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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
227-36 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton Telena Cruz Nelson Joe S. San Agustin Jose "Pedo" Terlaje James C. Moylan V. Anthony Ada Tina Rose Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 1 TO DIVISION 3 OF CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE VETERANS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT IN HELPING VETERANS ACCESS HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION, AND HEALTHCARE, THROUGH VARIOUS LOCAL AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS; TO APPROPRIATE FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($500,000) FROM THE 2021 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT TO THE GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE TO IMPLEMENT THE SAME; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE "SECURING AND ENSURING THE RIGHTS VETERANS EARNED (SERVE) ACT."	11/30/21 6:13 p.m.	12/1/21	Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing			Request: 12/2/21 12/15/21	

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MEMO

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

From: **Senator Amanda L. Shelton**
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Fiscal Note on Bill Nos. 222-36 (COR), 225-36 (COR), and 227-36 (COR)**

Håfa adai,

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

Bill No. 222-36 (COR)
Bill No. 225-36 (COR)
Bill No. 227-36 (COR)

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

If you have 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. 227-36 (COR)

Bill No. 227-36 (COR) AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 1 TO DIVISION 3 OF CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE VETERANS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT IN HELPING VETERANS ACCESS HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION, AND HEALTHCARE, THROUGH VARIOUS LOCAL AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS; TO APPROPRIATE FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($500,000) FROM THE 2021 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT TO THE GUAM VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE TO IMPLEMENT THE SAME; AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE "SECURING AND ENSURING THE RIGHTS VETERANS EARNED (SERVE) ACT.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Veterans Affairs Office (GVAO)	Dept./Agency Head: Pierre T. Aguon, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	$968,605
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date:	$0
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	$968,605

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation	General Fund:	Special Fund:	Total:
FY 2021 Unreserved Fund Balance	$0	$0	$0
FY 2022 Adopted Revenues	$0	0	0
FY 2022 Appro. (P.L. 36-54 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 2022 (if applicable)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
General Fund 1/	$500,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Special Fund	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total	$500,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes /X/ No
   If Yes, see attachment
2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? / / N/A /X/ Yes / / No
   If no, what is the additional amount required? $ _____ /X/ N/A
3. 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
4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes / X / No
5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason: /X/ Yes / / No
   / / Requested agency comments not received by due date: / / Other:

Analyst: _____ Date: 12/09/21
Mikel Espiritu, BMA I

Director: _____ Date: DEC 15 2021
Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director

Notes:
1/ See attached Comments.

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 227-36 (COR)

The intent of the proposed legislation is to establish a Veterans Bill of Rights in Guam law to advance the livelihoods of veterans in Guam and increase their access to critical services for housing, employment, education, and healthcare. In addition, the bill seeks to appropriate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) from the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) reimbursement for calendar year 2021, pursuant to Section 7530(b) of the U.S. Public Law 117-2 also known as the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to the Guam Veteran's Affairs Office (GVAO) for its operations and implementation of programs and services mandated in this proposed legislation for Fiscal Year 2022. Said appropriation shall be available until fully expended. It should be noted that a legal/technical correction is needed relative to properly adding this legislation, should it pass, into the Guam Code Annotated. There is no Division 3 of Chapter 67 under Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated (GCA). There is, however, a Chapter 67 under Division 3 of Title 10 GCA.

The GVAO has fully expressed their support of the bill as written. The GVAO has also submitted a proposed FY 2022 budget for the $500,000 funding from the EITC as shown below. Based on the proposed budget, GVAO will hire five (5) additional personnel to include a Program Director, three (3) Veteran Service Representatives, and two (2) Data Control Clerk II – Veteran Registry to carry out the mandates of this proposed legislation. In addition, GVAO intends to purchase five (5) work stations for these additional personnel as well as other related furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

Appropriation Classification	Amount
Regular Salaries/Increments/Special Pay	$ 154,870
Overtime	$ 30,974
Benefits	$ 120,993
Travel	$ 13,000
Contractual Services	$ 7,800
Supplies & Materials	$ 48,000
Equipment	$ 30,500
Miscellaneous	$ 43,200
Capital Outlay	$ 50,663
TOTAL	**$ 500,000**

The Bureau notes that several proposed legislations have been introduced appropriating funds from the FY 2021 EITC reimbursements, including two which have been included in the FY2022 Budget Act (P.L. 36-54). The current list of proposed Bills are as follows:

Bill No.	Amount	Appropriation Recipient
121-36 (COR)	$35,000,000.00	GMH [1/]
148-36 (LS)	14,971,882.00	UOG ($6,630,570) & GCC ($8,341,312)
153-36 (COR)	5,000,000.00	DOC [1/]
170-36 (LS)	250,000.00	Guam Unique Merchandise and Art
171-36 (LS)	250,000.00	Valley of the Latte, LLC.
172-36 (LS)	3,500,000.00	Guam Preservation Trust
177-36 (LS)	3,750,000.00	BPT Revenue Losses Offset
186-36 (COR)	1,500,000.00	DPW - Emergency Boat Access
187-36 (COR)	3,500,000.00	DPR
188-36 (COR)	3,000,000.00	CLTC/DOAG (Slaughterhouse)
189-36 (COR)	5,000,000.00	GWA - Water & Sewer Infrastructure
196-36 (COR)	9,500,000.00	Mayor's Council - Renovate & Repair of Sports Facility
197-36 (COR)	10,000,000.00	UOG
199-36 (COR)	580,070.00	Public Defender Services Corp.
200-36 (COR)	10,000,000.00	Guam Visitors Bureau
201-36 (COR)	5,500,000.00	GCC, GDOL, UOG - workforce dev't., apprenticeship, scholarship
227-36 (COR)	500,000	GVAO
Total Appropriations	**$111,801,952.00**	

[1/] Appropriated in P.L. 36-54 (FY2022 Budget Act)

The final amount to be reimbursed for EITC has yet to be determined as well as the timeframe in which the funds will be availed to the Government of Guam. Should the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Treasury avail EITC reimbursements via a trust account, those funds would not be subject to legislative appropriation.