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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
330-35 (COR)	Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD Joe S. San Agustin	AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 10101 AND 10102 AND TO ADD A NEW § 10124, EACH OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PERMITTING ABSENTEE VOTING IN THE EVENT OF AN IMMINENT OR URGENT THREAT RESULTING FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS OR DISEASE OUTBREAK.	3/31/20 9:28 a.m.	4/14/20	Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing			4/30/20	



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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

April 30, 2020

MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

From: **Senator Régine Biscoe Lee**
Chair, Committee on Rules

Re: **Fiscal Notes**

Bueñas yan Háfa adai,

Attached, please find the fiscal note for the following bills:

Bill No. 330-35 (COR)
Bill No. 334-35 (COR)

Please forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 330-35 (COR)**

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Election Commission (GEC)	Dept./Agency Head: Maria Pangelinan, Executive Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Inclusive of \$28,000 pursuant to the Governor's transfer authority for the Special Election for Yona Mayor	\$1,427,414
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date:	\$0
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$1,427,414

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2019 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2020 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2020 Appropriations (P.L. 35-36 thru)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2020 (If applicable)	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
General Fund	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes /X/ No
If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? /X/ N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes /X/ No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: /X/ Yes / / No
/X/ Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst: <u>Arthur R. Mariano, B&MA Supervisor</u> Date: <u>4/26/20</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director</u> Date: <u>APR 30 2020</u>
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Footnote(s):
1/: In its current form, the subject legislation would permit voting (by qualified voters) via absentee ballot, in the event of an imminent or urgent threat resulting from a public health crisis or disease outbreak such as COVID-19, etc. This is consistent with the Center for Disease Control's recommendation for states and territories to use voting methods that would minimize direct contact with other people. Based on the proposed amendments, the potential fiscal impact would be the additional postage cost for the return of the absentee ballots so that voters won't have to purchase stamps and the altering of staff to manually count absentee ballots if necessary. However, the overall fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time absent information from the Guam Election Commission. Lastly, it should be noted that GEC has since received a \$600K grant via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020. These funds will be used by the GEC for Guam's primary and general elections during the current crisis. The GEC has reported that funds will be used for, among other things, the procurement of cleaning supplies, hiring of additional staff for election days, purchasing of additional absentee voting materials and postage, etc.