT SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DO WE NEED TO INVEST IN SO WE COULD BRING THESE COSTS OF THESE SOCIAL CASES DOWN AND ULTIMATELY PROVIDE MORE APPROPRIATE LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THESE PEOPLE. AND TO THAT END, SHOULD WE BE LOOKING AT BUILDING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING OR STEP DOWN FACILITIES OURSELVES TO MOVE ACUTE LONGER BROADER TERM CASES OUT OF THE MAIN HOSPITAL INTO A LONGER CARE LONG TERM CARE FACILITY? BECAUSE WE'RE PAYING \$50 MILLION EITHER WAY. WHY DON'T WHY DON'T WE CONSIDER SPENDING \$50 MILLION TO BUILD AN EXTRA FACILITY? I AND I ALSO TAKE YOUR POINT ABOUT POTENTIALLY MOVING THEM TO OTHER FACILITIES THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BETTER HANDLE THE LOAD THAT WE AS FRANKLY A MORE RURAL AREA CANNOT HANDLE. ANOTHER THING I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WAS ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENT FROM JUNE 10, 2025, THE NATIONAL VITAL STATISTIC REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE CDC, GUAM'S SEPTICEMIA MORTALITY IS EXTREMELY HIGH VERSUS THE REST OF THE UNITED STATES. MORE THAN FOUR TIMES THE US AVERAGE AND BY FAR BY FAR THE HIGHEST OF ANY STATE OR TERRITORY IN THE NATION. WE ARE LAPPING SECOND PLACE FOUR TIMES OVER. WHAT INTERNAL INFECTION SURVEILLANCE DATA DOES GMH MAINTAIN AND TO GET WHAT DO WE GOT TO DO TO GET THESE NUMBERS DOWN? BECAUSE FOR ME THEY ARE VERY CONCERNING AND DO YOU THINK THAT THE PHYSICAL STATE OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTES TO THE ALARMINGLY HIGH RATE OF SEPTICEMIA INFECTIONS THAT WE HAVE HERE? AND FOR PEOPLE, SEPTICEMIA INFECTIONS, I BELIEVE ARE COLLOQUIALLY CALLED HOSPITAL INFECTIONS.

DR. RICARDO EUSEBIO SENATOR, ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE IN GUAM IS DIABETES. DIABETES LOWERS YOUR THRESHOLD AND ENABLES YOU TO BE SUSCEPTIBLE MORE TO SEPTICEMIA. BECAUSE OF OUR HIGH DIABETIC RATE, WE WOULD IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT WE WOULD HAVE A HIGHER INCIDENCE OF SEPSIS IN THIS ISLAND. THE HIGHER DIABETIC RATE LEADS TO A HIGHER INCIDENCE OF END STAGE RENAL DISEASE AND DIALYSIS AND YOU'LL SEE THE NUMBER OF DIALYSIS CENTERS PROLIFERATE IN THIS ISLAND. WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PATIENTS ON IN IN THE HOSPITAL WITH END STAGE RENAL DISEASE AND CURRENTLY RECEIVING DIALYSIS THROUGH THESE CATHETERS THAT WE HAVE THAT THEY HAVE. THESE ARE TEMPORARY CATHETERS AND THESE PATIENTS ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO SEPSIS BECAUSE OF THAT CATHETER BEING THERE. WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED A AN A CAMPAIGN WHERE WE'RE

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GOING TO TRY AND ELIMINATE THOSE CATHETERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY GIVING THEM A PERMANENT ACCESS SOONER AND IDENTIFYING THOSE PATIENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SO THAT'S ONE ASPECT. PREVENTIVE HEALTH IS ANOTHER ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON AND NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT EDUCATION IN REGARDS TO THE SUSCEPTIBILITY OF DIABETES IN GUAM IS PRESENT. I BELIEVE PUBLIC HEALTH HAS TRIED TO WORK ON THAT AS WELL., I'LL JUST SAY THAT UM, IN WORLD WAR II WHEN THE NAVY CAME, JUST AS SORT OF AN EDUCATIONAL THING, WHEN THE NAVY CAME TO EVALUATE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND ESTABLISHED A NAVAL HOSPITAL, THEY DID A SURVEY OF HOW MANY HOW MANY PATIENTS IN GUAM HAVE DIABETES. AND OUT OF THE BASED ON MY UNDERSTANDING AND LOOKING AT THE HISTORY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT THEY FOUND AT THAT TIME AFTER WORLD WAR II AND ESTABLISHING THE NAVAL HOSPITAL THEY FOUND LESS THAN 10 PEOPLE IN GUAM HAVE DIABETES. WE HAVE GONE FROM THAT NUMBER TO OVER 50 CLOSE TO 50% OF THE PATIENTS IN GUAM OR CHAMORUS IN GUAM HAVE DIABETES. THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT GENETIC COMPONENT. THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL THAT IS A DIET DIETARY COMPONENT AND ALSO A PHYSICAL EXERCISE COMPONENT. ALL THOSE THREE ARE FACTORS IN IN THE INCIDENCE OF DIABETES IN GUAM. THE REASON WHY I'M MAKING DIABETES IS SUCH A BIG DEAL IS BECAUSE THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SEEING THE HIGHER SUSCEPTIBILITY FOR SEPSIS. THANK YOU.

LILLIAN POSADAS IF I MAY ADD ALSO SENATOR REALLY AS DR. EUSEBIO MENTIONED IT'S PREVENTABLE AND SO PRIMARY PREVENTION IS WHAT WE NEED TO EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY. SIMPLE HANDWASHING, BASIC HANDWASHING. YOU'LL BE SURPRISED PEOPLE DON'T DO THAT. AND SO, YOU KNOW, IF PEOPLE WOULD JUST IF WE JUST GET PEOPLE TO REALLY BE GRILLED IN THEIR MIND, ANYTHING, ANY TIME THAT THEY TOUCH SOMETHING OR DO SOMETHING, WASH YOUR HANDS. AND PARTICULARLY IN AN AREA WHERE THERE ARE PATIENTS WHO ARE DIABETICS, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE SUSCEPTIBLE. SO THEREFORE YOU AS A FAMILY MEMBER WASH YOUR HANDS. THAT'S A VERY SIMPLE VERY BASIC PRACTICE OR EVEN HABIT TO HAVE FOR EVERYBODY AND YOU KNOW THAT'S A VERY PREVENTABLE CONDITION IN TERMS OF INFECTION. SO IF WE CAN JUST ALL PRACTICE THAT THAT WILL HELP US TREMENDOUSLY. THANK YOU.

SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON OKAY. AND I I TAKE YOUR POINT ABOUT DIABETES VERY WELL, BUT I JUST WANT TO PUSH BACK A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN TO PLACES LIKE THE DEEP SOUTH WHERE RATES OF DIABETES ARE HIGH AND EVEN WITH PLACES LIKE THE DEEP SOUTH, WE ARE DOUBLING THE RATE. AND SO I TAKE THE POINT ABOUT DIABETES, BUT IS THERE OTHER FACTORS IN THERE THAT WE ARE NOT CONSIDERING BECAUSE OUR RATE OUR AGE ADJUSTED RATE IS JUST SO FAR BEYOND THE MEAN THAT IT I FEEL IT REALLY REQUIRES SOME EXAMINATION. AND SO I'M NOT GOING TO ARGUE BACK AND FORTH WITH YOU ABOUT THE SCIENCE OF IT. I JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT PERSPECTIVE OUT THERE BECAUSE IT IS AN YOU KNOW AS I WAS DOING MY PREPARATION FOR THIS MEETING IT WAS JUST SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY NUMBER THAT IT REALLY STICKS OUT WHEN YOU SEE IT AMONG THE NATIONAL DATA. AND THEN MY

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OTHER QUESTION WAS THERE HAVE BEEN TALKS ABOUT OPINION WRITERS LIKE FORMER SENATOR AND HEALTH CHAIR DENNIS RODRIGUEZ HAVE SUGGESTED THAT UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE OR EXPANDED INSURANCE ACCESS COULD REDUCE HOSPITALS UNCOMPENSATED CARE BURDENS AND IMPROVE FINANCIAL STABILITY. WHAT IS GMH'S CURRENT PROPORTION OF UNINSURED, UNCOMPENSATED CARE, AND HOW WOULD MORE UNIVERSAL COVERAGE AFFECT YOUR BOTTOM LINE? HOW MUCH REVENUE IS CURRENTLY LOST OR UNPAID OR UNCLAIMED OR UNDERPAID CLAIMS?

YUKA HECHANOVA OUR UNINSURED POPULATION IS ABOUT 15 TO 18%. THOSE ARE THE CLASS OF PATIENTS WE CALL SELF-PAY. THEY DON'T HAVE INSURANCE. AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, WE TRY TO GET THEM ON MEDICAID AND WE HAVE STAFF HERE IN THE HOSPITAL THAT ACTUALLY HELP THEM WITH THEIR APPLICATIONS AND SUBMIT THEM TO PUBLIC HEALTH. AND PUBLIC HEALTH WE WAIT FOR THEM TO APPROVE IT AND THEN THEY GET ON MEDICAID. SO, WE DO HAVE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE AND ARE CONSIDERED SELF-PAY AND THEY NORMALLY THEY CANNOT PAY THEIR BILLS. THEY JUST DON'T HAVE THE MEANS. EVEN IF WE PUT THEM ON A PAYMENT PLAN, SOME OF THE BILLS THAT THEY RACK UP ARE REALLY LIKE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. SO, EVEN IF THEY MEAN WELL AND WE PUT THEM ON A PAYMENT PLAN, WE CAN'T EXPECT THEM TO PAY MORE THAN MAYBE \$50 A MONTH, \$10 A MONTH, WHATEVER. BUT WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE ON SOME KIND OF PAYMENT PLAN. SO, IT LOOKS LIKE AT LEAST WE'RE COLLECTING. BUT, THEN WE HAVE THOSE THAT JUST DON'T EVEN ACCEPT THEIR BILL. THEY WON'T EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE A BILL. UM, FOR THOSE WE SEND THEM TO DRT FOR THE GARNISHMENT. SOME DON'T FILE TAXES. THESE ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE WITH OUR SELF-PAID PATIENTS.

SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON UH, AND AGAIN, HOW MUCH ARE WE LOSING IN TERMS OF UNPAID OR UNDERPAID CLAIMS EVERY YEAR? LIKE WHAT DOES THAT NUMBER LOOK LIKE?

LILLIAN POSADAS MAY I ADD TO MISS YUKA'S COMMENTS WITH REGARDS TO THE SELF-PAY? WE ALSO HAVE THAT POPULATION FROM DOC, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, WHO ARE INMATES WHO END UP BEING HOSPITALIZED AND THEY DON'T HAVE ANY INSURANCE COVERAGE OR MEANS TO REIMBURSE THE HOSPITAL. AND SO THAT'S WHY WE ARE OWED ABOUT \$5 MILLION FOR INPATIENT CARE OF THE THOSE INMATES. BUT AS SOON AS WE JUST FOUND OUT THIS YEAR THAT AS SOON AS THEY ENTER INTO THE FACILITY AND ARE ADMITTED, THEY'RE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID COVERAGE. SO WE HAVE OUR STAFF GET THEM ENROLLED AND APPLY FOR THE MEDICAID, BUT ONCE THEY'RE DISCHARGED, THAT MEDICAID COVERAGE ENDS WHEN THEY COME BACK IN. IT GETS RESUMED. SO WE FOUND A WAY TO AT LEAST GET SOME REIMBURSEMENT FOR THOSE DOC INMATES WHEN THEY'RE HOSPITALIZED. THANK YOU.

