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HONORABLE TINA MUNA BARNES
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Re: **Bill No. 73-35 (COR)** – ***An Act To Amend § 8105 Of Chapter 8, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Relative To Revising The Makeup Of The Guam Council On Senior Citizens To Reduce The Number Of Members In Order To Better Facilitate A Quorum And The Effectiveness Of The Council.***

Dear Madame Speaker:

Our senior citizens are an integral part of our community. As a people, we understand how important it is to acknowledge their contributions to and provide for the needs of our *manamko*. The Guam Council on Senior Citizens is charged with leading efforts on long range planning for the housing and care of our seniors. Unfortunately, this work has been hampered by an inability to secure the necessary quorum to do its work. Bill 73-35 (COR), which I have signed into law as **Public Law 35-31**, reduces the Council's membership, which will allow it to function more effectively and efficiently.

Additionally, I wish to thank Senator Shelton and the legislative body for supporting my Administration's efforts to increase efficiencies across the government of Guam by reducing, where appropriate, membership levels in government boards and commissions to make such

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bodies more agile and better equipped to do their respective work.

I look forward to your continued assistance in this regard.

Senseremente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 73-35 nka Public Law 35-31

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

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

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 73-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 8105 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REVISING THE MAKEUP OF THE GUAM COUNCIL ON SENIOR CITIZENS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN ORDER TO BETTER FACILITATE A QUORUM AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COUNCIL,"** was on the 22nd day of August 2019, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 23 day of August, 2019, at 9:21 o'clock a.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 9/4/2019

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Bill No. 73-35 (COR)

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent. The 2018 Transition Advisory Committee's Subcommittee on Boards, Commissions and Governance, led by Attorney Anita P. Arriola, found that there are one hundred twelve (112) boards, commissions, and councils in Guam law, with nine hundred forty-five (945) statutorily required

members for all boards, commissions, and councils. The Subcommittee found that "the sheer number of boards and commissions is overwhelming." A key component of the new administration's priorities was to streamline government and make it more efficient; and, eliminate unnecessary waste, red tape, and bureaucracy. The Subcommittee also found that several boards, commissions, and councils lacked members and the ability to make quorum, or had a usefulness that was now in question.

The Guam Council on Senior Citizens, which was created by the 14th Guam Legislature, is one such council that chronically has an issue with making quorum because of the sheer number of members on the council. It is one of the largest councils authorized in statute, comprised of seventeen (17) members, and which requires nine (9) members to constitute a quorum. The size of the council has also paralyzed its efficiency and is counterproductive to its intent. It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to reduce the number of members of the council, to better facilitate quorum and the effectiveness of the council.

Section 2. Revision of Guam Council on Senior Citizens. § 8105 of Chapter 8, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"**§ 8105. Guam Council on Senior Citizens.**

There is established within the Division the Guam Council on Senior Citizens (Council). The Council *shall* function in consonance with § 8106 of this Chapter and pursuant to the federal guidelines contained under Section 10a(3) of Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. The Council *shall* consist of nine (9) members, the majority of whom *shall* be at least fifty-five (55) years of age or older, to be appointed by *I Maga'håga* (the Governor), seven (7) of whom *shall* be appointed from the following:

(a) Mayors Council of Guam - one (1) member;

(b) Guam Association of Retired Persons - one (1) member;

(c) Southern Region Community - one (1) member;

(d) Central Region Community - one (1) member;

(e) Northern Region Community - one (1) member;

(f) Guam Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees - one (1) member; and

(g) Guam Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons - one (1) member.

The remaining two (2) members *shall* be appointed by *I Maga'håga* (the Governor) from representatives of the community at large, such as from the government, retiree organizations, the ministry, and from civic, professional, and non-profit organizations.

At its initial meeting, the Council members *shall* elect from among its ranks a chairperson and vice chairperson. Five (5) members of the Council *shall* constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of members present at a duly constituted meeting at which a quorum is present *shall* be necessary for Council action.

All Council members *shall* be appointed to serve for three (3) year periods. Members of the Council *shall* be paid at the rate of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for each day's attendance at a meeting of the Council; provided, however, that such compensation *shall not* exceed One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per month, and Council members may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out their duties."