

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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1 (9-S) As amended in the Committee of the Whole; and further amended on the Floor.	Committee on Rules by request of <i>I Maga'hagan Guåhan</i> , the Governor of Guam, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam.	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2026 UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND REVENUES THE SUM OF UP TO THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$13,361,849) TO I MAGA'HAGAN GUAHAN FOR SUPER TYPHOON BAVI RESPONSE AND RECOVERY, ELEVEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,400,000) FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS, AND SEVENTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$17,654,625) FOR GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND SHORTFALLS.	7/15/26 2:30 p.m.						
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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



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THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., Speaker
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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Re: Bill No. 1 (9-S), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2026 UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND REVENUES THE SUM OF UP TO THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$13,361,849) TO I MAGA'HĀGAN GUAHAN FOR SUPER TYPHOON BAVI RESPONSE AND RECOVERY, SEVEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,630,000) FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS, AND SEVENTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$17,654,625) FOR GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND SHORTFALLS."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

The passage of Bill No. 1 (9-S) reflects the Legislature's recognition of several critical needs facing the people of Guam and the government's duty to address them.

The reduction in federal disaster assistance across the country demonstrates that Guam must be prepared to shoulder a greater share of the cost of recovering from serious weather events such as Typhoon Bavi. Our people cannot wait for federal reimbursement before recovery begins. Bill No. 1 (9-S) provides the resources necessary for Guam to act now, even when some recovery costs may ultimately not be reimbursed by the federal government.

The specific appropriations to the Fishermen's Co-op and the Department of Agriculture's Farmer's Assistance Program strengthen Guam's local food production.

The Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) appropriated to the Fishermen's Co-op will support the reconstruction and renovation of its facility, as well as the operational costs of its temporary facility, supporting our local fishermen and their ability to provide fresh, locally caught seafood to our community.

To: The Hon. Frank Blas, Jr., *Speaker*
Fr: The Hon. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Governor of Guam*
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The Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) appropriated to the Farmer's Assistance Program will assist our local farmers in recovering from two typhoons that damaged or destroyed crops and equipment. Helping our farmers recover is critical to reducing our reliance on imported food.

Bill No. 1 (9-S) also addresses the shortfall in federal childcare subsidies. Initially, a delay in receiving allotments resulted from a bureaucratic issue within the federal government. While the Department of Public Health & Social Services has since received its full annual allotments, it anticipates a shortfall of \$7.63 million in order to maintain child care assistance for currently enrolled working families and ensure continued subsidy payments to participating providers.

The Government of Guam has a duty to ensure that assistance intended to help our people meet their basic needs reaches them when it is needed. This funding will help ensure that child care providers can continue serving Guam families without interruption.

Bill No. 1 (9-S) also addresses important financial obligations associated with the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority. It provides funding to address the Airport Authority's current operational, bond, and safety needs, while also addressing the Government of Guam's prior-year aviation fuel tax obligations under applicable Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

Our airport is one of Guam's most important public assets. It connects our people to the world, supports our tourism economy and commerce, and is essential to our island's continued economic security. While the Airport must continue working toward sustainable operations, the Government of Guam must also ensure that this critical public infrastructure remains safe, operational, and compliant with its federal obligations.

Bill No. 1 (9-S) addresses immediate needs while recognizing a broader responsibility. Whether responding to a disaster, supporting working families, or protecting critical public infrastructure, the Government of Guam must be prepared to act when our community needs it most.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 1 (9-S) into law as **Public Law No. 38-135**.

Senseramente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam



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

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 1 (9-S), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2026 UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND REVENUES THE SUM OF UP TO THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$13,361,849) TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* FOR SUPER TYPHOON *BAVI* RESPONSE AND RECOVERY, SEVEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,630,000) FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS, AND SEVENTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$17,654,625) FOR GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND SHORTFALLS,"** was on the 10th day of August 2026, duly and regularly passed.



Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:



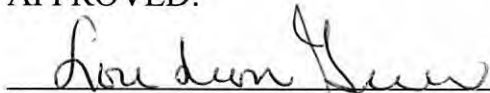
Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 10th day of August, 2026, at 3:30 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 8/19/2026

Public Law No. 38-135



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

Bill No. 1 (9-S)

As amended in the Committee of the Whole;
and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Committee on Rules

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

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2026
UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND REVENUES THE
SUM OF UP TO THIRTEEN MILLION THREE
HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$13,361,849) TO *I
MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* FOR SUPER TYPHOON *BAVI*
RESPONSE AND RECOVERY, SEVEN MILLION SIX
HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,630,000)
FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS, AND
SEVENTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR
THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS
(\$17,654,625) FOR GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AUTHORITY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND
SHORTFALLS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Super
Typhoon *Bavi* caused widespread damage to public infrastructure, private property,
and essential government operations throughout Guam, resulting in extraordinary
and immediate demands upon the resources of the Government of Guam. While
existing emergency authorities under Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, and Public
Law 38-60 provide the Executive Branch with emergency procurement and

1 expenditure authority, additional funding is necessary to support the continued
2 protection of public health and safety, maintain essential government services, assist
3 affected individuals and families, and maximize eligibility for federal disaster
4 assistance and reimbursement.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that child care subsidy programs are critical to
6 supporting working families and ensuring the stability of Guam's early childhood
7 care system. Timely payments to childcare providers and home care providers are
8 essential to maintaining operations and preventing service disruptions.

9 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that delays in the receipt of federal funds
10 for the second and third quarters of Fiscal Year 2026 have created an immediate
11 funding shortfall, placing providers and the families they serve at risk.

12 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds that on November 7, 2014, the Federal
13 Aviation Administration ("FAA") adopted updated policies governing the use of
14 airport revenue, clarifying that the proceeds of increases in state or local taxes on
15 aviation fuel imposed after December 30, 1987, constitute airport revenue subject
16 to federal revenue-use requirements. Under these policies, only aviation fuel taxes
17 in effect as of December 30, 1987, are exempt from the FAA's airport revenue
18 requirements.

19 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that Public Law 34-44 increased Guam's
20 aviation fuel tax from Four Cents (\$0.04) to Eight Cents (\$0.08) per gallon,
21 effective January 1, 2018. As a result, the additional Four Cents (\$0.04) per gallon
22 constitutes airport revenue under applicable FAA policies and must be used for
23 purposes authorized under federal law.

24 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that because the aviation fuel tax is
25 levied and collected by the government of Guam, the responsibility for remitting the
26 portion of the tax constituting airport revenue rests with the government of Guam
27 through the Department of Administration.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds that the Antonio B. Won Pat International
2 Airport Authority, Guam, has Fiscal Year 2026 Revenue Shortfalls that, left
3 unaddressed, could significantly hamper the safety and security of Guam's only
4 civilian airport.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the Airport Authority has
6 experienced significant financial challenges due to reductions in passenger traffic
7 and airport revenues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Typhoon *Mawar*,
8 ongoing geopolitical conditions affecting travel, and the impacts of Typhoon
9 *Sinlaku*. These events have adversely affected the Airport Authority's financial
10 condition and cash flow, creating a temporary funding gap. Legislative assistance
11 is therefore appropriate to bridge that funding gap and support the Airport
12 Authority's continued compliance with its bond indenture obligations while
13 maintaining reasonable airline rates and charges.

14 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate emergency
15 funding to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of critical
16 emergency response, relief, and recovery operations while requiring regular
17 reporting and accountability regarding the expenditure of public funds and the
18 pursuit of all available federal reimbursement; to appropriate funds to the
19 Department of Public Health and Social Services to ensure continuity of child care
20 subsidy payments pending receipt of federal funds and to authorize reimbursement
21 upon receipt of such federal funding; to appropriate funds to the Department of
22 Administration solely for the purpose of satisfying the government's outstanding
23 prior-year aviation fuel tax remittance obligations attributable to the Four Cents
24 (\$0.04) per gallon increase enacted by Public Law 34-44; and to appropriate funds
25 to the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam, to address Fiscal
26 Year 2026 revenue shortfalls, thereby ensuring the continued safe operation of
27 Guam's only civilian airport.