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SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON OKAY. BUT I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THOUGH ON A YEAR-TO-YEAR BASIS, WHAT DOES OUR UNDERPAID OR UNPAID CLAIMS LOOK LIKE AS A DOLLAR FIGURE? IS IT \$30 MILLION A YEAR, \$40 MILLION A YEAR?

YUKA HECHANOVA NO, IT'S MUCH MORE THAN THAT. SO, OUR GROSS CHARGES ARE ABOUT 230 MILLION. WE GET A LITTLE LESS THAN HALF OF THAT JUST OVERALL. SO FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID, WE ONLY GET ABOUT 30% OF WHAT WE BILL FOR MEDICAID BECAUSE OF THE STRUCTURE. WE'RE ON A WE'RE A TEFRA HOSPITAL. WE GET A PER DIEM RATE. FOR SELF-PAY, WE'RE PROBABLY COLLECTING ABOUT 10 OR 15% OF THAT. FOR THE INSURANCE, WE COLLECT ABOUT 80%. AND THEN THE 20% IS USUALLY GOING TO THE PATIENT, THE PATIENT SHARE OR THAT COULD BE FOR DENIALS. SO, IT DEPENDS ON WHO IS PAYING THE BILL THAT DETERMINES WHAT HOW MUCH WE'RE GOING TO COLLECT OR THAT PERCENTAGE.

SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON BUT ON THE WHOLE, IT'S ABOUT HALF. YOU'RE HEMORRHAGING ABOUT 50 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES. AND THAT ADDS

SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON AND THAT ADDS UP TO ABOUT 115 MILLION A YEAR THAT WE'RE SHORT FROM UNINSURED AND UNPAID CLAIMS.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES.

SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON SO, WE ARE BASICALLY PAYING \$115 MILLION A YEAR AT THE MOST EXPENSIVE RATE POSSIBLE.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES. UM, ONE OF THE THINGS WE REALLY WANT TO SHORE UP IS THAT GAP BETWEEN UM, MEDICARE, THE MEDICARE RATE, UM, EVEN THE MEDICARE RATE FOR PHYSICIANS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL FEE IS REALLY, REALLY LOW COMPARED TO WHAT OUR CHARGES ARE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, A PHYSICIAN'S FEE UH, PROFESSIONAL FEE CAN BE \$150 FOR SOME PROCEDURE, BUT MEDICARE WILL ONLY PAY US MAYBE \$15 OR \$20 AND THE REST WE WILL NOT GET. AND THAT AND THAT'S ACROSS THE NATION. YOU KNOW, THE MEDICARE RATE FOR PHYSICIANS FEES IS PRETTY LOW.

SENATOR WILLIAM PARKINSON THANK YOU. I'VE GOT MORE QUESTIONS, BUT I I'M OUT OF TIME. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU, SENATOR PARKINSON, SENATOR DUENAS.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS SI YUUS MAASE, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. I THINK WE'VE DETERMINED NOW AND THANK YOU, MR. QUENGA, FOR RECOGNIZING THIS LEGISLATURE AND PAST LEGISLATORS FOR STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE TO HELP GMH. I THINK WE CAN DETERMINE NOW THAT THE ROAD MAP FOR THE 40

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MILLION'S BEEN DETERMINED. THEY'RE READY TO SPEND IT AND IT WILL BE BOOKED IN 2005. IT WILL NOT AFFECT THE 2006 REVENUE. SO, WE NEED TO LET ALL THOSE WHO TOOK THEIR PRECIOUS TIME TO COME AND JOIN US TODAY TO KNOW NOW THE ROADMAP GOING FORWARD BECAUSE NOW WE CAN SEE THAT THE 40 MILLION IS BEING RESPONSIBLY SET FORWARD AND IS GOING TO MEET YOUR NEEDS CURRENTLY AS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE. IN ORDER TO DO THIS AS A MATTER OF BACKGROUND AND WE CAN DO THIS QUICKLY, WE NEED TO RE REESTABLISH WHAT THE REQUESTS WERE FROM GMH AND WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED SO THAT WE CAN GET THIS ROADMAP GOING FORWARD SO I CAN WE CAN SHOW THE FOLKS HERE THAT WE HAVE A PLAN. I KNOW THIS IS SOMETIMES A FUNNY EXPRESSION, BUT WE'RE FROM THE GOVERNMENT. WE'RE HERE TO HELP. BUT I NEED TO GO STRAIGHT AWAY. YOU GOT TO YOUR REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 IN TERMS OF WHEN YOU MET WITH OFB. LAY OUT YOUR GENERAL FUND REQUEST AS WELL AS YOUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS.

YUKA HECHANOVA ARE YEAH I HAVE SO OUR REQUESTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND THE ADDITIONAL REQUEST SO THIS WAS CONSIDERING WHAT WAS IN THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE BUDGET REQUEST SO THE ADDITIONAL REQUEST WE WERE ASKING FOR THE GENERAL FUND WAS 21.9 MILLION AND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WAS 29.3 MILLION

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSOKAY. SO, GIVE US A TOTAL IN TERMS OF GENERAL FUND REQUEST AND REQUEST FOR CIPS.

YUKA HECHANOVA GENERAL FUND REQUEST IS 80 MILLION. CIPS IS 29.3. OKAY.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSSO, RIGHT NOW,, AS PASSED BY THE GUAM LEGISLATURE,, IN OUR BUDGET THAT WE PASSED AND SENT TO THE GOVERNOR THAT WAS VETOED,, DO YOU CONCUR THAT WE HAVE APPROPRIATED \$57 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND REVENUE?

YUKA HECHANOVA YES.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSDO YOU CONCUR THAT IN THAT BUDGET THERE IS \$20 MILLION RECOGNIZED IN THE FIRST EXCESS REVENUE OF FISCAL YEAR 2026?

YUKA HECHANOVA YES.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSOKAY. SO JUST IN THOSE APPROPRIATIONS ALONE, THAT'S \$77 MILLION. OKAY. NOW, THE REASON WHY I'M GOING DOWN THIS ROAD IS BECAUSE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, FOR THOSE WHO, YOU KNOW, DON'T HAVE TO BOTHER WITH THE BUDGET, WHICH I'M GLAD YOU DON'T CUZ IT'S A TOUGH THING TO DO. WHEN WE START A NEW FISCAL YEAR, WE START A CLEAN SLATE. BASICALLY, YOU HAVE REVENUE GOING FORWARD THAT IS A NEW FISCAL YEAR. SO YOU CAN EXPEND THAT REVENUE IN

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THAT FISCAL YEAR. SINCE WE PASSED THE 40 MILLION, HOW MUCH OF THAT IS SET ASIDE FOR CIPS?

YUKA HECHANOVA 10 MILLION.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSOKAY. SO NOW WE CAN SUBTRACT THAT 10 MILLION AS WELL FROM YOUR REQUEST BECAUSE IT'S BEEN SATISFIED FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT NOW GOING FORWARD. OKAY. SO NOW WE'RE BACK DOWN TO THAT 70 MILLION FACT OF REQUEST, RIGHT? IF WE TOOK THE 10 MILLION AWAY. SO, WE'RE ON POINT RIGHT NOW JUST FOR WITH THOSE TWO APPROPRIATIONS. CORRECT. IF THE 20 MILLION IS REALIZED AND THE 40 MILLION THAT WE PASSED TOOK CARE OF YOUR CIP GOING FORWARD, WE ARE ON TRACK THEN WITH WHAT YOUR BUDGET REQUEST WAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.

YUKA HECHANOVA ARE WE INCLUDING THE 35 MILLION FOR

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSNO, WE'RE NOT. I DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH THAT. I SAID THE 20 MILLION OF EXCESS REVENUE STRAIGHT AWAY THAT'S BEEN APPROPRIATED IN 2026.

YUKA HECHANOVA I'M STILL SHOWING 21 MILLION SHORTAGE.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSWELL, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RECONCILE WITH HOW YOU PUT FORWARD THE YOUR CIPS BECAUSE YOUR CIPS WERE CLEARLY THE \$29 MILLION.

YUKA HECHANOVA YES, I AGREE WITH THAT.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONSYES. OKAY. SO, WHAT I WANT TO ESTABLISH HERE AND THE REASON WHY I ASKED THIS LINE OF QUESTIONING BECAUSE I NEED TO GO TO ED BIRN NOW ON DOA AND THEN I'M GOING TO GO TO ZALDY AND I THINK WE CAN CLEAN THIS ALL UP. ED. NOW, WE'VE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE 2025 BOOKED REVENUES OF \$40 MILLION IS GOING TO BE EXPENDED AND THAT WILL HELP WITH THEIR CIPS AS WELL. IF THEY IN THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR WHEN YOU ESTABLISH YOUR ALLOTMENT RELEASE SCHEDULE, IF THEY ARE ABLE TO ACCELERATE THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE PANEL, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THEM TO DO AN ALLOTMENT RELEASE ADVANCE TO TAKE CARE OF THAT EMERGENCY?

EDWARD BIRN WE WOULD CERTAINLY LOOK AT IT VERY CAREFULLY BECAUSE LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE WE RECOGNIZE THE URGENCY OF THESE REQUESTS AND EXPENDITURE. SO WE WOULD CERTAINLY YOU KNOW AS THE BUDGET BILL WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER VETO SAYS THAT IT IS THE FIRST PRIORITY REVENUES OF THE EXCESS REVENUES. SO I'M HOPING THAT WE DO REALIZE AS EXPRESS REVENUES, BUT WE'RE ALWAYS OPEN LIKE WE HAVE BEEN TO DISCUSSING WITH GMH THEIR NEEDS AND WE DO LIKE I'VE DESCRIBED ALREADY, WE DO REACT VERY QUICKLY TO HELP THEM. YOU

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KNOW, WE ALSO STRIVE TO PRIORITIZE THEIR MEDICAID PAYMENTS AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THEIR NEED.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS SO I WANT THE TEAM TO UNDERSTAND HERE THAT WHEN THE CIPS WERE REQUESTED, THEY WERE REQUESTED FOR AN ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR. THEY WERE PUT IN FOR THE ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR OF 2026. THAT IS WHY I'M ASKING THIS LINE OF QUESTION BECAUSE THE SCHEDULE FOR ALL OF THESE PROJECTS GOING FORWARD WAS CONTEMPLATED IN 2026. WE'RE HERE TO TELL YOU IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. THE MONEY IS THERE. IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. SO THE LAST POINT THAT I WANT TO MAKE ZALDY, I THINK EVERYONE BEHIND YOU AND ALL OF US AND THE PATIENTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY HERE RECEIVING EXCELLENT CARE FROM YOUR STAFF, WE NEED TO WALK OUT OF HERE KNOWING FIRST AND FOREMOST WITH THE MONEY AVAILABLE AND THE QUICK FIX. YOU SAID 3 TO SIX MONTHS SO THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. WILL THAT QUICK FIX HAPPEN NOW THAT THE APPROPRIATION IS THERE? CAN YOU ACCELERATE THAT QUICK FIX? AND WILL THAT QUICK FIX STABILIZE THE HOSPITAL AS WE REALIZE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE REDUNDANT PANEL TO BE INSTALLED, THE BRAND NEW PANEL SO THE HOSPITAL CAN FINALLY HAVE A BACKUP PLAN, A MAIN PANEL AND A BACKUP PANEL.

