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1 (9-S)	Committee on Rules by request of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* , the Governor of Guam, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam.	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2026 UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND REVENUES THE SUM OF UP TO THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS ($13,361,849) TO I MAGA'HAGAN GUAHAN FOR SUPER TYPHOON BAVI RESPONSE AND RECOVERY, ELEVEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($11,400,000) FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS, AND SEVENTEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS ($17,654,625) FOR GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND SHORTFALLS.	7/15/26 2:30 p.m.						

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Introduced by:

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Super Typhoon Bavi caused widespread damage to public infrastructure, private property, and essential government operations throughout Guam, resulting in extraordinary and immediate demands upon the resources of the Government of Guam. While existing emergency authorities under Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, and Public Law 38-60 provide the Executive Branch with emergency procurement and expenditure authority, additional funding is necessary to support the continued protection of public health and safety, maintain essential government services, assist affected individuals and families, and maximize eligibility for federal disaster assistance and reimbursement.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that child care subsidy programs are critical to supporting working families and ensuring the stability of Guam's early childhood care system. Timely payments to child care providers and home care providers are essential to maintaining operations and preventing service disruptions.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that delays in the receipt of federal funds for the second and third quarters of Fiscal Year 2026 have created an immediate funding shortfall, placing providers and the families they serve at risk.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan also finds that on November 7, 2014, the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") adopted updated policies governing the use of airport revenue, clarifying that the proceeds of increases in state or local taxes on aviation fuel imposed after December 30, 1987 constitute airport revenue subject to federal revenue-use requirements. Under these policies, only aviation fuel taxes in effect as of December 30, 1987 are exempt from the FAA's airport revenue requirements.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that Public Law 34-44 increased Guam's aviation fuel tax from Four Cents ($0.04) to Eight Cents ($0.08) per gallon, effective January 1, 2018. As a result, the additional Four Cents ($0.04) per gallon constitutes airport revenue under applicable FAA policies and must be used for purposes authorized under federal law.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that because the aviation fuel tax is levied and collected by the government of Guam, the responsibility for remitting the portion of the tax constituting airport revenue rests with the government of Guam through the Department of Administration.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan also finds that the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam, has Fiscal Year 2026 Revenue Shortfalls that, left unaddressed, could significantly hamper the safety and security of Guam's only civilian airport.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the Airport Authority has experienced significant financial challenges due to reductions in passenger traffic and airport revenues resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Typhoon Mawar, ongoing geopolitical conditions affecting travel, and the impacts of Typhoon Sinlaku. These events have adversely affected the Airport Authority's financial condition and cash flow, creating a temporary funding gap. Legislative assistance is therefore appropriate to bridge that funding gap and support the Airport Authority's continued compliance with its bond indenture obligations while maintaining reasonable airline rates and charges.

It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate emergency funding to I *Maga'hågan Guåhan* to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of critical emergency response, relief, and recovery operations while requiring regular reporting and accountability regarding the expenditure of public funds and the pursuit of all available federal reimbursement; to appropriate funds to the Department of Public Health and Social Services to ensure continuity of child care subsidy payments pending receipt of federal funds and to authorize reimbursement upon receipt of such federal funding; to appropriate funds to the Department of Administration solely for the purpose of satisfying the government's outstanding prior-year aviation fuel tax remittance obligations attributable to the Four Cents ($0.04) per gallon increase enacted by Public Law 34-44; and to appropriate funds to the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam, to address Fiscal Year 2026 revenue shortfalls, thereby ensuring the continued safe operation of Guam's only civilian airport.

Section 2. Appropriation for Super Typhoon Bavi Response and Recovery. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and in addition to existing authorities under 5 GCA § 22402 and in Public Law 38-60, and pursuant to a declared state of emergency in accordance with 5 GCA § 22436(b), the sum of up to Thirteen Million Three Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars **($13,361,849)** is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2026 Unappropriated General Fund revenues to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* [the Governor of Guam] for emergency response to Super Typhoon Bavi. Such expenses include but are not limited to costs related to the protection of life, property, and critical infrastructure; safety and security, inclusive of compensation, comprising regular pay, overtime, hazard pay, and other authorized personnel costs; food, water, and sheltering; health and medical services; energy; communications; transportation; and hazardous materials. Individual Assistance is authorized under this Section, supported by survey and damage assessment data. *I Maga'håga* shall provide a written report of all expenditure of funds under this Act to *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the Public Auditor within sixty (60) days of initial expenditure and every thirty (30) days thereafter until all funds are fully expended. All expenditure reports shall include a detailed accounting by agency, program, object category, and vendor, and shall be tracked and identified as to their eligibility for federal reimbursement, including but not limited to FEMA assistance. The Office of the Governor shall also include in its reports, the status of all federal reimbursement requests. All expenditures shall be managed to ensure continuity of essential Executive Branch operations.

Section 3. Appropriation for Child Care Subsidy.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of up to Eleven Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars **($11,400,000)** is hereby appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2026 Unappropriated General Fund revenues to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) solely for child care subsidy payments affected by delays in the receipt of federal funding since the second quarterly allotments of Fiscal Year 2026.

(b) Federal Reimbursement. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the event that federal funds for child care subsidy disbursements are received after the Government of Guam has expended local funds pursuant to this Act, such funds shall be credited to the General Fund and be available for further appropriation by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan.*

Section 4. Appropriation for Airport Financial Obligations. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Seventeen Million Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars **($17,654,625)** is hereby appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2026 Unappropriated General Fund revenues as follows:

(a) The sum of Eight Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars **($8,400,000)** to the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority to meet its operational and safety needs given a Shortfall in Fiscal Year 2026 Revenues.

(b) The sum of Nine Million Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars **($9,254,625)** to the Department of Administration to pay prior-year obligations for Aviation Fuel Tax arrearages, in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, 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.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment.