

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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VOTING RECORD

Bill No. 337-38 (COR) As amended by the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections and Retirement.		Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building October 16, 2026				
NAME	Yea	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada	✓					
Senator Chris Barnett	✓					
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.	✓					
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja	✓					
Senator Shelly V. Calvo	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao		✓				
Senator Jesse A. Lujan	✓					
Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes	✓					
Senator William A. Parkinson	✓					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓					
Senator Sabrina Salas Matanane	✓					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Senator Therese M. Terlaje	✓					

TOTAL

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

RENNAE V.C. MENO
Clerk of the Legislature

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 22109 AND *ADD* A NEW § 22110.1
TO CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION AND
THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF JUROR FEES.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Finding and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that jury service is one of the highest civic responsibilities entrusted to the people of Guam. Jurors safeguard the constitutional right to trial by an impartial jury and play an indispensable role in ensuring the fair administration of justice.

I Liheslaturan further finds that Guam's current juror compensation of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day has remained unchanged since 1985, despite the island's rising cost of living and no longer reflects fair compensation for many residents who are called upon to fulfill this civic duty. The Legislature further finds that the absence of a periodic review process has contributed to juror compensation remaining unchanged for more than four decades.

I Liheslatura recognizes that Government of Guam employees are afforded paid leave while serving on jury duty pursuant to the Government of Guam

1 Personnel Rules and Regulations. Government employees continue to receive their
2 regular salary without charge to annual leave or sick leave while serving as jurors
3 and therefore generally do not experience a loss of wages during this period of jury
4 service. In contrast, many private-sector employees, self-employed individuals, and
5 hourly wage earners are not guaranteed paid leave while serving on a jury.
6 Depending upon their employer's policies, these citizens may experience a partial
7 or complete loss of income while fulfilling their civic obligation. This disparity
8 places a disproportionate financial in jury service by those least able to absorb the
9 loss of income.

10 *I Liheslatura* further recognizes the Judiciary of Guam's ongoing efforts to
11 improve the jury experience through juror exit surveys and modernization of jury
12 operations. Testimony presented before the legislature reflects that, in addition to
13 concerns regarding parking and courthouse amenities, the amount of juror
14 compensation is consistently identified by jurors as one of the primary concerns
15 expressed through these surveys. These findings demonstrate that the current
16 compensation rate no longer adequately reflects the economic realities faced by
17 many citizens called to serve. Accordingly, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
18 to increase juror compensation to better reflect Guam's current economic conditions,
19 reduce the financial hardship associated with jury service, and encourage broad
20 participation in the jury system. It is further the intent of *I Liheslatura* to provide for
21 the funding and implementation of the increased juror fees and establish a periodic
22 review process to assess future adjustments and their fiscal impact.

23 **Section 2.** § 22109 of Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
24 *amended* to read:

25 **“§ 22109. Fees.**

26 Jurors in the courts of Guam shall receive the following fees, except as
27 otherwise expressly provided by law:

1 For actual attendance at the place of trial or hearing and for the time
2 necessarily occupied in going to and from such place at the beginning and end
3 of such service or at any time during the same, Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per day,
4 except that any juror required to attend more than thirty (30) days in hearing
5 one case may be paid in the discretion and upon the certification of the judge
6 a per diem fee not exceeding Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for each day in excess
7 of thirty (30) days he is required to hear each case.

8 Whenever in any case the jury is ordered to be kept together and not to
9 separate, the cost of subsistence during such period shall be paid upon the
10 order of the court. Jury fees provided by this section shall be paid on the
11 certificate of the clerk of the court, and in the case of jury fees in excess of
12 Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per diem, when allowed as hereinabove provided, on
13 the certificate of the trial judge.”

14 **Section 3.** A new § 22110.1 is hereby *added* to Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam
15 Code Annotated, to read:

16 **“§ 22110.1. Periodic Review of Juror Compensation.**

17 (a) No later than January 1, 2030, and every three (3) years
18 thereafter, the Judicial Council shall review the juror compensation
19 established pursuant to § 22109 of this Chapter to determine whether such
20 compensation continues to reasonably offset the financial burden associated
21 with jury service.

22 (b) In conducting its review, the Judicial Council shall consider, at a
23 minimum:

24 (1) the Guam Consumer Price Index published by the Bureau
25 of Statistics and Plans;

26 (2) the financial condition of the Jury Trust Fund established
27 pursuant to § 22110 of this Chapter;

1 (3) historical and projected jury utilization and the operational
2 needs of the Judiciary;

3 (4) the estimated fiscal impact of any recommended
4 adjustment; and

5 (5) juror compensation provided by comparable state and
6 territorial courts.

7 (c) Upon completion of its review, the Judicial Council shall
8 transmit its findings and any recommendation for adjustment of juror
9 compensation to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

10 (d) If the Judicial Council recommends an adjustment to the juror
11 compensation established pursuant to § 22109 of this Chapter, the Judiciary
12 shall include such recommendation, together with the estimated fiscal impact
13 and the amount necessary to implement the recommendation, in its next
14 annual budget request submitted to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan*
15 *Guåhan*.”

16 **Section 4.** Fiscal Year 2027 Funding Assessment and Subsequent Fiscal
17 Year Budget Requests.

18 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and consistent with §§
19 2103 and 2104 of Chapter 2, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, the Unified Judiciary
20 of Guam is authorized to transfer allotted but unexpended balances of its Fiscal Year
21 2026 appropriations that remain available in Fiscal Year 2027 pursuant to § 2104,
22 excluding funds held in trust, to the Jury Trust Fund established pursuant to § 22110
23 of Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, for the sole purpose of funding the
24 increase in juror fees from Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day to Sixty Dollars (\$60) per
25 day pursuant to § 22109 of Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated.

26 (b) No later than thirty (30) days after the close of Fiscal Year 2026, the
27 Unified Judiciary of Guam shall assess the amount necessary to fully fund the

1 increase in juror fees for Fiscal Year 2027, taking into account the balance of the
2 Jury Trust Fund and any funds available pursuant to Subsection (a), and shall submit
3 such assessment, including any additional funding necessary to fully fund the
4 increase for Fiscal Year 2027, to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
5 Office of Finance and Budget.

6 (c) The Judicial Council shall include in its Fiscal Year 2028 and
7 subsequent annual budget requests, submitted pursuant to § 2102 of Chapter 2, Title
8 7, Guam Code Annotated, the amount necessary to be appropriated to the Jury Trust
9 Fund, to fully fund the juror fees established pursuant to § 22109 of Chapter 22, Title
10 7, Guam Code Annotated.

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