ZALDY TUGADE WE WILL DO OUR BEST. WHATEVER COMES OUR WAY. IF THERE'S ANY DIFFICULTIES, WE'LL LET YOU KNOW.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS ZALDI, I'M HERE TO TELL YOU, AND EVERY SENATOR IS HERE TO TELL YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL, YOU DON'T HAVE A FINANCE PROBLEM. YOU HAVE AN EXECUTION PROBLEM. OKAY? WE THERE IS MONEY TO DO THIS. THERE HAS BEEN MONEY TO DO THIS. YOU HAVE JUST TOLD EVERYONE BEHIND YOU HERE THAT TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY TO EXECUTE THIS WE COULD DEPOSIT \$40 MILLION JUST IN THE ACCOUNT FOR THE PANEL RIGHT NOW. YOU HAVE TOLD ME OFF THE RECORD, ZALDY, THAT THE NEW PANEL CONSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE THE REDUNDANCY FOR THIS HOSPITAL IS GOING TO TAKE UP TO A YEAR. CAN YOU PUT THAT ON THE RECORD AGAIN?

ZALDY TUGADE LIKE I SAID, A YEAR IS VERY AGGRESSIVE.

SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS - CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS A YEAR IS AGGRESSIVE FOR A BRAND NEW PANEL TO PROVIDE THE REDUNDANCY NEEDED FOR THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO HAVE ITS CURRENT PANEL. AND FOR THOSE OF YOU AND I'M ASKING RIGHT NOW AFTER THIS IS DONE FOR A FIELD TRIP DOWN TO THE PANEL AND I HOPE WE WILL BE ACCOMMODATED FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE HERE SO THAT YOU COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THIS AS REPRESENTED IN THE PAST BY HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS AS WELL AS THE MAINTENANCE FOLKS. THE REASON WHY THE REDUNDANCY FOR THE PANEL AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PANEL AS WELL IS NOT ONLY FOR A REDUNDANT SYSTEM. SO YOU HAVE TWO PANELS,

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YOU HAVE BACKUP, IT'S BECAUSE YOUR CURRENT PANEL IS COLLOCATED WITH A WATER TANK. AND IF THAT WATER TANK FOR SOME REASON SHOULD RUPTURE AND NOT CONTAIN THE WATER THAT IT HAS IN IT, IT WILL NOT BE BECAUSE THE BREAKERS ARE OLD AND SOME OF THEM NEED TO BE REPAIRED. IT WILL NOT BE BECAUSE THE FACT THAT DOWNSTREAM FROM THE PANEL THERE'S BEEN ADDITIONAL LOAD THAT'S BEEN PUT ON IT. IT WILL BE BECAUSE WATER AND ELECTRICITY DO NOT MIX. THAT WILL TAKE THE PANEL OUT IN ONE SHOT DEAL. THAT'S THE REALITY. AND THE REALITY IS, I KNOW THIS LEGISLATURE WILL FINISH THIS TERM WITH FULL FUNDING FOR THIS PANEL REDUNDANCY AND THE REPAIRS THAT ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED FOR THE CURRENT ONE YOU HAVE. BUT WHAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IS THE FACT THAT THE PROCUREMENT, THE TIMELINE FOR ONE YEAR BEING AGGRESSIVE FOR A NEW PANEL IS BEYOND OUR CONTROL. WE WOULD HOPE IF THERE'S A WAY TO COME FORWARD AND SAY A MIRACLE HAS HAPPENED AND WE'VE GOT A CONTRACTOR THAT SAYS THEY CAN DO IT IN 90 DAYS, THE MONEY WILL BE THERE. WE'LL TAKE IT FROM EVERYWHERE WE HAVE TO AND WE'LL MAKE IT THERE UNTIL WE'RE NOTIFIED OF THAT. WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE HERE TODAY. YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE HERE TODAY KNOWING THAT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE EVERYTHING HEAVEN AND EARTH POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE NOT ONLY THAT TOP PRIORITY OF THE PANEL, BUT ALL THE OTHER CIPS THAT HAVE BEEN REQUESTED IN THE BUDGET ARE GOING TO BE FULLY FUNDED FROM THE GENERAL FUND. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

THANK YOU, SENATOR DUENAS. UM, I DID HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT I WANTED TO ASK., TRUSTEE MEL MENDIOLA, IS SHE HERE? MELANIE MENDIOLA? SHE'S NOT HERE. SHE'S HERE. IF YOU COULD COME TO THE TABLE BECAUSE I DID HAVE SOME QUESTIONS AND I THINK THAT THE PUBLIC IF THEY DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO WATCH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING LAST NIGHT. SHE'S ONE OF THE NEWLY SWORN IN U BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS AND THERE WERE SOME RESOLUTIONS THAT SHE HAD PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. IT WASN'T ACTED UPON YET. IT'S STILL IN ITS DRAFT FORM, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR OUR COMMITTEE AND OUR AND OUR SENATORS AND MY COLLEAGUES TO HEAR ABOUT ONE PARTICULAR RESOLUTION BECAUSE AS WE CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT THE FINANCES OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, THIS RESOLUTION AT LEAST IT DEMONSTRATES SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPLEMENTED AND GMH AND IT'S THE RIGHT SIZING GMH RESOLUTION. IF YOU COULD KIND OF BREAK THAT DOWN FOR THE COMMITTEE.

