

*I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

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246-38 (COR) As substituted and amended on the Floor.	Telo T. Taitague Therese M. Terlaje Chris Barnett Sabina Flores Perez Shelly V. Calvo V. Anthony Ada Jesse A. Lujan Frank F. Blas, Jr. Joe S. San Agustin Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Sabrina Salas Matanane William A. Parkinson Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Christopher M. Dueñas	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 1303.1 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO <i>ADD</i> THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND TO THE LIST OF ENTITIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES EXEMPT FROM THE BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH ALLOTMENT RELEASE CONTROL, TO ENSURE TIMELY AND CONSISTENT ACCESS TO APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR CANCER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.	12/17/25 3:24 p.m.	12/23/25	Committee on Finance and Government Operations.	Request: 12/23/25  12/30/25	2/16/26 9:00 a.m.	2/26/26	
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April 8, 2026

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**Re: Substitute Bill No. 246-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 1303.1 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO ADD THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND TO THE LIST OF ENTITIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES EXEMPT FROM THE BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH ALLOTMENT RELEASE CONTROL, TO ENSURE TIMELY AND CONSISTENT ACCESS TO APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR CANCER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES."**

*Håfa Adai* Mr. Speaker,

The Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF) has been a crucial resource for residents affected by cancer, providing financial assistance for treatment, travel, and medical expenses associated with cancer care, in addition to supporting screening, diagnosis, and community outreach. These services are funded by annual appropriations through the General Appropriations Act. However, oftentimes these funds are late and inconsistent, directly impacting cancer treatment services. As testified, this has caused delays in treatment, oftentimes spanning months. Anyone who has ever been affected by cancer knows that the disease does not abide by bureaucratic timelines.

Substitute Bill 246-38 adds the GCTF to the list of entities exempt from the Bureau of Management Research allotment release control, guaranteeing consistent and timely funding for cancer-related programs. In turn, this funding will help alleviate the burdens that come with a cancer diagnosis, allowing affected Guamanians to focus on their recovery.

For these reasons, I sign Substitute Bill No. 246-38 (COR) into law as **Public Law No. 38-118**.

*Senseramente,*

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Substitute Bill No. 246-38 (COR) nka P.L. 38-118  
cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Segundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam  
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*I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN***

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 246-38 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO AMEND § 1303.1 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO ADD THE GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND TO THE LIST OF ENTITIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES EXEMPT FROM THE BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH ALLOTMENT RELEASE CONTROL, TO ENSURE TIMELY AND CONSISTENT ACCESS TO APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR CANCER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES,” 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.



For Assistant Staff Officer  
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

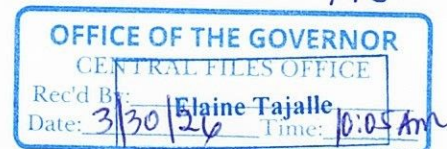


Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

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Date: 4/8/2026

Public Law No. 38-118



***I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2025 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 246-38 (COR)**

As substituted and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 1303.1 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5,  
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AND INSTRUMENTALITIES EXEMPT FROM THE  
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ENSURE TIMELY AND CONSISTENT ACCESS TO  
APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR CANCER PROGRAMS  
AND SERVICES.**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that the Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF), established under § 26603(e) of Article

1 6, Chapter 26, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, provides critical support for cancer  
2 screening, diagnosis, treatment, research, patient support services, and community  
3 outreach programs. These programs depend on timely availability of funds to  
4 administer annual grant cycles and reimburse grantees, which directly affects the  
5 continuity and quality of cancer services provided to the people of Guam.

6 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that although the GCTF receives annual  
7 appropriations through the General Appropriations Act, the timing of allotment  
8 releases from the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) and the  
9 Department of Administration (DOA) has historically been inconsistent. In several  
10 fiscal years, the GCTF received allotments sporadically or only toward the end of  
11 the fiscal year, resulting in delayed grant announcements, delayed reimbursements,  
12 and program disruptions. These delays are often tied to general cash-management  
13 practices and the allotment-control system established under § 1303 of Title 5, which  
14 allows BBMR to release appropriated funds based on revenue availability rather than  
15 statutory or programmatic need.

16 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes that § 1303.1 of Title 5 currently exempts  
17 certain agencies and instrumentalities, including the University of Guam, the  
18 administering authority of the GCTF, from BBMR's allotment release control.  
19 Given the essential public-health purpose served by the GCTF, and the importance  
20 of ensuring predictable and uninterrupted funding for cancer-related programs and  
21 services, it is appropriate and necessary to similarly exempt the GCTF from  
22 BBMR's allotment release control.

23 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend § 1303.1 to add  
24 the Guam Cancer Trust Fund to the list of exempt entities, thereby allowing the Fund  
25 to draw against its appropriations as needed pursuant to a drawdown schedule  
26 submitted annually to the Director of Administration, ensuring timely and stable  
27 funding for cancer programs.

1           **Section 2.** § 1303.1 of Chapter 1, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby  
2 *amended* to read:

3                   “**§ 1303.1. Exemption from BBMR Allotment Release Control.**

4                   Section 1303 of this Chapter shall not apply to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
5 (including the Office of Finance and Budget), the Public Defender Service  
6 Corporation, the Unified Judiciary of Guam, the Mayors’ Council of Guam,  
7 the Office of Public Accountability, the Office of the Attorney General, the  
8 Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, the Guam Visitors Bureau, the  
9 University of Guam (including the Guam Cancer Trust Fund, to be disbursed  
10 from the Healthy Futures Fund to the GCTF in monthly payments prior to the  
11 twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day following the fiscal month from which the funds were  
12 collected), the Guam Community College, and the Guam Election  
13 Commission, Guam Ancestral Lands Commission, and the Chamorro Land  
14 Trust Commission. Said entities may draw against their respective  
15 appropriations as needed to meet their obligations in accordance with a  
16 drawdown schedule that said entities shall submit to the Director of  
17 Administration no later than October 31 of each fiscal year. If an entity fails  
18 to submit such drawdown schedule by October 31 of each fiscal year the  
19 Director of Administration may withhold a drawdown request for the current  
20 fiscal year until such time the entity submits its drawdown schedule for the  
21 entire fiscal year. The Director of Administration shall not, for any reason,  
22 withhold any amount appropriated by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to the Guam  
23 Election Commission.”

24           **Section 3. Clarification of Allotment Release Requirements for the**  
25 **Guam Cancer Trust Fund.** Notwithstanding any variance between adopted  
26 revenues and projected net unobligated General Fund revenues reflected in the

1 Consolidated Revenue and Expenditure Report, the full monthly allotment to the  
2 Guam Cancer Trust Fund shall be released.

3       **Section 4. Transitional Provision to Ensure Compliance with**  
4 **Drawdown Schedule Requirements Upon Enactment.** Notwithstanding the  
5 October 31 deadline in 5 GCA § 1303.1, for the fiscal year in which this Act is  
6 enacted, the administering authority of the Guam Cancer Trust Fund shall submit a  
7 drawdown schedule to the Director of Administration within thirty (30) days  
8 following the effective date of this Act. The Director of Administration shall honor  
9 drawdown requests submitted pursuant to this transitional schedule and shall not  
10 withhold any portion of the Fund's appropriation on the basis that the schedule was  
11 submitted after October 31.

12       **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.