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337-38 (COR)	Chris Barnett Telo T. Taitague William A. Parkinson	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 22109 OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION.	6/26/26 9:49 a.m.	7/2/26	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 7/2/26 7/10/26	7/24/26 9:00 a.m.	8/27/26 As Amended.	



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August 24, 2026

The Honorable Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker

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Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: Honorable Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 337-38 (COR) - As Amended

Buenas yan Håfa adai, Speaker Blas,

Transmitted herewith is the Committee Report on Bill No. 337-38 (COR), As Amended by the Committee- Introduced by Senator Chris Barnett, Senator Telo T. Taitague, Senator William A. Parkinson- *"AN ACT TO AMEND § 22109 AND ADD A NEW § 22110.1 TO CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION AND THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF JUROR FEES."*

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>2</u>	TO DO PASS
<u>0</u>	TO NOT PASS
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Sincerely,


TELO T. TAITAGUE
Senator



COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECEIVED:
August 24, 2026 6:05 p.m.
Marie Crisostomo
Revisions Received:
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MEMORANDUM:

TO: All Members
*Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Regulatory
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FROM: Senator Telo T. Taitague
Committee Chairperson

SUBJECT: Committee Report on Bill No. 337-38 (COR)- As Amended

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Bill No. 337-38 (COR)
- Notice of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Written Testimonies and Additional Documents
- Committee Vote Sheet and E-mails
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 337-38 (COR), As Introduced
- Copy of Bill No. 337-38 (COR), As Amended
- Copy of Bill No. 337-38 (COR), with Committee Markup
- Copy of Fiscal Note from the Bureau of Budget & Management Research

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

Senator Telo T. Taitague - Chairperson



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
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July 2, 2026

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen E.H. Phillips
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 337-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai,

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §6.01(d)(1), Rule VI of our Standing Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Bill No. 337-38 (COR)** - Chris Barnett, Telo T. Taitague, William A Parkinson. – “AN ACT TO AMEND § 22109 OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION.”

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred to the Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement chaired by Senator Telo T. Taitague. I also request that the same be copied to the Prime Sponsor of the subject bill and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

A copy of the bill is available on our legislative website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kamarin Nelson, Committee on Rules Director at 671-472-2461.



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1 message

Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

16 July 2026 at 09:31

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Cc: Ed Pocaigue <sgfarm@guamlegislature.gov>

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1 message

Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

22 July 2026 at 08:03

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Cc: Ed Pocaigue <sgtfarms@guamlegislature.gov>

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July 22, 2026

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To: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media

From: Senator Telo T. Taitague, Chairperson

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Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

24 July 2026 at 08:23

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

Cc: Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.gov>

July 24, 2026

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To: Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

24 July 2026 at 09:08

Hafa Adai,

Calendar has been updated.

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Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>

29 July 2026 at 08:31

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.gov

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29 July 2026 at 09:21

Hafa Adai,

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Senator Telo Taitague <senatortelot@gmail.com>
To: "Danielle T. Rosete" <drosete@guamcourts.gov>

16 July 2026 at 09:46

July 16, 2026**Transmitted via Electronic Mail**

Danielle T. Rosete, Administrator of the
Courts
Judiciary of Guam
drosete@guamcourts.gov

Subject: Invitation to provide testimony on Bill No. 337-38 (COR)*Hafa Adai* Administrator Rosete,

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16 July 2026 at 10:22

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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Friday, July 31, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Guam Congress Building, Public Hearing Room

The Committee will convene a public hearing to receive testimony on the following agenda item(s):

- I. **Bill No. 338-38 (COR)** – Telo T. Taitague, Jesse A. Lujan- *“AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 70.470 TO ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 70, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT OVER DESIGNATED PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM PROTECTED CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES.”*
- II. **Bill No. 337-38 (COR)**- Chris Barnett, Telo T. Taitague, William A. Parkinson- *“AN ACT TO AMEND § 22109 OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION.”*

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PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-IN SHEET

Friday, July 31, 2026, at 8:30AM

Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building

Bill No. 337-38 (COR) – Chris Barnett – “AN ACT TO AMEND § 22109 OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE
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The Honorable Telo T. Taitague
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Re: Testimony on Bill No. 337-38 (COR)

Håfa Adai, Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on **Bill No. 337-38 (COR)**, introduced by Senator Chris Barnett. Our branch shares the Bill's objectives of both easing financial hardships associated with jury service and encouraging broad participation in the jury system. We respectfully offer the following for consideration in support of the Legislature increasing juror fees.