MELANIE MENDIOLA HABA ADAI AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO THERE WERE TWO RESOLUTIONS. THE FIRST WAS A MEDICAL SUPPLIES RESERVE ACCOUNT AND I'M SORRY IF WE COULD SWEAR YOU IN. SURE.

ED POCAIGUE PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND. UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, DO YOU AFFIRM THAT ANY AND ALL INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE TODAY, WHETHER IT BE

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VERBALLY, ELECTRONICALLY, ANY WRITING, BE THE TRUTH, THE TRUTH NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

MELANIE MENDIOLA I DO. THANK YOU, MA'AM.

ED POCAIGUE MADAM CHAIR, SHE'S UNDER OATH. YOU CAN PROCEED.

MELANIE MENDIOLA MY NAME IS MEL MENDIOLA. IT'S NICE TO SEE ALL OF YOU GOOD SENATORS HERE TODAY AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. I'M A RELATIVELY NEW MEMBER OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES. I'M ALSO THE FORMER ADMINISTRATOR OF GEDA. SO NO STRANGER TO THIS THIS GROUP RIGHT HERE. SO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE WAY I SEE IT IS THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS TO LOOK IN ON THE FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE ORGANIZATION FROM A STRATEGIC POINT OF VIEW., AND SO TO TAKE WHAT WE'RE HEARING, TO TAKE WHAT WE KNOW, USE OUR KNOWLEDGE AND OUR BACKGROUNDS TO THEN SET POLIT SET POLICY, SET DIRECTION FOR THE ORGANIZATION. BECAUSE OF MY BACKGROUND AT THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY I'M FAIRLY FAMILIAR WITH HOW A GOVERNMENT AGENCY WORKS AND USUALLY THE REVENUE GENERATED FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. I THINK IT'S NO SECRET YOU CAN EITHER GENERATE YOUR OWN WHICH ARE AUTONOMOUS AGENCIES DO OR YOU CAN GO TO THE GENERAL FUND AND ASK FOR AND GET AN APPROPRIATION VIA THE BUDGET PROCESS. YOU HAVE AGENCIES LIKE GPA, GWA THAT ARE FULLY FUNDED, FULLY AUTONOMOUS AND THEN YOU HAVE AGENCIES THAT ARE SORT OF SEMI OR LINE AGENCIES WHERE THEY RECEIVE 100% OF THEIR BUDGET. AT THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, YOU HAVE A HYBRID OF A SITUATION WHERE YOU GET IT GENERATES THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM GENERATES APPROXIMATELY, YOU KNOW, OVER HUNDRED MILLION AND THEN THE LEGISLATURE COMES IN TO HELP CLOSE THAT GAP OF THE COST TO ADMINISTER THE SERVICES. AS A SMALL AS A SMALL AS A HOSPITAL SERVING A SMALL A RELATIVELY SMALL POPULATION, THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IS CHALLENGED WITH REGARD TO FIXED COSTS. SO FOR EXAMPLE, DEPARTMENTS LIKE YOUR FINANCE DEPARTMENT, YOUR HR DEPARTMENT, THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM. IF YOU WERE LOOKING AT A HOSPITAL, LET'S SAY THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL SYSTEM IN HEALTH SYSTEM IN HAWAII, 10,000 EMPLOYEES IN THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEM, THEIR HR RELATIVE TO OUR HR WILL BE BIGGER, BUT NOT THAT MUCH BIGGER BECAUSE YOU SPREAD OUT MORE EMPLOYEES. MORE EMPLOYEES ARE COVERED AND SUPPORTED BY ONE SUPPORT STAFF. SO, SO FAR FOLLOWING ME SO FAR? GREAT. ALL RIGHT. SO WHAT I LOOKED AT WAS OVER THE YEARS I LOOKED AT THE BUDGETS. I LOOKED AT THE AUDITS GOING BACK PRECOVID, POSTCOVID AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. AND ONE THING I NOTICED WAS THAT THE LEGISLATURE TENDED TO HAVE THE PROPENSITY TO APPROPRIATES ANYWHERE FROM 30 TO 50 MILLION 30 TO 50 MILLION. AND THERE ARE EXCEPTIONAL YEARS AND I WOULD CERTAINLY SAY THAT THIS IS ONE OF THEM WHERE THERE ARE EXCEPTIONAL CIPS THAT ARE NEEDED. BUT 30 TO 50 MILLION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATIONAL THAT MEANS ONGOING PAYROLL MANAGEMENT MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. THAT IS ASIDE FROM AN INDEPENDENT OF CIP. AND

