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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: **Bill No. 41-35 (COR) – *An Act to Add a New Chapter 16 to Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Expanding, Enhancing, and Implementing the Public Policy Institute (PPI) Program to Encourage Educational, Political, and Real Work Growth, As Well As Offer Work Experience***

Dear Madame Speaker:

First established in the 31st Guam Legislature under then-Speaker Judith Won Pat's leadership, the Public Policy Institute ("PPI") Program provides a structure for experiential development in the legislative process. Since its inception, the PPI Program has allowed its young participants to gain skills related to policy research and writing, constituent communications, and operational staffing.

Recognizing the value of the program, Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes introduced Bill 41-35 which is now ***Public Law No. 35-69***, *"An Act to Add a New Chapter 16 to Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Expanding, Enhancing, and Implementing the Public Policy Institute (PPI) Program to Encourage Educational, Political, and Real World Growth, as Well as Offer Work Experience."* As a result of its enactment, the PPI Program is now a stable, statutorily established program that provides standardized criteria for participant selection and graduation. I anticipate that the PPI Program's graduates will provide a pool of thoughtful, diligent, competent community members for our island for years to come.

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Senseremente,

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Åkto Maga'låhen Guahan
Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 41-35 (COR) *nka Public Law No. 35-69*
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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 **Bill No. 41-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW CHAPTER 16 TO TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXPANDING, ENHANCING, AND IMPLEMENTING THE PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE (PPI) PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE EDUCATIONAL, POLITICAL, AND REAL WORK GROWTH, AS WELL AS OFFER WORK EXPERIENCE,"** was on the 4th day of February 2020, 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 4th day of February, 2020, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 2-13-20

Public Law No. 35-69

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

Bill No. 41-35 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Rules;
and further amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW CHAPTER 16 TO TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXPANDING, ENHANCING, AND IMPLEMENTING THE PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE (PPI) PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE EDUCATIONAL, POLITICAL, AND REAL WORK GROWTH, AS WELL AS OFFER WORK EXPERIENCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Public Policy Institute (PPI) is a prestigious student internship program of the Guam Legislature that was established by Speaker Judith T. Won Pat during the

Thirty-first (31st) Guam Legislature. Subsequently, the 32nd Guam Legislature adopted Resolution 26-32 (COR) to include the implementation of the PPI under the duties of the Speaker.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan also finds that the program provides interns with exposure to a vast network of distinguished leaders, as well as to an array of professional and training opportunities for interns to gain leadership, research, and workplace skills and experiences. The PPI is a unique and rigorous program under which interns have the opportunity to learn first-hand about the island's legislative process by participating in a variety of activities from policy researching and writing, organizing and conducting public policy briefings, paging, and providing executive-level staffing. Interns may also respond to constituent inquiries, draft correspondence, and assist with general office operations.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to add a new Chapter 16 to Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, to expand, enhance and implement the Public Policy Institute program for Guam's youth.

Section 2. A new Chapter 16 is *added* to Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"CHAPTER 16

PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE PROGRAM

§ 16101. Short Title.

§ 16102. Administration.

§ 16103. Eligibility.

§ 16104. Selection and Assignments.

§ 16105. Cohort Seasons.

§ 16106. Graduation.

§ 16101. Short Title.

This Chapter *shall* be known as the "Public Policy Institute Program."

§ 16102. Administration.

(a) The Public Policy Institute (PPI) Program *shall* be under the administration of the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in conjunction with the Chairperson of the Committee on Youth Affairs, or its successor, of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan.*

(b) The Speaker, in partnership with the Chairperson of the Committee on Youth Affairs, *shall* have full and final authority of the selection of students within the PPI Program and *shall* set all requirements that are not stated within this Chapter in regards to applications.

(c) The PPI Program *shall* strive to welcome, encourage, and support students with indigenous and diverse backgrounds and experiences.

§ 16103. Eligibility.

In order for a student to be accepted into the PPI Program, the student *shall* submit an application provided by the Speaker and meet the following requirements:

(a) the student *shall* be a resident of Guam for the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the start of the Program;

(b) the student *shall* have a cumulative grade point average of at least three point zero (3.0);

(c) the student *shall* be enrolled in an educational facility and have the credits equivalent to a high school sophomore or higher;

(d) the student *shall* submit a personal statement in addition to their application, which shall demonstrate strong writing and analytical skills, as well as a strong desire to be selected to the Program;

(e) the student *shall* submit a letter of recommendation from a school official and a government official or community leader; and

(f) the student *shall* submit a copy of their most recent report card or official transcript.

§ 16104. Selection.

(a) The Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the Chairperson of the Committee on Youth Affairs *shall* choose candidates based on their eligibility under § 16103.

(b) All applicants who are selected *shall* have gone through an interview process, which may be conducted by the Speaker.

(c) The number of applicants selected *shall* be at the discretion of the Speaker.

(d) Students selected as interns *shall* serve at the pleasure of the Speaker or their assigned Senator.

(e) Should a student not meet the eligibility criteria, the Speaker may waive any eligibility requirements.

§ 16105. Cohort Seasons.

The PPI Program *shall* be divided into three (3) cohorts: Summer Cohort, Fall Cohort, and Spring Cohort.

§ 16106. Graduation.

(a) To meet the graduation requirements for the PPI Program, interns *shall*:

(1) complete a minimum of eighty (80) in-office hours within the eight (8) week period;

(2) provide written and oral testimony on a bill during a public hearing of their choice;

(3) work under the supervision of the Clerk of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for one (1) legislative session;

(4) assist with constituent work in the capacity of their senatorial office;

(5) participate in at least one (1) policy briefing with their senatorial office; and

(6) serve as a page for at least one (1) public hearing or legislative session.

(b) To graduate with distinction, the requirements for the PPI Program interns, as well as the requirements in Subsection (a) of this Section, *shall* be:

(1) to complete a minimum of one hundred sixty (160) in-office hours within the duration of their cohort;

(2) to conduct at least two (2) policy briefings within their senatorial offices;

(3) to demonstrate a high degree of professionalism within the workplace and personal life;

(4) to research and write an original bill fit for introduction and to demonstrate knowledge of the legislative process; and

(5) to participate in an outreach program or any other approved civic activity."