History of Juror Fees and the Jury Trust Fund

On August 17, 1984, Public Law 17-62 was signed into law. P.L. 17-62 placed Guam amongst the highest juror compensated jurisdictions at the time by setting ordinary juror fees at \$40 per day. Less than a year later, Public Law 18-4, signed on April 9, 1985, reduced ordinary juror fees to \$30 per day. Juror fees have remained unchanged since then. We agree that it is time for an increase.

To facilitate the payment of juror fees, Public Law 19-28, signed into law on October 26, 1988, established the Jury Trust Fund as a separate fund, and expressly charged the Legislature with the responsibility of funding it through annual appropriations.

As currently drafted, Bill No. 337-38 (COR) would double the ordinary fee received by jurors to \$60 per day and take effect upon enactment. If Bill No. 337-38 (COR) becomes law during FY 2027, then the Jury Trust Fund will have a budgetary shortfall.

Fiscal Impact

On July 9, 2026, the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) prepared its Fiscal Note for Bill No. 337-38 (COR). In its note, BBMR documented that in FY 2025 the Judiciary of Guam paid \$494,160 in jury fees to 16,654 jurors. For FY 2027, we requested \$550,000 for the Jury Trust Fund. The requested amount relied on the assumption of a \$30 per day juror fee. If Bill 337-38 (COR) took effect immediately, the estimated fiscal impact on the Jury Trust Fund would be approximately \$1.1 million – about \$550,000 above the amount currently budgeted.

Moreover, our standard practice is to issue a 1099 when juror fees paid to a juror meet or exceed \$600 in a given tax year. Currently, a juror would ordinarily have to serve at least twenty days to meet issuing requirements. Under the proposed \$60 increase, that would fall to just ten days. We anticipate a modest increase in administrative burden associated with the issuance of additional 1099s.

For the forgoing reasons, we respectfully request Bill No. 337-38 (COR) be amended to either include an appropriation for the additional amount needed or provide for a later enactment date that coincides with additional funding at that time, such as the budget for FY 2028.

Judicial Council Discretion

For the last 41 years, juror fees remained unchanged at \$30 a day. When adjusted for inflation, \$30 in 1985 would have the purchasing power of over \$90 today. While we are not advocating for an increase to \$90 per day, we recognize that Guam is not alone in grappling with unchanged juror fees.

The District of Columbia addressed the issue by passing the Jury Trial Improvements Act of 2006. The Act added a new subsection to their juror fees statute that authorized their chief judge and associate judges, through their Board of Judges of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, to increase juror fees.

We respectfully request the Legislature to amend Bill No. 337-38 (COR) to empower the Judicial Council with a similar authority. The Judicial Council annually reviews small claims limits, and we see this review of juror fees as an analogous responsibility. Taking inspiration from D.C. Code § 15-718(e), amended language could read, “The Judicial Council may increase the juror fees provided by this section and, in such event, shall publish the new fees.”

Conclusion

The Judiciary remains committed to upholding the right to be tried by a jury of one’s peers. We respectfully request the final bill reflect the foregoing matters addressed in this testimony. We welcome the opportunity to work with the Committee to ensure that any measure improving the juror system can be implemented effectively. We thank the Legislature for its attention to these issues and trust the operational impact on the courts will be carefully considered before this bill

advances.

Senseramente,


KATHERINE A. MARAMAN
Chief Justice

To the Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Committee:

Håfa Adai.

My name is *Tricia Baker*, and I respectfully submit this written testimony in strong support of the proposed legislation to increase compensation for jury duty service.

Serving on a jury is one of the most important civic responsibilities we have as citizens. Jurors play a vital role in ensuring that every individual receives a fair and impartial trial. Our justice system depends on ordinary members of the community who are willing to set aside their personal and professional obligations to fulfill this constitutional duty.

Unfortunately, the current compensation of **\$30 per day** does not adequately reflect the financial sacrifice many jurors make. For many working individuals, taking time away from work means losing wages, using valuable leave, or placing additional financial strain on themselves and their families. Self-employed individuals, hourly workers, and those without paid leave are especially impacted.

While jury service should never be viewed as a means of earning income, compensation should at least help offset the costs associated with fulfilling this public obligation. Increasing juror compensation demonstrates that our government values the time, commitment, and sacrifice made by those who answer the call to serve.

Higher compensation can also improve jury participation by reducing the financial hardship that discourages many qualified citizens from serving. A jury should reflect a fair cross-section of our community, regardless of income or occupation. When compensation is insufficient, those with limited financial resources may experience greater hardship, making it more difficult for juries to represent the diverse perspectives of our community.

Investing in our jurors is ultimately an investment in our justice system. Fair compensation supports greater civic participation, strengthens public confidence in the courts, and recognizes the essential contribution jurors make to upholding justice.

I respectfully urge the Legislature to pass this measure and provide compensation that more accurately reflects the value of jury service and the realities faced by today's working citizens.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to improving our justice system.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Baker



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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Bill No. 337-38 (COR), As Amended by the Committee- Introduced by Senator Chris Barnett, Senator Telo T. Taitague, Senator William A. Parkinson- *“AN ACT TO AMEND § 22109 AND ADD A NEW § 22110.1 TO CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION AND THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF JUROR FEES.”*

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Håfa Adai Committee Members,

Please see the attached Committee Report on **Bill No 337-38 (COR), As Amended** by the Committee- Introduced by Senator Chris Barnett, Senator Telo T. Taitague, Senator William A. Parkinson- *"AN ACT TO AMEND § 22109 AND ADD A NEW § 22110.1 TO CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION AND THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF JUROR FEES."*

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 337-38 (COR) was introduced on June 26, 2026, by Senator Chris Barnett, Senator Tel T. Taitague, and Senator William A. Parkinson, and subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on *Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement*, on July 2, 2026.

The Committee convened a public hearing on Friday, July 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., and immediately recessed the public hearing due to the on-going Special Session on Bill No. 1 (9-S). The hearing was reconvened on Friday, July 31, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

Public Notice Requirement:

In Compliance with Open Government Law, a five (5) day public notice of this hearing was published on Thursday, July 16, 2026, and a forty-eight (48) hour notice was published on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, on PBS-GUAM and the Guam Public Notice Website. Notices were also sent to all senators, and all main media broadcasting outlets via email on the same dates.

A Notice to Recess the Public Hearing was emailed to all media broadcasting outlets on Friday, July 24, 2026 via phnotice@guamlegislature.gov and a Notice to Reconvene the Public Hearing was published on the Guam Public Notice Website on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 and emailed to all media broadcasting outlets via phnotice@guamlegislature.gov.

Senators Present on July 24, 2026:

Senator Telo Taitague, Chairperson
Senator Chris Barnett, Vice Chairperson

Senators Present on July 31, 2026:

Senator Telo Taitague, Chairperson
Senator Chris Barnett, Vice Chairperson
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao

Appearing Before the Senate Panel on July 24, 2026:

None in attendance

Appearing Before the Senate Panel on July 31, 2026:

Honorable Associate Justice Robert J. Torres, Judiciary of Guam
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Janice Camacho-Perez, Clerk of Court, Judiciary of Guam
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Written Testimony Submitted:

Honorable Chief Justice Katherine A. Maraman, Judiciary of Guam
Tricia Baker

- II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION:** The Public Hearing was Called-to-Order at 9:00am. Bill No. 337-38 (COR)- “AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 22109 OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION,” was the second item on the agenda.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: *Bueñas yan hãfa adai.* This public hearing is now called to order and the time now is 9:00. It's 9 a.m. in the morning, Friday, July 24, 2026. And it's Friday, so *biba!*

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT: *Biba betnes.*

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: *Biba betnes.* This hearing is conducted by myself *senadot* Telo Taitague, Chairman on the Committee on Economic, Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulation, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections and Retirement Committees. And to comply with the Open Government Law, notice of hearing was published by PBS and Government Public Notification Portal on Thursday, July 16, 2026, and the second notice on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. This notice of this hearing was also disseminated to all senators and media via email and made available on the Guam Legislature’s website. And I would like thank my Co-Chair Senator Chris Barnett whose here and who’s going to continue the announcement of this public hearing.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT: *Si Yu’os ma’ãse’* Madam Chair, *mañãna si Yu’os*, to the people of Guam, *biba betnes*, happy *fresku* friday. So the following bills are on our agenda for discussion this morning, Bill No. 338-38 (COR), introduced by Senator Telo T. Taitague, “AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 70.470 TO ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 70, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT OVER DESIGNATED PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM PROTECTED CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES.”

