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Gumai pribilehu yan konfedensia este siha na mensåhi. Solo espesiåtmente para hågu ma entensioña pat ma aturisa para unrisibi. Sen prubidu kumu ti un ma aturisa para manribisa, na'setbe, pat mandespåtcha. Yanggen lachi rinisibu-mu nu este na mensåhi , put fabot ago' guatu gi I numa'huyong gi as speaker@guamlegislature.org yan despues destrosa todu siha I kopian mensåhi. Si Yu'os ma'åse'.

13 attachments

- **GoG-Bill No. 415-35 (COR), nka PL. 35-125.pdf** 875K
- **GoG-Bill No. 353-35 (COR), nka PL. 35-126.pdf** 757K
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HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker
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Re: **<u>Bill No. 417-35 (COR)</u> – Atkon Manhihita Yan Manafa'Mamaolek , An Act to Add a New Article 5 to Chapter 50 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Establishing the Guam Intraregional Commerce Commission**

Dear Madame Speaker:

Bill No. 417-35, now known as ***Public Law No. 35-131***, establishes within the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) the Guam Intraregional Commerce Commission, to study and develop avenues for reciprocal intraregional economic relationships and initiatives between Guam and other island communities in the region. This public law formalizes and provides additional support to GEDA for its existing robust intraregional economic programs by establishing a dedicated body within GEDA to advance these interests. This is a laudable effort that I hope will strengthen the ties between these communities and help build our resources as individual islands and as part of a larger regional community.

Senseramente,

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

Enclosure: Bill No. 417-35 (COR) *nka P.L. 35-131*

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 **Bill No. 417-35 (COR), "*ÅKTON MANHIHITA YAN MANAFA'MAMAOLEK*, AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 50 OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM INTRAREGIONAL COMMERCE COMMISSION,"** was on the 17th day of December 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 17th day of Dec, 2020, at 10:26 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 12/29/2020

Public Law No. 35-131

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

Bill No. 417-35 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Maritime Transportation, Power and Energy Utilities, and Emergency Response; and further amended on the Floor.

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***ÅKTON MANHIHITA YAN MANAFA'MAMAOLEK*, AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 50 OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM INTRAREGIONAL COMMERCE COMMISSION.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new Article 5 is hereby *added* to Chapter 50 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"**ARTICLE 5**

ÅKTON MANHIHITA YAN MANAFA'MAMAOLEK

GUAM INTRAREGIONAL COMMERCE COMMISSION ACT

§ 50501. Title.
§ 50502. Legislative Findings and Intent.
§ 50503. Establishment of the Guam Intraregional Commerce Commission.
§ 50504. Composition.
§ 50505. Advisory, Non-Voting Members.
§ 50506. Governance.
§ 50507. Duties and Purposes.
§ 50508. Support Services.
§ 50509. Expert Assistance.
§ 50510. Quarterly Report.

§ 50501. Title.

This Article shall be cited as the *Åkton Manhihita Yan Manafa'mamaolek*, also known as the *Guam Intraregional Commerce Commission Act.*

§ 50502. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that Guam has a lengthy history of reciprocal intraregional relationships. These relationships have been part of the traditional methodology for surviving and thriving for peoples within the Mariana Islands, Southeast Asia, and Micronesia. These relationships have expanded access to resources; built up traditional economies; disseminated knowledge, skills, and traditions; and ensured survival in the face of a range of natural and other challenges that are a part of living within our region.

Though our regional ties have changed over the centuries, they are still with us. At different times we have been part of the same colonial administration or

national families, marine and terrestrial species migrate between our borders, food and goods are exchanged, expertise is shared, and we lend helping hands when confronted with typhoons and other challenges that sweep through our region.

There are many examples of intraregional activities that currently exist. Guam serves as an economic hub and storehouse for the region in many ways. Various types of agricultural products are imported from *Luta* (Rota), as are fish from Palau, pepper and sakau powder from Pohnpei, and other foodstuffs from throughout the region. Environmentally-friendly crafted products are brought here from Yap, Kosrae, the Marshall Islands, and elsewhere in the region. Each area and its population have specific dynamics and characteristics that potentially serve as both resources and markets for goods.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to establish the Guam Intraregional Commerce Commission to build on this lengthy, beneficial tradition and the region's wide range of resources and needs as a means to strengthen regional resiliency and rebuild and re-envision our economy in the face of the current global pandemic era. Such efforts would also have the potential for additional benefits such as uplifting the entire region's economies, strengthening our food security, enhancing zero-waste efforts, and improving aspects of our health care. Additionally, there are the beginnings of a manufacturing base in the outer islands based on environmentally-friendly products while here on Guam, similar initiatives to create a green economy are likewise developing.

