

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Lihelaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
134-37 (COR)	William A. Parkinson	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND TO FARMERS FOR CROP DAMAGES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 64A, TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.	6/13/23 11:45 a.m.	6/14/23	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Request: 6/15/23			
	<b>SESSION DATE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE PASSED</b>	<b>TRANSMITTED</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>PUBLIC LAW NO.</b>	<b>DATE SIGNED</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	
	6/19/23	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR CROP DAMAGE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 64A OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.	6/19/23	6/20/23	7/1/23	37-19	6/30/23	Received: 6/30/23 Messages and Communications Doc. No. 37GL-23-0632	

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June 30, 2023

**HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE**, *Speaker*  
*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Guam Congress Building  
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37GL-23-0632  
**OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER**  
**THERESE M. TERLAJE**

06-30-2023 Y

Time: 6:35 pm

Received: 

Re: **Bill No. 134-37 (COR) - AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR CROP DAMAGE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 64A OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED**

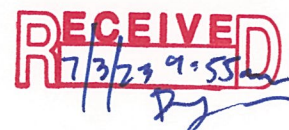
*Hafa Adai* Madame Speaker,

Bill 134-37 authorizes a transfer of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) from the Rainy Day Fund to the Guam Department of Agriculture (“DoAg”) to fund the Crop Loss Compensation Program (“CLCP”).

The CLCP provides compensation to bona fide commercial farmers for losses sustained to crops or property as a result of natural disasters, providing relief to an industry that is often not eligible for traditional assistance programs, and for which disaster mitigation is a highly complex and, in some circumstances, impossible task.

The DoAg estimates that Typhoon Mawar caused a 90% crop loss to its two hundred seven (207) registered commercial farmers. To address the impact of Typhoon Mawar on our farmers, pursuant to 5 GCA Chapter 64A, the DoAg recently submitted an estimate of funds necessary to implement the CLCP to the Guam Legislature.

While I thank the Legislature for promptly funding the CLCP to assist the farmers whose crops were damaged by Typhoon Mawar, the program could have been funded from the Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) the Guam Legislature has authorized for typhoon recovery in Public Law No. 37-17, instead of from the Rainy Day Fund. As our typhoon response and recovery efforts continue, we, as a government, must commit to a more disciplined approach to our finances.



To: Therese M. Terlaje, *Speaker*, 37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Fr: Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Governor of Guam*  
Date: June 30, 2023  
Re: Bill No. 134-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-19

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Noting these reservations, I sign Bill No. 134-37 (COR) into law as ***Public Law 37-19***.

*Senseramente,*



**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Governor of Guam

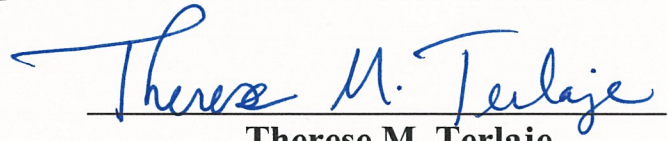
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cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam  
Compiler of Laws

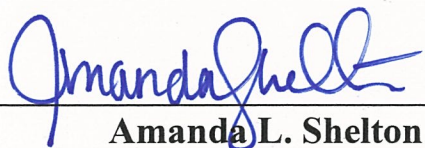
*I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN**

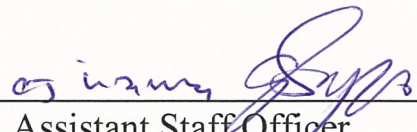
This is to certify that **Bill No. 134-37 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR CROP DAMAGE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 64A OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," was on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, duly and regularly passed.

  
Therese M. Terlaje  
Speaker

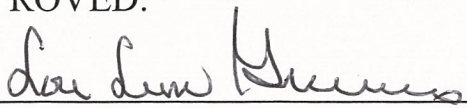
Attested:

  
Amanda L. Shelton  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 20 day of JUNE,  
2023, at 6:20 o'clock P.M.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'håga's Office*

APPROVED:

  
Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Date: 6/30/23

Public Law No. 37-19

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

**Bill No. 134-37 (COR)**

Introduced by:

William A. Parkinson  
Chris Barnett  
Frank Blas, Jr.  
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**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR CROP DAMAGE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 64A OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Appropriation to the Department of Agriculture.**

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Two Million Dollars  
4 **(\$2,000,000)** is appropriated from the Rainy Day Fund to the Guam Department of  
5 Agriculture for the sole purpose of funding the Crop Loss Compensation Program  
6 (CLCP).

1           **Section 2. Administration.** Funds appropriated in Section 1 of this Act are  
2 not subject to any transfer authority. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
3 rule, or regulation, the Director of the Guam Department of Agriculture shall provide  
4 reports to the Guam Legislature on a monthly basis until all the funds are expended.

5           **Section 3. Transfer of Authority Prohibited.** The funds in this Act shall  
6 continue to be available until expended and shall not be subject to any transfer  
7 authority of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, or any inter-fund borrowing, or for any other  
8 purpose.

9           **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
10 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not  
11 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
13 severable.

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