I’ll definitely be supporting that bill. And also, Bill No. 337-38 (COR), introduced by myself Senator Chris Barnett and co-sponsored by the good Chair of the Committee, Senator Telo Taitague as well as Senator Will Parkinson, “AN ACT TO AMEND § 22109 OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION.” *Si Yu’os ma’ãse’* Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: And I too, Senator Barnett, are in full support of Bill 337-38. So please be advised that due to Special Session currently going on, the Committee will recess today’s public hearing and reconvene at a later date. We totally apologize for any inconvenience this may



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cause, and look forward to your participation and feedback once the public hearing has been rescheduled. Please notify my office if you want to know the next hearing date for these two particular bills. You can email me at senatortelot@gmail.com. And we'll be happy to make sure you're on the list of reminders when this public hearing reconvenes. At this time, we are at recess. Senator Barnett, would you like to say anything before we close out?

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT: *Si Yu'os ma'åse'* Madam Chair. I just wanted to reiterate the call for testimony. I know that the Judiciary has provided testimony on this bill. What the bill does is, is it doubles the juror compensation rate from \$30 to \$60, to reflect the rising cost of living and a lot of that our people of Guam who are showing up for jury duty face, relative to fair compensation. So, if you support that, please provide testimony to Senator Telo Taitague, the Chair's office at senatortelot@gmail.com. *Si Yu'os ma'åse'* Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: *Si Yu'os ma'åse'* Senator Barnett and create a great day. This hearing is now in recess.

- III. **SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION:** The Public Hearing was Called-to-Order at 9:00am. Bill No. 337-38 (COR) - "*AN ACT TO AMEND § 22109 OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION,*" was the second item on the agenda.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: The next bill that we have in front of us to be heard is Bill No. 337-38 (COR). I'd like to invite those who are here to testify. Yes, please step forward and take a seat. Okay, so there's been a fiscal note for Bill 337-38 that was submitted to the committee on July 10, 2026, as well as legal counsel has had the opportunity to review this bill and has no recommendations or changes or amendments at this time to Bill 337-38. Invitations to this bill were sent out to the Judiciary of Guam. And at this time, I'd like to recognize the author of Bill No. 337-38 (COR), introduced by Senator Chris Barnett. You are now recognized.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: *Si Yu'os ma'åse'*, Madam Chair for the opportunity to open on Bill No. 337-38 (COR), and I'd like to thank you for being a co-sponsor on the measure as well as Senator Will Parkinson. Not much really to say in my open. I'll just tell a little story. So, I have a really good friend who was pregnant with her daughter and she was called for jury duty, which she, you know, went through the whole thing and gave birth to her daughter, and she was recently called again to serve for jury duty, 31 years after her daughter was born. So, she was compensated with a rate of \$30 when she was pregnant with her 31-year-old daughter. And then having been called back, I think last year, she told me it was still the of \$30 when she was pregnant with her 31-year-old daughter. And then having been

called back, I think, last year, she told me it was still the same, \$30. And I didn't really believe it, but when I see her testimony, it appears that the jury compensation rate has been the same since 1985.

And I think that's about the only thing that's stayed the same when we look across the government. I mean, we see fees, charges, salaries continue to climb. So that's the impetus behind the bill, Madam Chair. You know, the Judiciary's testimony, I'm very thankful for it. They actually included a number that adjusted for inflation. \$30 in 1985 is actually worth \$90 today. And that's actually what I wanted to increase the jury rate to, but I wasn't sure if I would get the votes from the members of the body. So, I'm very thankful for the judiciary's testimony. Obviously, when we have individuals who are performing their civic duty obligations, I think they should be compensated in a fair manner. If you compare the cost of living with Guam to other jurisdictions and their jury compensation rate. I think we can all agree that it's way past time to increase compensation for our jurors. And so, with that being said, Madam, I'm eager to hear the testimony.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Senator Barnett. And at this time, I'd like to recognize and have the, Justice Robert Torres introduce his panel with him today, if I may, Justice Torres. You are now recognized, sir.

