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Please see attached, Messages & Communications Doc. No. 38GL-26-2174 through 2191 for processing:

✓	38GL-26-2174	Office of the Governor of Guam	Override of Bill No. 176-38 (COR), assigned as Public Law No. 38-106.
✓	38GL-26-2175	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 65-38 (COR), Vetoed.
✓	38GL-26-2176	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 279-38 (COR), Vetoed.
✓	38GL-26-2177	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 234-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-109.
✓	38GL-26-2178	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 131-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-110.
✓	38GL-26-2179	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 142-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-111.
✓	38GL-26-2180	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 205-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-112.
✓	38GL-26-2181	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 218-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-113.
✓	38GL-26-2182	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 228-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-114.
✓	38GL-26-2183	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 231-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-115.
✓	38GL-26-2184	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 233-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-116.
✓	38GL-26-2185	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 245-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-117.
✓	38GL-26-2186	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 246-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-118.
✓	38GL-26-2187	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 262-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-119.
✓	38GL-26-2188	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 263-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-120.
✓	38GL-26-2189	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 141-38 (COR), lapsed into law as Public Law No. 38-121.
✓	38GL-26-2190	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 214-38 (COR), lapsed into law as Public Law No. 38-122.
✓	38GL-26-2191	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 254-38 (COR), lapsed into law as Public Law No. 38-123.

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**Speaker Frank Blas Jr.** <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>

Thu, Apr 9, 2026 at 10:53 AM

To: 38th Committee On Rules &lt;committeeonrules@guamlegislature.gov&gt;, Sabrina Salas Matanane &lt;office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov&gt;

*Håfa adai,*

Please see attached M&amp;C Doc. No. 38GL-26-2176 to rescind and replace email sent on 4/9/26 at 10:12 a.m.

38GL-26-2176	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 279-38 (COR), Vetoed.
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*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'***Bernice Rivera**

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38GL-26-2176  
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER  
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

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**THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., Speaker**  
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**Re: Bill No. 279-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF PART 1, CHAPTER XIII, PUBLIC LAW 38-60, RELATIVE TO TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE GUAM VISITORS' BUREAU."**

*Håfa Adai* Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 279-38 (COR) seeks to strengthen oversight of off-island travel funded by the Tourist Attraction Fund. Accountability in the use of public funds is important, and this Administration supports reasonable safeguards that promote transparency and public confidence.

However, this measure is directed specifically toward the Guam Visitors Bureau, imposing additional restrictions on the agency without establishing a broader and consistent standard across government, or explaining why this measure is necessary for only GVB. Oversight mechanisms should be applied in a uniform manner, particularly when they govern the use of public funds. Establishing a different standard for one entity raises concerns about consistency in policy and application.

Legislative action in recent years has further reflected different approaches to this issue. Prior measures provided greater flexibility for GVB leadership, while this bill adopts a more restrictive framework. This shift highlights the need for a consistent and uniform policy that applies across administrations.

Comparable governance models already exist within other autonomous agencies. For example, the Guam International Airport Authority uses a structured approval system that separates requesting and authorizing officials depending on the traveler. Travel by senior leadership and board members requires approval at the board level, while employee travel is reviewed and approved within executive management. Similarly, the Port Authority of Guam requires board approval for travel by its General Manager, while the General Manager approves travel for other personnel. These frameworks provide clear accountability while preserving operational flexibility. Bill No. 279-38

To: The Hon. Frank Blas, Jr., *Speaker*  
Fr: The Hon. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Governor of Guam*  
Date: April 8, 2026  
Re: Bill No. 279-38 (COR)

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(COR) does not follow a similar approach across agencies and instead applies a different, and more restrictive, framework to GVB without a clear policy basis.

This bill also carries the implication that additional controls are needed in response to current practices. To the extent this measure suggests that current leadership requires additional oversight, the record does not support that conclusion. Testimony presented to the Legislature reflects that GVB leadership has exercised discipline and responsibility in the use of Tourist Attraction Fund resources. GVB leadership has demonstrated consistent and appropriate judgment in the approval of travel. There is no clear showing that current travel practices have been excessive or misused.

The testimony of GVB President and CEO Régine Biscoe Lee further reflects the realities of the tourism industry. Tourism is fast moving and highly competitive. Opportunities for airline partnerships, trade engagement, and destination marketing do not always align with fixed board schedules. The ability to respond in real time is often critical to Guam's success in competitive tourism markets.

The existing framework already provides oversight while allowing the flexibility necessary to advance Guam's interests. Imposing additional restrictions on GVB alone risks limiting that flexibility without a demonstrated need. It may also hinder the Bureau's ability to respond quickly to opportunities that directly impact visitor arrivals and economic recovery.

If the Legislature seeks to establish new standards for government funded travel, it should do so through a comprehensive approach that applies consistently across agencies and is grounded in a clear policy rationale.

For these reasons, I veto Bill No. 279-38 (COR).

*Senseramente,*



**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 279-38 (COR) - **VETO**

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Segundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam  
Compiler of Laws



**38GL-26-2176**  
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April 9, 2026

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*Marie Crisostomo*

***I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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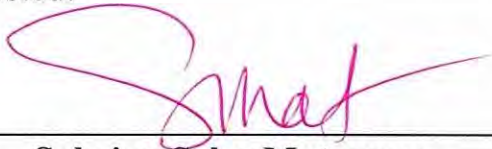
**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN***

This is to certify that **Bill No. 279-38 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 1 OF PART 1, CHAPTER XIII, PUBLIC LAW 38-60, RELATIVE TO TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE GUAM VISITORS' BUREAU,” was on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026, duly and regularly passed.




