

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
SPECIAL SESSION BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
I (6-S) As amended in the Committee of the Whole.	Committee on Rules by request of <i>I Maga'hågan Guåhan</i> , the Governor of Guam, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam.	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO <i>I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN</i> FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXPENSES IN RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM <i>SINLAKE</i> .	4/11/26 10:47 a.m.						
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW NO.	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
	4/11/26	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000) FROM THE UNUSED APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 38 75 AND FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND TO <i>I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN</i> FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM <i>SINLAKE</i> .	4/11/26	4/11/26	4/23/26	38-124	4/12/26	Received: 4/12/26 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-26-2216	

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Transmitted via email to: speaker@guamlegislature.org

April 12, 2026

HON. FRANK F BLAS, JR., Speaker
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

38GL-26-2216

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

APR 12 2026

Time: 2:32 pm
Received: [Signature]

Re: Bill No. 1 (6-S), AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000) FROM THE UNUSED APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 38-75, AND FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM SINLAKU.

Håfa adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 1 (6-S) appropriates Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) for emergency response efforts related to Tropical Storm Sinlaku. Of the total amount, Seventeen Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$17,900,000) is drawn from the Rainy Day Fund, with the remainder sourced from other available funds. The Act also provides direct funding to the mayors to support immediate community-level response efforts and establishes reporting requirements for the expenditure of funds.

While I am signing this measure into law to ensure that critical resources are available to support response efforts related to Tropical Storm Sinlaku, I do so with reservations.

The use of the Rainy Day Fund at this stage is premature. The Rainy Day Fund exists to ensure that resources are available in times of emergency, and I acknowledge that this situation warrants readiness to access those reserves if conditions worsen. However, the island remains in the anticipatory and initial response phase, and other available funding sources should be utilized first. Existing authorities and available funding sources are sufficient to support immediate response activities.

Significant unexpended General Fund appropriations remain available and have not yet been fully assessed or utilized for this purpose. While the Act draws in part from unexpended funds within the Department of Public Health and Social Services, an agency already managing critical healthcare programs amid uncertain federal funding conditions, other available sources were not similarly considered. In the ordinary course, appropriations are made from the General Fund, and the Executive Branch manages expenditures by prioritizing available funds and drawing on less time-sensitive sources before resorting to reserves. Use of reserve funds in advance of confirmed impacts may also be viewed by credit rating agencies and the bond market as a reduction in financial flexibility, which could adversely affect the Government of Guam's credit profile and future borrowing costs.

Our Administration has made significant progress in restoring fiscal stability and rebuilding reserves following prior deficits, and was approaching full funding of the Rainy Day Fund. Preserving these

To: Frank F. Blas, Jr. , *Speaker*, 38th Guam Legislature
Fr: Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Governor of Guam*
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reserves ensures that the government remains prepared to respond not only to immediate emergencies, but also to emerging fiscal pressures that may arise in the near term.

I also note that this measure applies different procurement standards to entities responding to this emergency. While executive agencies remain subject to established emergency procurement frameworks, the Act provides expanded procurement flexibility at the mayoral level. Many of the most significant and time-sensitive emergency expenditures, including those related to infrastructure, utilities, and public works, are carried out by executive agencies. Extending similar flexibility to these agencies would have enhanced the government's ability to respond efficiently at scale. Consistency in procurement standards is important to ensure accountability, transparency, and the proper stewardship of public funds, particularly in emergency situations.

My administration will work to ensure that all expenditures under this Act are carried out in a responsible, well-documented manner and in accordance with applicable laws and audit requirements. I remain committed to working with the Legislature to ensure that resources are deployed effectively while protecting both the immediate needs of our people and the long-term fiscal stability of the Government of Guam.

Bill No. 1 (6-S) is signed into law as Public Law No. 38-124.

Senseramente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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



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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
Thirty-Eighth Guam Legislature

April 11, 2026

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'håga
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear *Maga'håga* Leon Guerrero:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 1 (6-S) which was passed by *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on April 11, 2026.