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: *Håfa adai* and good morning, everyone. Excuse me, got a little bit of a hoarse voice, but I'm here to provide the testimony for Chief Justice Maraman, who is at the Conference of Chief Justices and was unable to attend, but it's an important bill and she wanted to make sure I was here. We have our controller, actually our new position title, fiscal manager with us today. Also, our clerk of court, with us today. Also, our clerk of court. Sofia Santos Diaz, who is our deputy director and our new legal counsel with us today. And it's Diane Gudmalin and Janice Perez. Thank you. Thank you. So, I'm ready to provide the testimony if you want.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Please, you have the floor, sir.

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Thank you. *Håfa adai* Madam Chair, members of the Committee, Senator Gumataotao, Senator Barnett, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill No. 337-38 (COR), introduced by Senator Chris Barnett. Our branch shares the bill's objectives of both easing financial hardships associated with jury service and encouraging broad participation in the jury system. We respectfully offer the following comments for consideration in support of the legislature increasing jury fees. As Senator Barnett noted, in August 17th, in 94, 84, Public Law 17-62 was signed into law and placed Guam among the highest juror compensated jurisdictions at that time by setting juror fees at \$40 a day but less than a year later in 1985 it reduced ordinary jury fees to \$30 a day.

Juror fees have remained unchanged for the last 31 years and we agree it's time for an increase. To facilitate the payment of jury fees, Public Law 19-28, which was signed into law in October 26, 1988, established the Jury Trust Fund as a separate fund and expressly charged the legislature with the responsibility of funding it through annual appropriations. As currently drafted, 337-38 would double the ordinary fee to \$60 a day and take effect upon enactment. If it became effect during this fiscal year, Fiscal Year 27, then the Jury Trust Fund will have a budgetary shortfall. On July 9th, 2026, BBMR prepared its fiscal note for the Bill 337-38 (COR) and it noted that we paid \$494,160 in jury fees to 16,654 jurors in fiscal year 2025. For fiscal year



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2027, we requested \$550,000 for the Jury Trust Fund. The requested amount was based on a \$30 per day jury fee. If Bill No. 337-38 (COR) took effect immediately, the estimated fiscal impact on the Jury Trust Fund would essentially double, would be approximately \$1.1 million above the amount currently budget. Our standard practice is also to issue a 1099 when jury fees exceed \$600 in a given year to an individual. Currently, a juror would have to serve 20 days to meet that requirement. Under the proposed \$60 increase that would fall to just 10 days, so there would be a moderate increase in administrative burdens associated with the additional 1099s. For these reasons we respectfully request that Bill No. 337-38 (COR) be amended to either include an appropriation for the additional amount needed or provide for a later enactment date so it coincides with the additional funding, like for example, with budget for fiscal year 2028.

For the last 41 years, juror fees have remained unchanged, as pointed out by Senator Barnett at \$30 a day and when adjusted for inflation that should have a purchasing power of over \$90. While we're not advocating for an increase to \$90, we recognize that Guam is not alone in grappling with unchanged juror fees and it's time that we change the juror fee amount that's paid to jurors. The District of Columbia addressed the issue by passing the Jury Trial Improvement Act of 2006. It added a new section to their jury fee statute that authorized their Chief Justice and Associate Judges through their Board of Judges of DC to increase juror fees when appropriate. We respectfully ask the legislature to amend Bill No. 337-38 (COR) to empower the Judicial Council with similar authority. The Judicial Council annually reviews small claims limits and we see this review of juror fees as an analogous responsibility.

Taking inspiration from DC Code Section 15-718E, amended language could simply read, the Judicial Council may increase the juror fees provided by this section and in such event shall publish the new fees. The Judiciary remains committed to upholding the right to be tried by a jury of one's peers and we respectfully request the final bill reflect the foregoing matters addressed in this testimony. We welcome the opportunity to work with the committee to ensure that any measure improving the jury system can be implemented effectively. We thank the legislature for their attention to these issues and trust the operational impact on the courts will be carefully considered before the bill advances. Thank you very much.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Justice Torres. Anyone else in the panel if you wanted to chime in?

