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Please see attached, **Messages & Communications Doc. No. 38GL-25-0452 through 0460** for processing:

√	38GL-25-0452	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 8-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-1*
√	38GL-25-0453	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 10-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-2*
√	38GL-25-0454	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 14-38 (COR), Vetoed*
√	38GL-25-0455	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 25-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-3*
√	38GL-25-0456	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 34-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-4*
√	38GL-25-0457	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 35-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-5*
√	38GL-25-0458	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 46-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-6*
√	38GL-25-0459	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 57-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-7*
√	38GL-25-0460	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 58-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-8*

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Si Yu'os ma'åse',

Marie Crisostomo
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Speaker Frank Blas Jr. <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>

Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 10:45 AM

To: committeeonrules@guamlegislature.gov, Sabrina Salas Matanane <office.senatorbri@guamlegislature.gov>

Hafa Adái,

Please see attached 38GL-25-0453 to rescind & replace email sent on 4/14/25 at 10:55 a.m.

38GL-25-0453	Office of the Governor of Guam	Bill No. 10-38 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 38-2*
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Governor Leon Guerrero's Statements Re Legislative Bills as Passed March 31, 2025

4 messages

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Sat, Apr 12, 2025 at 1:49 PM

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Mr. Speaker,

Enclosed are copies of Governor Leon Guerrero's statements regarding the following legislative bills:

1. **Bill No. 8-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-1**

AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 5127(a) AND *REPEAL* § 5127(d) OF SUBARTICLE C, ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF GOVERNMENT OF GUAM LEASES FROM FIVE (5) TO FIFTEEN (15) YEARS

2. **Bill No. 10-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-2**

AN ACT TO ADD NEW §§ 4131 AND 4131.1 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFIT, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS

3. **Bill No. 14-38 (COR) - VETO**

AN ACT TO AMEND § 1909(C) OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR

4. **Bill No. 25-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-3**

AN ACT TO AMEND § 8104 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PUBLIC AGENCY NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BY AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN LOCALLY LICENSED ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES

5. **Bill No. 34-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-4**

AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 2108 OF CHAPTER 2, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING EMPLOYEES WHO RESIGN FROM GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYMENT TO SUBMIT AND PASS DRUG TESTING TO RETAIN RE-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS IF SAID RESIGNATION WAS TENDERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF AN ANNOUNCED OR RANDOM DRUG TESTING, AND TO REQUIRE EMPLOYEES TO SUBMIT TO DRUG TESTING PRIOR TO RE-EMPLOYMENT

6. **Bill No. 35-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-5**

AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING THE IMPORT OF SKINCARE PRODUCTS THAT POSE A DANGER TO GUAM'S CORAL REEFS AND MARINE LIFE

7. Bill No. 46-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-6

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 85A103.1 TO CHAPTER 85A OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE GUAM COUNCIL OF THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AGENCY (CAHA) TO GRANT EIGHT (8) GUAM MASTER AWARDS FOR AWARD YEARS 2018 AND 2022 WHEN THE AGENCY WAS UNABLE TO GIVE THE FOUR (4) AWARDS ALLOTTED FOR EACH OF SAID YEARS

8. Bill No. 57-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-7

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBARTICLE 3 AND A NEW § 61103(mm) OF ARTICLE 1; AND AMEND §§ 61304(a)(4), 61305(a)(4), 61306(a) OF ARTICLE 3, ALL OF CHAPTER 61, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUs) IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES TO STRENGTHEN HOUSING OPTIONS ON GUAM

9. Bill No. 58-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-8

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIVE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$5,750,984) FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-125 TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND ACCREDITATION RELATED PRIORITIES

The original statements and bills have been delivered to your office.

Saina Ma'åse yan Senseramente,

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FRANK F. BLAS, JR.

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Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 10-38 (COR) establishes the Public Safety and Law Enforcement Officers' Line of Duty Benefit and the Public Safety and Law Enforcement Officers' Line of Duty Benefit Fund to provide a one-time death benefit of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to the loved ones of public safety officers killed in the line of duty. Additionally, Bill 10-38 requires the Department of Administration to develop administrative rules and regulations to effectively implement this benefit.

Providing a death benefit to families of fallen officers recognizes the uniquely dangerous work performed by law enforcement and public safety personnel. With broad agency support, Bill 10-38 ensures that the government upholds its responsibility to protect those who protect us.

Ultimately, Bill 10-38 strengthens Guam's public safety institutions by recognizing the sacrifices made by those who dedicate their lives to protecting our community. For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 10-38 into law as **Public Law No. 38-2**.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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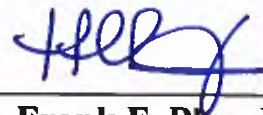
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 10-38 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO *ADD NEW §§ 4131 AND 4131.1 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFIT, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS,*" was on the 31st day of March 2025, duly and regularly passed.



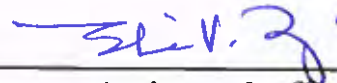
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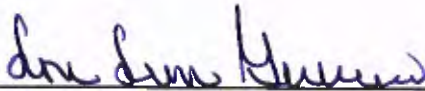
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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 18th day of April,
2025, at 4:08 o'clock P.M.



