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12/29/20	6:11 PM	12/29/20	Bill No. 415-35 (COR), signed into law as Public Law No. 35-125.	Office of the Governor of Guam	35GL-20-2552
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Sinseru yan Minagåhet,

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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
- **GoG-Bill No. 396-35 (COR), nka PL. 35-127.pdf** 1573K
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December 29, 2020

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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
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Time 6:11 (AM) X PM
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HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: **<u>Substitute Bill No. 56-35 (COR)</u> – 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 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.

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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.

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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.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new Article 4 is *added* to Chapter 12 of Division 1, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"**ARTICLE 4**

THE TASK FORCE ON SUBMARINE CABLES ACT OF 2020

§ 12401. Title.

This Article shall be known and may be cited as "The Task Force on Submarine Cables Act of 2020."

§ 12402. Task Force Composition.

The Task Force shall be comprised of the following:

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

(b) the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission 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:

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

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

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

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

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

§ 12404. Task Force Recommendations.

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

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

Section 3. 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.