

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
83-37 (LS) As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations; and substituted on the Floor	Therese M. Terlaje Joe S. San Agustin	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN(\$15,581,367) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-54, AS AMENDED, AND TEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS(\$10,530,833) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-107 AS AMENDED TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5)-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE <i>PRUGRAMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA</i> ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH ANOTHER FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) CREDIT TOWARD THEIR ACCOUNT.	3/24/23 4:32 p.m.	3/27/23	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Request: 3/28/23 4/7/23	4/20/23 9:00 a.m.	4/26/23 5:33 p.m.	As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations
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4/24/23	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$15,581,367) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-54, AS AMENDED; AND TEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$10,799,633) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-107, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5)-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE <i>PRUGRAMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA</i> ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH ANOTHER FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) CREDIT TOWARD THEIR ACCOUNT.	5/10/23	5/11/23	5/23/23	37-16	5/22/23	Received: 5/22/23 Messages and Communications Doc. No. 37GL-23-0547		

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



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Transmitted via email to: speaker@guamlegislature.org

May 22, 2023

HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE, *Speaker*
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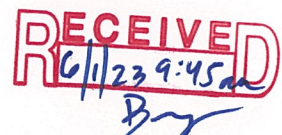
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Re: Substitute Bill No. 83-37 (LS) - AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$15,581,367) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-54, AS AMENDED; AND TEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$10,799,633) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-107, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5)-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE PRUGRĀMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH ANOTHER FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) CREDIT TOWARD THEIR ACCOUNT

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker,

Substitute Bill No. 83-37 (LS), is the second extended allotment to the *Prugrāman Ayuda Para I TaoTao-ta* Energy Credit Program, which will provide a One Hundred dollar (\$100) monthly credit to Guam Power Authority's ("GPA") residential, master-metered, and commercial ratepayers for five (5) consecutive months. This bill appropriates Fifteen Million Five Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-seven dollars (\$15,581,367) from FY22 General Fund excess revenues to fund the credit for (3) three months (May to July), and Ten Million Seven Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-three dollars (\$10,799,633) from FY23 General Fund excess revenues to fund the remaining two months (August to September).

While I agree with the intent to provide additional relief to our people to offset inflation and the rising cost of goods and services, as discussed in my signing statement for Bill 75-37, the Legislature's recent spending threatens to drag our government back into a deficit. The Legislature simply must refrain from further appropriating revenues collected in excess of adopted levels.



To: Therese M. Terlaje, *Speaker*, 37th Guam Legislature
Fr: Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Governor of Guam*
Date: May 22, 2023
Re: Substitute Bill No. 83-37 (LS) nka P.L. 37-16

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Further, Section 3 of this bill authorizes the use of my General Fund transfer authority to “ensure the funding for this program.” However, authorizing the use of this authority does not absolve the Legislature of its responsibility to exercise fiscal discipline. The use of my transfer authority must also remain within available resources. My Administration has worked diligently to restore our government’s fiscal health so that we can focus on matters that move Guam forward. I encourage the Legislature to do its part, and exercise the restraint necessary to ensure we do not fall back into a cycle of deficit spending.

Mindful of these principles, I sign Substitute Bill No. 83-37 (LS) into law. It shall be known as ***Public Law No. 37-16.***

Senseremente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hågan Guåhan

Governor of Guam

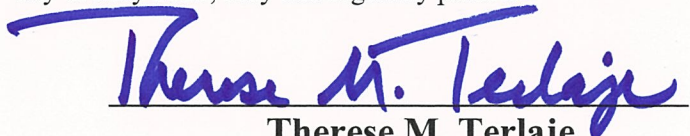
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cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
Compiler of Laws

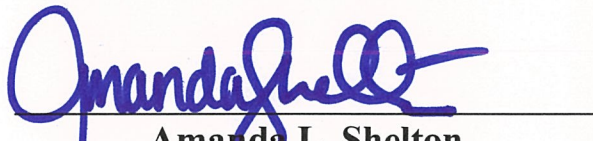
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN

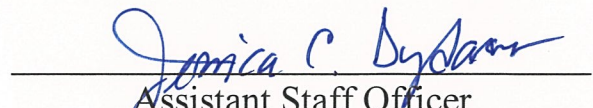
This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 83-37 (LS), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$15,581,367) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-54, AS AMENDED, AND TEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$10,799,633) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-107, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5)-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE PRUGRÁMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH ANOTHER FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) CREDIT TOWARD THEIR ACCOUNT," was on the 10th day of May 2023, duly and regularly passed.


Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker

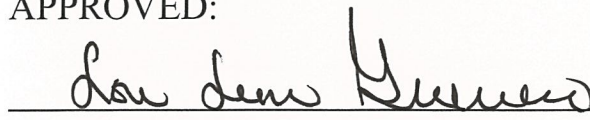
Attested:


Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 11th day of May,
2023, at 2:31 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:


Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 22 2023
23 MAY 2023

Public Law No. 37-16

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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 83-37 (LS)

As amended by the Committee on
General Government Operations
and Appropriations; and
substituted on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIFTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$15,581,367) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-54, AS AMENDED; AND TEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$10,799,633) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 36-107, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE (5)-

MONTH EXTENSION TO THE *PRUGRĀMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA* ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH ANOTHER FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) CREDIT TOWARD THEIR ACCOUNT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the *Prugrāman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program was first established and funded through the enactment of Public Law 36-106, and was further extended and funded through the enactment of Public Law 36-123.

The *Prugrāman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program provided residential, master-metered, and commercial customers with a Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) credit toward their account with the Guam Power Authority, disbursed at One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each month for the months of July, August, September, October, and November 2022, and then extended the program for the months of December 2022, January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, and April 2023.

It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide extended relief to power ratepayers on Guam who continue to experience price increases in various commodities and services, particularly the many vulnerable individuals and families who are struggling and most impacted by the effects of the global pandemic and inflation; and this extended relief would be for May 2023 to September 2023.

Section 2. Appropriation.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Fifteen Million Five Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars (\$15,581,367) is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund revenues collected in excess of the adopted levels enumerated in Public Law 36-54, as amended, to the Guam Power Authority for a five (5)-month

1 extension to the *Prugrâman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program
2 which was established by Public Law 36-106.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Ten
4 Million Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-three
5 Dollars (\$10,799,633) is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2023 General
6 Fund revenues collected in excess of the adopted levels enumerated in Public
7 Law 36-107, as amended, to the Guam Power Authority for a five (5)-month
8 extension to the *Prugrâman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program
9 which was established by Public Law 36-106.

10 (c) The *Prugrâman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program
11 is to provide each of the Guam Power Authority's fifty-two thousand seven
12 hundred sixty-two (52,762) residential, master-metered, and commercial
13 customers with another Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) credit toward their
14 account, to be disbursed One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each month for the
15 months of May 2023, June 2023, July 2023, August 2023, and September
16 2023, and *shall* only be credited to the current billing of such months. The
17 sum of Twenty-six Million Three Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Dollars
18 (\$26,381,000) *shall* be disbursed to the Guam Power Authority in five (5)
19 equal monthly installments for the purposes of this Section. The Guam Power
20 Authority *shall* reflect the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) energy credit on each
21 customer's billing statement pursuant to this Section. The Department of
22 Administration *shall* equally disburse this appropriation to the Guam Power
23 Authority for each of the five (5) months of May 2023, June 2023, July 2023,
24 August 2023, and September 2023.

25 (1) Validation of Master-Metered Accounts. The Guam
26 Power Authority *shall*, from all Master-Metered Accountholders,
27 obtain a notarized list of the number of active residential utility power

1 sub-accounts under that Master Meter to ensure the proper application
2 of the credit to the Master-Metered Account.

3 (d) Credits received from the *Prugrâman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta*
4 Energy Credit Program *shall* be tax-exempt.

5 **Section 3. Transfer Authority.** The Governor may use her General Fund
6 Transfer Authority pursuant to Public Law 36-107, as amended, to ensure funding
7 for this program.

8 **Section 4.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation,
9 the appropriated sum set forth in this Act *shall* be immediately transferred to the
10 Department of Administration as soon as such funds become available for the
11 purpose of funding the *Prugrâman Ayuda Para I Taotao-ta* Energy Credit Program
12 as established by Public Law 36-106.

13 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.