**Frank F. Blas, Jr**  
**Speaker**

Attested:



**Sabrina Salas Matanane**  
**Legislative Secretary**

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 27 day of March 2026, at 8:24 o'clock P.M.



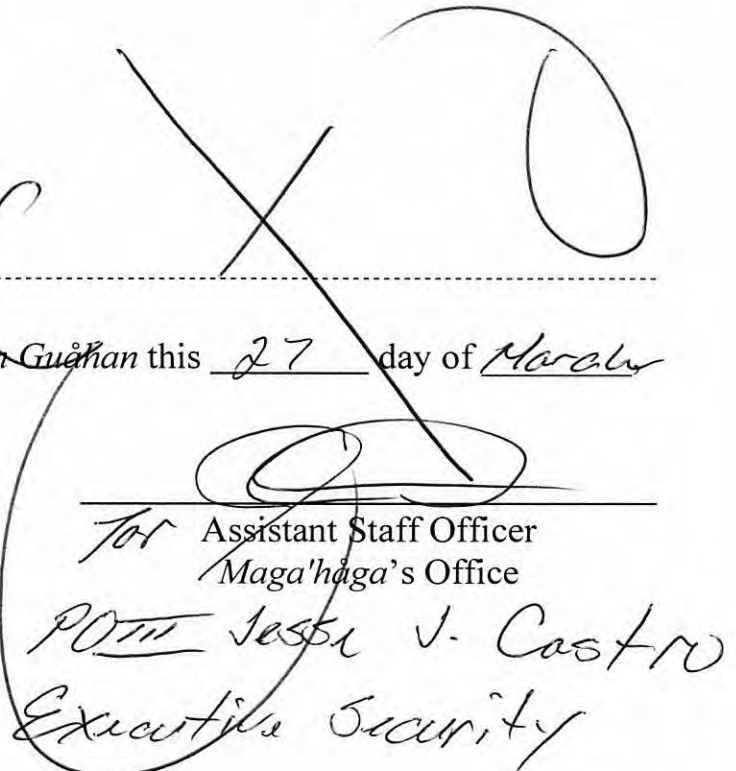
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APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Date: 4/8<sup>LD</sup> 4/8/2026

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***I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2026 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 279-38 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Jesse A. Lujan  
Christopher M. Dueñas  
V. Anthony Ada  
Chris Barnett  
Frank F. Blas, Jr.  
Vincent A.V. Borja  
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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 1 OF PART 1, CHAPTER  
XIII, PUBLIC LAW 38-60, RELATIVE TO TRAVEL  
AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE GUAM VISITORS'  
BUREAU.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

**Section 1.** Section 1 of Part I, Chapter XIII, Public Law 38-60, is hereby  
*amended* to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER XIII**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

**PART I – SPENDING CONTROLS ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

1           **Section 1. Government-Funded Travel Prohibited.** Funds appropriated  
2 by this Act shall not be expended for off-island travel or per diem expenses by  
3 government employees and officials, except for:

4           (a) travel that is federally-funded;

5           (b) travel that is specifically required to administer or secure federal  
6 grants;

7           (c) travel to promote tourism on Guam; provided, that such travel is  
8 paid for by the Tourist Attraction Fund and is restricted to the GVB General  
9 Manager or his/her designee, appropriate GVB staff, board members, cultural  
10 performers, and village leaders as approved by the GVB Board of Directors,  
11 and that within five (5) working days following the next duly convened  
12 meeting of the Board of Directors after completion of such travel, the GVB  
13 General Manager shall submit a written travel report to the Speaker of *I*  
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Such report shall include, at a minimum:

15                   (1) the scope and purpose of the travel;

16                   (2) the key performance indicators (KPIs) utilized to measure  
17 the outcomes of the travel;

18                   (3) a list of all participants; and

19                   (4) the total cost of the travel, including airfare, per diem, and  
20 any additional expenses;

21           (d) travel by law enforcement personnel conducting an official  
22 investigation and law enforcement personnel providing escort services for  
23 criminal suspects, detainees, and convicted felons being returned to Guam for  
24 judicial proceedings or being transferred to off-island correctional facilities;

25           (e) travel by medical personnel providing escort services for patients  
26 requiring off-island medical treatment and other escorts as specifically

1 authorized by the Department of Public Health and Social Services pursuant  
2 to Guam law;

3 (f) travel necessary for the enforcement of court orders;

4 (g) travel under the Residential Treatment Fund;

5 (h) travel required for witnesses testifying on behalf of, and  
6 government attorneys representing the government or the people of Guam in  
7 a criminal or civil case;

8 (i) travel to attend conferences and official meetings with national  
9 and regional government officials or national and regional organizations of  
10 which the entity is an official member where attendance is necessary to  
11 advancing Guam's interests during Fiscal Year 2026 and as approved by a  
12 governing board or Director;

13 (j) Executive Security functions under the Guam Police Department  
14 for the purpose of providing Executive Security to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* and  
15 *I Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan* when traveling off-island to represent the  
16 people of Guam at meetings and functions determined critical to the welfare  
17 of Guam;

18 (k) travel to testify on issues related to Guam's political status; or

19 (l) travel to testify at the invitation of the U.S. Congress on  
20 legislation that is supported by the Guam Legislature as indicated by a  
21 legislative resolution.”