1 **Section 2. Appropriation for Super Typhoon Bavi Response and**
2 **Recovery.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and in addition to existing
3 authorities under 5 GCA § 22402 and pursuant to a declared state of emergency in
4 accordance with 5 GCA § 22436(b), the sum of up to Thirteen Million Three
5 Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (**\$13,361,849**) is
6 hereby appropriated from the Rainy Day Fund pursuant to 5 GCA § 22903(b) and
7 shall be allocated as follows:

8 (a) Eleven Million Three Hundred Sixty-one Thousand Eight
9 Hundred Forty-nine Dollars (**\$11,361,849**) to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* for
10 emergency response to Super Typhoon Bavi. Such expenses include but are
11 not limited to costs related to the protection of life, property, and critical
12 infrastructure; safety and security, inclusive of compensation, comprising
13 regular pay, overtime, hazard pay, and other authorized personnel costs; food,
14 water, and sheltering; health and medical services; energy; communications;
15 transportation; and hazardous materials. Additionally, *I Maga'håga* is
16 authorized to use Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000**) of this
17 appropriation to fund part of the reconstruction and renovation of the Guam
18 Fisherman's Co-op facility, and the operational costs of the current temporary
19 facility for Fiscal Year 2027. Individual Assistance is authorized under this
20 Section, supported by survey and damage assessment data. *I Maga'hågan*
21 shall provide a written report of all expenditures of funds under this Act to *I*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the Public Auditor within sixty (60) days of initial
23 expenditure and every thirty (30) days thereafter until all funds are fully
24 expended. All expenditure reports shall include a detailed accounting by
25 agency, program, object category, and vendor, and shall be tracked and
26 identified as to their eligibility for federal reimbursement, including but not
27 limited to FEMA assistance. The Office of the Governor shall also include in

1 its reports, the status of all federal reimbursement requests. All
2 expenditures shall be managed to ensure continuity of essential Executive
3 Branch operations. Within one hundred eighty (180) days following
4 enactment of this Act the Office of Public Accountability shall conduct or
5 cause to be conducted an audit of all Super Typhoon *Bavi* expenditures funded
6 through appropriations authorized by this Act and P.L. 38-134.

7 (b) No less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) to the
8 Department of Agriculture for the Farmer's Assistance program due to
9 Tropical Storm *Sinlaku* and Super Typhoon *Bavi*.

10 Federal Reimbursement of the Rainy Day Fund. *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*
11 shall first reimburse the Rainy Day Fund with any monies or reimbursements
12 received from the Federal Government resulting from a federal declaration of
13 a state of emergency for Guam as a Natural Disaster area resulting from Super
14 Typhoon *Bavi*.

15 Unused Rainy Day Funds. All unexpended funds of the Rainy Day Fund
16 appropriated in this Section shall be returned to the Rainy Day Fund.

17 **Section 3. Extended Deadline to Spend Appropriated Funds for Super**
18 **Typhoon *Sinlaku* and *Bavi* Response and Recovery.** Notwithstanding any other
19 provision of law and in accordance with 5 GCA § 5215 (Emergency Procurement),
20 each Mayor's Office and the Mayor's Council of Guam is authorized to expend
21 funds appropriated in Public Law 38-124 and Public Law 38-134 through
22 September 30, 2026. In addition to the authorized uses as stated in Public Law 38-
23 124 and Public Law 38-134, such funds may be used for response and recovery
24 efforts and shall not be co-mingled.

25 **Section 4. Appropriation for Child Care Subsidy.**

26 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of up to Seven
27 Million Six Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$7,630,000) is hereby appropriated

1 from the Fiscal Year 2026 Unappropriated General Fund revenues to the
2 Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) solely for child care
3 subsidy payments in Fiscal Year 2026.

4 (b) Federal Reimbursement. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
5 in the event that federal funds for child care subsidy disbursements are received after
6 the Government of Guam has expended local funds pursuant to this Act, such funds
7 shall be credited to the General Fund and be available for further appropriation by *I*
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

9 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the event that additional
10 federal funds for child care subsidy disbursements are received, such funds shall be
11 appropriated to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) for
12 child care subsidy payments in accordance with federal regulations.

13 **Section 5. Appropriation for Airport Financial Obligations.**

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Seventeen Million Six
15 Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (**\$17,654,625**) is
16 hereby appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2026 Unappropriated General Fund
17 revenues as follows:

18 (a) The sum of Eight Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars
19 (**\$8,400,000**) to the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority to meet its
20 operational, bond defeasance, and safety needs given a Shortfall in Fiscal
21 Year 2026 Revenues.

22 (b) The sum of Nine Million Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six
23 Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (**\$9,254,625**) to the Department of
24 Administration to pay prior-year obligations for Aviation Fuel Tax
25 arrearages, in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration
26 requirements.

1 **Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
2 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
3 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
5 severable.

6 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.