

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
290-38 (COR)	Sabrina Salas Matanane Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Frank F. Blas, Jr. Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Jesse A. Lujan V. Anthony Ada	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 80109(u), CHAPTER 80, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE OUTSOURCING OF DIETARY SERVICES FOR THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.	3/16/26 2:15 p.m.	3/24/26	Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	Request: 3/24/26 4/3/26	4/8/26 8:00 a.m.	4/22/26	
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	5/19/26	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 80109(u) CHAPTER 80, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE OUTSOURCING OF DIETARY SERVICES FOR THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.	5/22/26	5/22/26	6/3/26	38-130	6/3/26	Received: 6/3/26 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-26-2420	

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Re: Bill No. 290-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 80109(u), CHAPTER 80, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE OUTSOURCING OF DIETARY SERVICES FOR THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY."


Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Bill No. 290-38 (COR) grants flexibility for the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) to decide whether or not to outsource its dietary services. This provides GMHA with more options to consider whether its dietary services should remain in-house, be outsourced, or adopt a hybrid model. According to the fiscal note, GMHA anticipates that outsourcing would provide an overall savings of \$1,400,000, contingent upon successful procurement of services and negotiations with an awarded vendor.

In deliberations during the legislative session, some senators raised questions about protections for existing personnel in the Dietary Department. As highlighted by GMHA management at the public hearing, the Department of Administration's rules and regulations provide protections for existing employees, including the ability to transfer to comparable vacant positions and priority placement within the Executive Branch. Further, GMHA management testified that it is committed to including, in any potential Request for Proposal (RFP), a provision granting its existing employees the right of first refusal for any employment opportunity arising from the outsourcing of these services.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 290-38 (COR) into law as **Public Law No. 38-130**.

Senseramente,


LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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Governor of Guam



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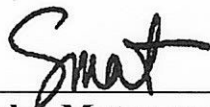
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 290-38 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 80109(u), CHAPTER 80, TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE OUTSOURCING OF DIETARY SERVICES FOR THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY,” was on the 22nd day of May 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 22nd day of May,
2026, at 5:10 o'clock P.M.



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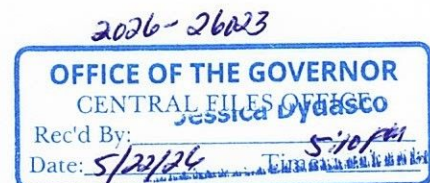
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Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
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Date: 6/3/2026

Public Law No. 38-130



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 290-38 (COR)

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 80109(u) CHAPTER 80, TITLE 10
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE
OUTSOURCING OF DIETARY SERVICES FOR THE
GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA), as the island’s only public
4 hospital, plays a critical role in providing essential healthcare services to the people
5 of Guam. As a publicly funded institution, GMHA continues to face significant
6 financial and operational challenges, requiring innovative solutions to ensure its
7 sustainability and ability to deliver quality care.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that GMHA has been actively exploring
2 opportunities to increase revenues and improve operational efficiency. Among these
3 efforts is the consideration of outsourcing certain non-clinical services, such as
4 dietary services, which include meal preparation and delivery for patients.
5 Outsourcing such services has been successfully implemented in other healthcare
6 institutions, resulting in cost savings, improved service quality, and enhanced focus
7 on core healthcare functions.

8 However, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the current enabling statute
9 governing GMHA imposes restrictions on the outsourcing of dietary services,
10 specifically meal services for patients. This statutory limitation prevents the hospital
11 from fully exploring and implementing outsourcing options that may be in the best
12 interest of the hospital and the government of Guam.

13 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend the Guam Memorial
14 Hospital Authority’s enabling statute to remove the statutory barrier that prohibits
15 the outsourcing of dietary services, including meal services for patients. By doing
16 so, this legislation seeks to provide GMHA with the flexibility to evaluate and
17 implement outsourcing options for all dietary services, should such actions be
18 determined to be in the best interest of the hospital and the government of Guam.

19 Through this amendment, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* aims to empower GMHA to
20 make strategic decisions that enhance operational efficiency, reduce costs, and
21 improve the quality of services provided to patients, while ensuring that the hospital
22 remains focused on its primary mission of delivering exceptional healthcare to the
23 people of Guam.

24 **Section 2.** § 80109(u) Chapter 80, Title 10 Guam Code Annotated is hereby
25 *amended* to read:

26 “(u) Retain or contract, in accordance with applicable procurement
27 law, services relative to the providing of cafeteria and/or other food vendor

1 services, in whole or in part as determined to be necessary and appropriate.
2 This shall include, but not be limited to, the management and operation of
3 services for cafeteria, snack bar, restaurant, and/or other food related services
4 or activities as deemed appropriate.

5 (1) The solicitation and contracting for food services may
6 include, to the extent deemed practicable, appropriate and necessary,
7 the use of assets, real property and/or facilities, and as further provided
8 for in accordance with Subsection (t) of this § 80109.

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

14 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.