Sincerely,

Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

PO III Jesse J. Castro

10:46pm

4.11.24

Enclosure (1)



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2026 (SIXTH) Special Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 1 (6-S), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000) FROM THE UNUSED APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 38-75 AND FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND TO *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN* FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM *SINLAKU*,"** was on the 11th day of April 2026, duly and regularly passed.



Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:

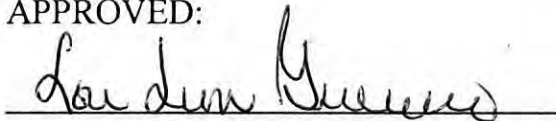
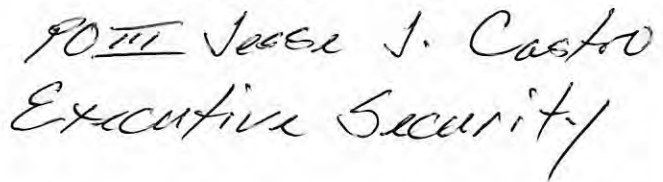


Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hágan Guáhan* this 11 day of April,
2026, at 10:46 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'hága's Office

APPROVED:


Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hágan Guáhan
Executive Security

Date: 12 APRIL 2026

Public Law No. 38-124

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SIXTH) Special Session

Bill No. 1 (6-S)

As amended in the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by:

Committee on Rules

by the request of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, the Governor of Guam, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam.

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000) FROM THE UNUSED APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 38-75 AND FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM *SINLAKU*.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Emergency Expenses. Notwithstanding any other provision or law, and in addition to existing authorities under 5 GCA §22402 and in Public Law 38-60, and pursuant to a declared state of emergency in accordance with 5 GCA § 22436(b), the sum of up to Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) is appropriated as follows: Seven Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,100,000) from the unused appropriations to the Department of Public Health and Social Services pursuant to Public Law 38-75 and Seventeen Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$17,900,000) from the Rainy Day Fund to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* [the Governor of Guam] for emergency response to Tropical Storm *Sinlaku*. Such expenses include costs related to safety and security, inclusive of compensation, including regular pay, overtime, hazard pay, and other authorized

1 personnel costs; food, water, and sheltering, including the staffing, operation, and
2 support of emergency shelters by employees of the Guam Department of Education,
3 and compensation, including regular pay, overtime, hazard pay, and other authorized
4 personnel costs; health and medical services; energy; communications;
5 transportation; and hazardous materials. Individual Assistance is authorized under
6 this Section, supported by survey and damage assessment data. *I Maga'håga* shall
7 disburse Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from the funds
8 appropriated herein to each mayor, who may utilize such monies for the purposes
9 identified above. Funds not used by the Mayor's for the purposes stated herein shall
10 revert to the affected fund. Mayors shall report all expenditure of funds provided
11 herein to *I Maga'håga* within forty-five (45) days of expenditure. *I Maga'håga* shall
12 provide a written report of all expenditure of funds under this Act, including those
13 expended by the mayors, to *ILiheslaturan Guåhan* and the Public Auditor within
14 sixty (60) days of initial disbursement and every thirty (30) days thereafter until
15 all funds are fully expended. All expenditure reports shall include a detailed
16 accounting by agency, program, object category, and vendor, and shall be tracked
17 and identified as to their eligibility for federal reimbursement, including but not
18 limited to FEMA assistance. The Office of the Governor shall also include in its
19 reports, the status of all federal reimbursement requests. All expenditures shall be
20 managed to ensure continuity of essential Executive Branch operations.

21 **Section 2.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Two Hundred
22 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) allocated to each Mayor under this Act shall not
23 be subject to the procurement cap for purchases directly related to emergency
24 response efforts under this Act and the Mayors Council of Guam (MCOG) may
25 utilize emergency procurement for use of these funds for the period declared an
26 emergency pursuant to Executive Order 2026-01.

27 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective immediately.