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Thu, May 14, 2026 at 9:43 AM

To: 38th Committee On Rules <committeeonrules@guamlegislature.gov>, Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

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From: **Senator Shawn Gumataotao** <office.senatorshawn@guamlegislature.gov>

Date: Wed, May 13, 2026 at 4:59 PM

Subject: Emergency Session Request - Bill No. 312-38 (COR)

To: Speaker Frank Blas Jr. <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>

Cc: Senator Vince Borja <vince.borja@guamlegislature.gov>


Hafa adai Office of Speaker Blas,

Please confirm receipt of the attached letter from Senator Gumataotao regarding the subject referenced above.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

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Thu, May 14, 2026 at 9:45 AM

To: "Speaker Frank Blas Jr." <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>

Håfa Adai,

Received, and thank you



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Thu, May 14, 2026 at 7:50 AM

Hâfa Adai,

Confirming receipt of your email.

Judy Shockley
 Office Administrator



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OFFICE OF SENATOR
Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao

38th Guam Legislature | *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

May 13, 2026

The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker, *I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
163 W. Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Håfa Adai Speaker Blas!

I respectfully request an Emergency Session to consider Bill No. 312-38 (COR), which would provide the Guam Department of Education a limited exemption from the statutory requirement of One Hundred Eighty (180) Instructional Days for School Year 2025–2026 due to the disruptions caused by Typhoon Sinlaku.

As a member of the Committee on Education, I attended the public hearing on Bill No. 312-38 (COR) earlier today, May 13, 2026. The testimony presented by the Superintendent of the Guam Public Schools was direct and unambiguous: the school year for thousands of Guam's public-school students ends in six days. The deadline is not administrative — it is contractual. Any extension of the school year beyond May 20, 2026, triggers compliance obligations under the Board-Union Contract, at an estimated cost to the Government of Guam of approximately \$3.5 million in additional personnel and operational expenses.

I am mindful that the threshold for what constitutes an “emergency” under Guam law is subject to interpretation, and I recognize that reasonable members may differ on whether that definitional bar is met in this instance.

As you are aware, the six instructional days lost during Typhoon Sinlaku last month were not the result of negligence or mismanagement. Schools were closed to protect students, families, and staff. Several campuses served as emergency shelters in support of community recovery operations.

The Guam Department of Education performed its duty to the community, and it should not be penalized for doing so. The proposal in Bill No. 312-38 (COR) is a measured, limited, and accountable response — it grants a one-time exemption while requiring the Department to report on learning loss, intervention efforts, and student outcomes. That is oversight and relief working together.

Failing to act is not a neutral position.

Every day without legislative relief narrows our options and moves us closer to a school year extension that will cost more than it saves. The committee report is expected before close of business tomorrow. I respectfully urge you to convene an Emergency Session at the earliest opportunity to take up Bill No. 312-38 (COR).

Si Yu'os ma'åse'

SHAWN GUMATAOTAO

Senator, 38th Guam Legislature

Chairman, Committee on Public Safety, Emergency Management, and Guam National Guard

CC: Senator Vincent A.V. Borja, Chairman, Committee on Education, Libraries and Public Broadcasting



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