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Bill No. 10-38 (COR)

As amended by the Committee on Finance
and Government Operations; and further
amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* NEW §§ 4131 AND 4131.1 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 4, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFIT, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that public safety and law enforcement officers of the government of Guam work

1 hard every day to protect life and property and preserve law and order; and these
2 employees are critical to the timely, proper, and effective enforcement of the U.S.
3 Constitution, the Organic Act of Guam, and all federal and local statutes and
4 regulations applicable to the safety and health of island residents.

5 *I Liheslatura* further finds that because of the physical and mental health
6 demands that are placed on public safety and law enforcement officers, policymakers
7 have taken major steps in recent years to incentivize retention and recruitment,
8 particularly in the face of competitive job opportunities offered by the private sector
9 and federal public safety and law enforcement agencies. In addition to funding
10 compensation adjustments for employees across Guam's public safety and law
11 enforcement entities, *I Liheslatura* authorized employees to retire on a service
12 retirement annuity once they reach fifty-five (55) years of age and complete twenty-
13 five (25) years of service, or attain at least fifty-seven (57) years of age and complete
14 five (5) years of service; and eligible public safety and law enforcement employees
15 are no longer subject to early retirement penalties established for non-public safety
16 and law enforcement personnel.

17 Consistent with the spirit of the foregoing policies, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
18 intends through this Act to recognize the dangerous work that is unique to our public
19 safety and law enforcement officers, and the support our government must provide
20 to families who lose their loved ones in the line of duty.

21 *I Liheslatura* is cognizant of death benefit policies that have been established
22 in other U.S. jurisdictions including, but not limited to, the Commonwealth of the
23 Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Rhode Island, and Vermont, which are available
24 for public safety and law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty. The
25 CNMI allows for a payment of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be made to
26 specified survivors of a law enforcement officer who has died as the direct and
27 proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty regardless of

1 employment status. The state of Rhode Island provides a law enforcement officer's
2 surviving spouse and children with a one (1)-time death benefit equal to forty percent
3 (40%) of the current federal death benefit for law enforcement killed in the line of
4 duty. The state of Vermont authorizes a one (1)-time line-of-duty death benefit in
5 the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to the beneficiaries of all sworn law
6 enforcement personnel from the Vermont Department of Public Safety.

7 Accordingly, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to establish the Public
8 Safety and Law Enforcement Officers' Line of Duty Benefit and the Public Safety
9 and Law Enforcement Officers' Line of Duty Benefit Fund.

10 **Section 2.** A new § 4131 is *added* to Article 1 of Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam
11 Code Annotated, to read as follows:

12 **“§ 4131. Public Safety and Law Enforcement Officers' Line of**
13 **Duty Death Benefit.**

14 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or
15 regulation, if the death of a public safety or law enforcement officer in
16 the line of duty qualifies for death benefits pursuant to the U.S.
17 Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance's Public Safety
18 Officers' Benefits Program or its successor program, the public safety
19 or law enforcement officer's survivor shall be entitled to a one (1)-time
20 death benefit of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the
21 government of Guam payable through the Public Safety and Law
22 Enforcement Officers' Line of Duty Death Benefit Fund.

23 (b) The one (1)-time death benefit provided in this Section
24 shall not reduce any other benefit that a public safety or law
25 enforcement officer may be entitled to pursuant to Guam law or
26 regulation.

1 (c) A death benefit issued pursuant to this Section shall not be
2 subject to reduction or offsets for debts owed by a public safety or law
3 enforcement officer to the government of Guam.”

4 **Section 3.** A new § 4131.1 is *added* to Article 1 of Chapter 4, Title 4, Guam
5 Code Annotated, to read as follows:

6 “§ 4131.1. **Public Safety and Law Enforcement Officers’ Line of**
7 **Duty Death Benefit Fund.**

8 (a) There is hereby created, separate and apart from other
9 funds of the government of Guam, a reserve fund known as the Public
10 Safety and Law Enforcement Officers’ Line of Duty Death Benefit
11 Fund (Fund). The Fund shall not be commingled with the General Fund
12 or any other fund of the government of Guam. The Fund shall be
13 administered by the Department of Administration and maintained in a
14 separate bank account.

15 (b) The Director of Administration shall as the need arises
16 request for additional appropriations to the Fund to ensure adequate
17 funding to pay for benefits pursuant to § 4131 of this Article.

18 (c) The A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority
19 and the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port shall reimburse the
20 Fund for death benefits issued for public safety and law enforcement
21 officers from these agencies pursuant to § 4131 of this Article.

22 (d) The Fund shall not be subject to *I*
23 *Maga'håga's/Maga'låhi's* transfer authority, and funds herein shall
24 remain available until fully expended.”

25 **Section 4. Administrative Rules and Regulations.** The Department of
26 Administration shall, within ninety (90) days following the enactment of this Act,
27 develop rules and regulations for the administration of the Public Safety and Law

1 Enforcement Officers' Line of Duty Death Benefit and the Public Safety and Law
2 Enforcement Officers' Line of Duty Death Benefit Fund established by this Act.

3 **Section 5. Agencies Authorized to Expend Fiscal Year 2025 General**
4 **Fund Appropriations.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, public safety
5 and law enforcement departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the government
6 of Guam are authorized to utilize their respective General Fund appropriations for
7 death benefits issued during Fiscal Year 2025 consistent with the requirements of
8 this Act. The A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority and the Jose D.
9 Leon Guerrero Commercial Port shall be responsible for funding death benefits for
10 public safety and law enforcement officers from these agencies in accordance with
11 the provisions of this Act.

12 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.