§ 50503. Establishment of the Guam Intraregional Commerce Commission.

There is hereby established within the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) the *Guam Intraregional Commerce Commission* (Commission), which shall be comprised of seven (7) members, not subject to the consent of the Legislature, whose membership shall be selected pursuant to § 50504 of this Article.

§ 50504. Composition.

The composition of the Commission shall be as follows:

(a) the Director of the Guam Economic Development Authority, or his or her designee, shall serve as the Chairperson of the Commission;

(b) the Governor's Chief Advisor for Economic Development, or his or her designee, shall serve as Vice Chairperson of the Commission;

(c) the General Manager of the Port Authority of Guam, or his or her designee, shall serve as a member;

(d) one (1) member shall be an economist or someone within a similarly relevant field of expertise from the School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Guam (UOG) recommended by the President of UOG and appointed by *I Maga'håga*;

(e) one (1) member shall be recommended by the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee with oversight of Regional Affairs, or its successor, from a regional community non-profit or non-governmental organization and appointed by *I Maga'håga*;

(f) one (1) member shall be appointed by *I Maga'håga* from the community at large; and

(g) one (1) member shall be recommended by the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* from the community at large and appointed by *I Maga'håga*.

§ 50505. Advisory, Non-Voting Members.

The Commission, by majority vote of its members, may invite additional public and private sector members to serve on a voluntary basis without compensation as advisers in the Commission's subcommittees, and may prescribe special procedures for their participation; provided, that no such advisory members may vote at any meetings of the Commission.

§ 50506. Governance.

(a) Appointed members of the Commission shall serve a term of three (3) years, commencing with the date of appointment and until successors are appointed and qualified. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings. The Vice Chairperson shall succeed to the duties of the Chairperson in the absence or inability of the Chairperson. From among its members, the Commission may select a secretary and any other officers, which it may deem necessary, to serve on an annual basis.

(b) Members shall meet regularly, at least once a month, on a day and time that the Commission determines. The Chairperson shall be counted for a quorum and shall vote in all instances, except for those in which a conflict of interest may exist. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum, and four (4) affirmative votes shall be required for the transaction of business.

(c) The Commission may form subcommittees from among its membership as it deems necessary in order to carry out projects, research, and other activities outside of the Commission's meetings.

§ 50507. Duties and Purposes.

(a) The Commission shall work collaboratively to advance or develop regional economic initiatives and opportunities that benefit Guam with an emphasis on developing economic initiatives tied to a green economy, zero-waste, food security and sovereignty, and the expansion of healthcare in the region, and collect relevant data to provide for informed decision-making, including, but not limited to:

(1) serving as a think-tank for Guam to research, analyze, and promote mutually-beneficial regional economic initiatives;

(2) collecting relevant data on Guam and throughout the region as needed for informed decision-making regarding regional economic development;

(3) identifying and recommending types of data for the government of Guam to collect to better inform and guide regional economic development for Guam (e.g., agricultural import data for products intended for resale that enter Guam from the region by country, territory, and subdivision therein);

(4) assessing available resources throughout the region;

(5) identifying various economic and other relevant private and governmental initiatives throughout the region;

(6) developing relationships that have the potential to foster mutually-beneficial regional economic and commerce initiatives;

(7) identifying challenges to the establishment of mutually-beneficial regional economic and commerce initiatives; and

(8) recommending policies and programs to *I Liheslatura* and *I Maga'håga* which address the potential of and challenges to intraregional commerce meant to strengthen regional resiliency by, but not limited to, providing an oral presentation to *I Liheslatura* and *I Maga'håga* on the progress of the Commission and its recommendations on a quarterly basis.

§ 50508. Support Services.

The Guam Economic Development Authority shall support the administrative needs of the Commission. The Commission is hereby authorized to use, and the Authority is hereby directed to make available, personnel and logistical assistance as the Commission may require in carrying out its functions.

§ 50509. Expert Assistance.

The Bureau of Statistics and Plans, the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, and the Guam Department of Labor shall provide expert assistance to the Commission, as is feasible, relative to public planning, and import, export, wage, and employment trends and data.

The Guam Department of Agriculture shall provide expert assistance to the Commission, as is feasible, relative to invasive species concerns.

§ 50510. Quarterly Report.

The Commission shall provide a quarterly report to *I Liheslatura* and *I Maga'håga* on new policies or initiatives being developed by the Commission for such information to be shared with pertinent intraregional councils, including, but not limited to, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and the Micronesian Chief Executives Summit."

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.