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SO WHEN I STARTED TO PULL OUT THOSE NUMBERS, I SAID, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT IF WE ALWAYS KNOW IF WE'RE COLLECTING 133, BUT WE KIND OF HIT THE TOP END AT 50 MILLION, THAT'S 180 AND WE'RE SUBMITTING A 2010 2020 BUDGET REQUEST, THAT LEAVES US WITH A GAP OF ABOUT 40 MILLION. SO THEN I STARTED THE WHEELS STARTED TO TURN, OF COURSE, AND THERE'S MULTIPLE THERE'S PRIMARILY THERE'S TWO WAYS TO DO THAT. YOU CAN INCREASE YOUR REVENUE OR YOU CAN DECREASE YOUR EXPENSES. RIGHT? SO, WE LOOKED AT REVENUE AND I HAVE WE HAVE WE HAVE SOME IDEAS THAT I'VE SPOKEN TO OUR INTERIM CEO AS WELL AS MISS LILLIAN ABOUT. WE ALSO BUT REVENUE EXPANSION DOES OF COURSE TAKE TIME. SOME OF THE MORE IMMEDIATE THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO THOUGH IS YOU CAN LOOK AT YOUR CURRENT STAFFING PATTERN AND DETERMINE IF YOUR STAFFING IS APPROPRIATE RELATIVE TO THE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED. SO THE I'M THE CURRENTLY THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE. SO THE PROCESS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL GO AND MEET IN COMMITTEE WHERE THEY WILL WHERE WE WILL RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON THIS RESOLUTION. SO WE DRAFTED THE RESOLUTION. I RECEIVED THE FEEDBACK OF THE DIFFERENT MANAGERS IN THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS. UM, SOME OF THE FEEDBACK I RECEIVED WAS, "HEY, YOU KNOW, UH, WE'RE ALREADY SURE THE THERE IS A NOR NURSING SHORTAGE NATIONWIDE AND YOU'RE CONTEMPLATING LAYING OFF NURSES. THAT'S CRAZY." I SAID, "YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT IS CRAZY." SO, UM, I WENT WE SO, YOU KNOW, AFTER THE FIRST ROUND OF KIND OF DISCUSSION AND TALKS, WE WENT BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD. UM, I STARTED TO LOOK AT OLD AUDITS. I WENT ON THE I WENT BACK TO 2018 2019. I LOOKED AT THOSE AUDITS. I SAW THAT THE HEALTH FROM THE CLINICAL POINT OF VIEW CLINICAL WAS SPENDING PRETTY THIS THE LEVEL OF PAYROLL SPENDING FOR CLINICAL WAS RELATIVELY LEVEL MEANING NURSING HOSPITAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. SO I THINK THESE ARE LIKE YOUR RESPIRATORY YOUR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS THINGS ALONG THOSE LINES. SO YOUR CLINICAL POSITION THE CLINICAL BUCKETS WERE ALL PRETTY STEADY FROM 2018. THERE WASN'T AN OVERABUNDANCE OF HIRING AND IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF PAY ADJUSTMENTS. SO WHAT WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT IS THERE ARE MORE THERE ARE FEWER PEOPLE DOING MORE SIX YEARS LATER ON THE CLINICAL SIDE THE ADMIN SIDE THE ADMIN FISCAL AND SO THE NONCLINICAL SIDE THAT DOESN'T TELL AS CLEAR OF A STORY TO ME AND SO WHAT I SAID WAS HEY WHY DON'T WE WHY DON'T WE AIM FOR A 10% REDUCTION IN TOTAL PAYROLL THAT WORKS OUT TO ABOUT \$10 MILLION THAT \$10 MILLION SHALL BE SPLIT PROPORTIONATELY AMONG THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS EXCLUDING CLINICAL POSITIONS AND IT BUT CLINICAL POSITIONS ARE ALSO WE'RE LOOKING WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT ARE TWO AREAS OVERTIME AND SEEING IF WE CAN REDUCE OVERTIME TO WHICH I WAS VERY HAPPY AND VERY PROUD OF OUR MANAGERS WHO CAME FORTH AND SAID I THINK WE CAN ACTUALLY REDUCE OVERTIME BY ABOUT 30 30 TO 40% FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. I LIKE I LIKE THAT. THAT SO THERE'S THE PAYROLL FOR NONCLINICAL POSITIONS THAT WE COULD LOOK AT. WE COULD LOOK AT VACANT BUDGETED VACANT POSITIONS, SEE WHAT'S TRULY CRITICAL VERSUS WHAT'S NOT CRITICAL. WE COULD

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LOOK AT LIMITED TERM APPOINTMENTS, WHO'S EXPIRING. AND THERE COULD THERE'S ALSO THE NATURAL ATTRITION OF A HOSPITAL SYSTEM. FROM THE BOARD PERSPECTIVE, WE'RE SETTING A POLICY SET THAT SAYS IN THE IN THE RESOLUTION TO BE TO THE BOARD RESOLUTION HAD IT HAD IT PASSED LAST NIGHT SET 90 DAYS FOR A PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED AND PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. BUT WE TABLED IT TILL NEXT MONTH FOR A LITTLE BIT MORE WORK, A LITTLE BIT MORE IMPROVEMENT. SOME OF THE MORE GRANULAR THINGS THAT CAME OUT AS A RESULT OF THE MEETING WAS YOU HAD ONE TRUSTEE WHO SAID, "WELL, WHAT ABOUT IF WE DO A 32-HOUR WORK, WE'VE GOT ANOTHER TRUSTEE THAT SAID, "WHAT IF WE DO THIS? WHAT IF WE DO THAT?" BUT THE THING IS THAT'S NOT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES JOB. OUR JOB IS TO SET THE POLICY AND THEN FOR THE MANAGERS TO MAN MANAGEMENT TO THEN CARRY IT OUT. SO IT IS MY HOPE THAT IN THE 90 DAYS OR THE SIX THE 60 DAYS OR THE 90 DAYS THAT MANAGEMENT WILL COME BACK TO US WITH THE FEEDBACK OF AND YOU KNOW AND I I'VE HEARD IT ALL. I HEARD YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND I SAID, YOU'RE RIGHT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT WHEN IT COMES TO I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY NURSES ARE NEEDED IN AN O, BUT I CAN TELL YOU I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT RUNNING A GOVERNMENT AGENCY, A SOLVENT ONE. AND SO THIS THE BACK AND FORTH IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THESE MANAGERS, THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THEIR BIGGEST THEY ARE THE BIGGEST ADVOCATE. THEY ARE THEIR BIGGEST ADVOCATE FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE BEHIND ME, WHICH ARE THE STAFF AND OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. SO FOR THEM TO COME AND SO I WAS ACTUALLY VERY PLEASED BECAUSE IF I SAID HEY YOU GUYS GOT TO CUT 10 MILLION PAYROLL AND THEN THEY IF THEY WERE ALL LIKE THAT'S COOL THEN THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN REALLY ALARMING TO ME BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE SHOWED THAT EVERYONE WAS ON BOARD THAT THERE WAS SO MUCH THERE'S THERE JUST THAT MUCH DEAD WEIGHT YOU GUYS CAN CUT 10 MILLION WITHOUT AN ISSUE BUT I SAID LET'S CUT 10 MILLION AND YOU KNOW THESE WERE LIKE FIGHTING WORDS AND THAT TO ME WAS VERY ENCOURAGING BECAUSE IT SHOWS THAT THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT THOUGHT AS TO WHAT EVERY POSITION DOES AND WHAT EVERY POSITION CONTRIBUTES, RIGHT? AND I MEAN THE NURSES, THEY REALLY DID SCARE ME. THAT'S WHY I TOOK COMPLETELY ZERO CUTS THERE. OTHER DEPARTMENTS WERE A LITTLE BIT TANKING A LITTLE HARDER LINE. UM, BUT TO ME THAT'S IT'S TO ME AGAIN WHAT I SHARED WITH IN THE COMMITTEE MEETING AND I'LL SHARE IT WITH YOU TODAY IS I SHARED WITH OUR EXECUTIVES I SAID LISTEN IT'S GOOD TO HEAR IT FROM YOUR TRUSTEE BECAUSE IF YOU HEAR IT FROM YOUR TRUSTEE YOU CAN FIGHT BACK AND YOU CAN YOU CAN DO ALL THE THINGS AND THEN YOU CAN EVENTUALLY COME TO A COMPROMISE. UM, BUT IF YOU IF WE DON'T IF WE IF WE DON'T FOLLOW THIS, IF WE DON'T DO TAKE ON AN EXERCISE LIKE THIS, YOU KNOW, AND TRY TO COME UP WITH A GOOD RESULT, THEN YOU KNOW WHERE IT GOES? IT GOES TO THE LEGISLATURE TO LEGISLATE A RIFF. IT GOES TO A RECEIVER. AND YOU KNOW WHAT? NONE OF YOU WILL BE IN THIS ROOM BECAUSE THE RECEIVER WILL FIRE YOU ALL FIRST. AND SO TO ME, THESE ARE ALL THE STEPS THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN. THAT THAT'S THAT WAS REALLY THE ULTIMATE POINT OF THAT OF THAT OF THAT PARTICULAR RESOLUTION

