

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

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
56-35 (COR) As substituted; and amended by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement; and further amended on the Floor	Telo T. Taitague William M. Castro Régine Biscoe Lee Sabina Flores Perez	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 12, DIVISION 1, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW INFORMATION, CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SUBMARINE CABLES.	3/7/19 9:39 a.m.	4/1/19	Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement	9/11/19 10:30 a.m.	12/10/19 5:06 p.m.  As substituted; and amended by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement	Request: 4/1/19  Waiver: 4/2/19	9/4/19 5:57 p.m. As substituted by the Committee on Environment, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW NO.	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
	12/7/20	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 12 OF DIVISION 1, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW INFORMATION, CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SUBMARINE CABLES ON GUAM.	12/17/20	12/17/20	12/29/20	35-132	12/29/20	Received: 12/29/20 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 35GL-20-2559	

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

December 29, 2020

**HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

*Speaker*

*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Guam Congress Building  
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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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6:11 PM  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
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**Re: Substitute Bill No. 56-35 (COR) – An Act to Add a New Article 4 to Chapter 12 of Division 1, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Creating a Task Force to Review Information, Conduct a Feasibility Study, and Develop Recommendations Concerning Submarine Cables on Guam**

Dear Madame Speaker:

The potential for expansion of submarine cable activity in Guam could result in substantial economic benefit to our island, particularly as the telecommunications industry has become more important in this digital age. It was for this reason that the Guam Economic Development Authority established a Telecommunications Committee during this administration to explore and drive development and investment opportunities in this industry, with much of the work contemplated in Bill No. 56-35 already underway. However, given the importance of this initiative, creation of a task force dedicated to studying submarine cables is appropriate, and it is important that the Legislature follow-through on this initiative by committing the necessary funds to conduct the feasibility study contemplated in this bill, now known as **Public Law No. 35-132**, to ensure that GEDA has the necessary support to accomplish the goals of this measure.

*Senseramente,*

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Substitute Bill No. 56-35 (COR) *nka P.L. 35-132*

cc via email: *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*  
*Compiler of Laws*

***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2020 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 56-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 12 OF DIVISION 1, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW INFORMATION, CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SUBMARINE CABLES ON GUAM,"** was on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020, duly and regularly passed.

  
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**Tina Rose Muña Barnes**  
**Speaker**


Attested:



**Amanda L. Shelton**  
**Legislative Secretary**

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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Dec,  
2020, at 10:26 o'clock P.M.

  
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**Assistant Staff Officer**  
***Maga'håga's Office***

APPROVED:



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

Date: 12/29/2020

Public Law No. 35-132

***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2019 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 56-35 (COR)**

As substituted; and amended by the  
Committee on Environment, Revenue and  
Taxation, and Procurement; and  
further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 12  
OF DIVISION 1, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,  
RELATIVE TO CREATING A TASK FORCE TO  
REVIEW INFORMATION, CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY  
STUDY, AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS  
CONCERNING SUBMARINE CABLES ON GUAM.**

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

2        **Section 1.** A new Article 4 is *added* to Chapter 12 of Division 1, Title 12,

3        Guam Code Annotated, to read:

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**§ 12401. Title.**

**§ 12402. Task Force Composition.**

(a) the Administrator of the Guam Economic Development Authority or his/her designee;

(c) the Chief Technology Officer, Office of Technology, or his/her designee;

(d) the Director of the Department of Revenue and Taxation or his/her designee;

(e) the President of the University of Guam or his/her designee; and,

(f) the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* or his/her designee who shall sit as an ex-officio non-voting member.

The Administrator of the Guam Economic Development Authority or his/her designee shall serve as Presiding Officer of the Task Force. The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

**§ 12403. Duties of the Task Force.**

The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Presiding Officer and make recommendations concerning submarine cables on Guam.

In making recommendations, the Task Force shall have the following duties as is feasible, including, but not limited to:

1 (a) review information concerning licensure, taxes, fees, and other  
2 existing requirements for owners and operators of submarine cables on Guam;

3 (b) conduct a feasibility study and provide recommendations  
4 involving local tax policy, workforce development, and incentive programs  
5 promoting the expansion of submarine cable activities and the broader  
6 telecommunications industry on Guam;

7 (c) identify resources necessary to fund the feasibility study,  
8 including agency resources and grant funding that may be available through  
9 the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The Guam Economic  
10 Development Authority may draw upon the Public Utilities Commission, the  
11 Office of Technology, the Department of Revenue and Taxation, and other  
12 agencies for advice and assistance in developing the feasibility study required  
13 herein;

14 (d) receive reports and testimony from individuals, government of  
15 Guam agencies, and any other public and private organizations; and

16 (e) submit a report with its recommendations to *I*  
17 *Maga'låhen/Maga'hågan Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* by June 30,  
18 2022. Any further recommendations shall be transmitted annually thereafter.

19 **§ 12404. Task Force Recommendations.**

20 The Task Force recommendations shall address existing statutes and  
21 regulations, as well as any proposed changes to any federal or local statutes and  
22 regulations governing the operation of submarine cables on Guam; any request(s)  
23 for technical assistance from the U.S. government; any proposed interagency and/or  
24 public-private collaboration; and any other actions necessary to promote fair and  
25 reasonable incentives and opportunities for owners and operators of submarine  
26 cables to invest in Guam.”

27 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

1           **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
2 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall  
3 not 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.