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WAS TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE WE ARE NOT GOING TO REST UNTIL TO ME IF WE CAN CUT 10 MILLION FROM EXPENSES, IF WE CAN INCREASE REVENUE 10 TO 15 MILLION AND I THINK THERE'S A NUMBER OF WAYS TO DO THAT, THEN WE KEEP ON CLOSING THAT GAP. RURAL HOSPITAL OR NOT I'M SORRY RURAL HOSPITALS SIMILAR SIZED HOSPITALS IN AMERICA THAT ARE RECEIVING MANY OF THEM ARE RECEIVING GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS BUT IS THAT GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATION YOU KNOW THAT GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATION OFTENTIMES 20% OF THEIR BUDGET NOT 80% OF THEIR BUDGET NOT 50% OF THEIR BUDGET IT'S 20%. RIGHT? SO IF YOU'RE GIVING THE IF THEY'RE GIVING THE HOSPITAL \$80 MILLION, THEN QUITE FRANKLY THAT WE SHOULD BE RUNNING A \$500 MILLION OPERATION, WHICH WE'RE NOT. SO THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT IN MY MIND I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE UNIQUE THINGS ABOUT GUAM. I RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S MORE DIFFICULT TO CARRY OUT SERVICES IN A REMOTE ISLAND WITH A SMALL POPULATION. I RECOGNIZE ALL THOSE THINGS, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE ARE NOT A SUPER SPECIAL SNOWFLAKE. WE ARE A HOSPITAL, A COMMUNITY ONE, RIGHT? SO THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.

SENATOR SABRINA SALAS MATANANE-CHAIRPERSON OF HEALTH AND VETERANS AFFAIRS THANK YOU MELANIE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WATCH THE PROGRESS OF THIS RESOLUTION AS WELL AS THE OTHER ONE IN THE WORK THAT THAT THE TRUSTEES IS DOING. BUT ALSO JUST WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE HERE AND WATCHING AND EVERYBODY THAT'S WATCHING ONLINE. THANK YOU TO THE PANEL. MR. BIRN, THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS. AND THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S JOINT OVERSIGHT HEARING. AGAIN, THANK YOU TO GMH FOR WELCOMING US. THE TIME IS NOW 11:33. WE ARE OFFICIALLY ADJOURNED. SI YUUS MAASE.

The Joint Oversight Hearing was adjourned at 11:33 A.M.

III. Findings and Recommendations

This joint oversight hearing of the Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs and the Committee on Finance and Government Operations was convened at Guam Memorial Hospital to address urgent issues affecting the hospital, including vendor payments, infrastructure improvements, IT upgrades, medical supplies, cost containment, and safety protocols. The hearing focused on the status of the \$40 million emergency appropriation approved by the legislature and signed into law, intended to support hospital operations and capital projects. Despite the passage of the appropriation, only \$1.3 million had been received by the hospital at the time of the hearing, primarily allocated to doctors' pay. The committees found a disconnect and miscommunication between the executive branch and hospital administration regarding the management and transfer of appropriated funds, raising concerns about timely access and utilization for intended purposes. The committees recommended continued legislative oversight to ensure appropriate funds reach the hospital directly, are spent as intended, and support both immediate operational needs and long-term improvements. They also emphasized the need for transparent communication, accountability, and ongoing advocacy to secure sufficient resources for the hospital, ultimately aiming for the stability and advancement of Guam's healthcare system.

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