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COURTS, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Senator, we have a single testimony offered on behalf of the judiciary. It's the testimony offered by the Chief Justice and read into the record today. We are all available for questions should the panel have any for us. Thank you, Sophia.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. I think I'll have the author end and start with Senator Gumataotao. You are now recognized, sir.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you to the judiciary for being with us this morning. And just a little bit of insight. I spent a lot of time with the jury unit during my time as a director of policy planning and community relations for the branch and got to have a lot of insight into what they do and to the services that they provide to this community. I know that the jury unit has implemented quite a number of improvements to modernize and strengthen the jury system. I mean, everything from jury notifications, expanding messaging to get that word out to our community when they're serving.

And it is helping to reduce some of the delays that probably perennially has been an issue, but I've got to give kudos to the branch for all that they're doing to support the jury unit, especially the clerk of court. And thank you again for all that you do for them. I just wanted to, if I can, I only have a couple questions, but this is just more for reference for this hearing. But outside of the \$30 per day jury fee, and I know that she's not here, so she can't answer, but to what extent has the judiciary Guam addressed requests from jurors? I'm sure they get a lot of different emails and she makes mention of it during her jury orientation, but what kind of requests are coming from jurors for any reimbursements related but not limited to mileage, bus, ride share, transportation, or cost share, right, child care services. I know they get a whole bunch of variations of emails.

DIANNE GUDMALIN, FISCAL MANAGER, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Hi, Senator, Dianne Gudmalin. To answer that question, Senator, we've only had really been providing the stipend pay. We don't really get a lot of requests for mileage reimbursements, but if I may, Justice Torres, we do provide also additional coffee, snacks, you know, just to help alleviate the, improve the experience overall for our jurors.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: Right, and I know that the orientation process, she's very effective at saying what they can or cannot provide, so I'm absolutely, and I know she mentions the coffee quite often too.

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: And we also make it an effort to recognize the service of our jurors. We have a juror appreciation week that's held every year where we go out of our way to make the jurors feel especially, understand the role and the importance of them serving as jurors.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: No, absolutely, Justice Torres. Thank you for mentioning.

JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: May I also add, I'm so sorry, Janice Camacho-Perez, Clerk of Court, that we reinitiated the juror surveys. So, it's important for us to constantly ask for feedback, right, on how we can improve the overall jury experience. And so just to let you know that we take that quite seriously and, in fact, we've implemented more recently. We've launched some sophisticated coffee machines, or deployed, rather, and we've been getting positive feedback on that.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: And why you launched a sophisticated coffee machines after I left the branch? We'll have to have a chat about that bit later. Can you guys ask or answer? What has been the average period of jury service at least during the past three fiscal years and is it



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uncommon for a juror to receive \$600 or more for their service in any given year? And I know that you mentioned some of the tax filings, so there's got to be an outlier, but is there anybody, or do you guys keep it under control?

JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: I can answer the first part of that question. So, it's statutorily driven, right? So, it's an 18-month term. If you're a petit juror, a regular juror, then it's 18 months. However, we typically, they do not exceed four months in terms of, you know, where they're actively serving. Outside of that, they are on call, right, for the total duration of 18 months. If we're talking the grand jury context, in the grand jury context, it's four months as well, and with a total term of 18 months. And then I will defer to our financial person.

DIANNE GUDMALIN, FISCAL MANAGER, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: I can provide the count, Senator. So, the jurors have to accept 600, so essentially, it's 21 days of service. As our clerk of court had mentioned, we have seen a decrease into grand jury services that are now not renewing their services. So, in 2025, we've only issued 19 1099s to the jurors that has exceeded the \$600, exceeded \$600 threshold in comparison to 2022 with 96. So, you can see that the drop in the interest of the jurors who opted for renewal has decreased.

SENATOR EULOGIO SHAWN GUMATAOTAO: All right thank you for that and just one last thing Madam Chair is I absolutely support the Judicial Council discretion council discretion recommendation that you made this morning. It seems that as the author of the bill mentioned, it's taken a long time to get here, but if the Judicial Council who spends much more time with it and incorporates it into much of what you do, then this will probably work itself out over the years moving forward. And I think that I would absolutely support an amendment to this bill that gives the Judicial Council some level of discretion relative to the rulemaking process for jury. But Madam Chair, that's all I have, and thank you so much for your time.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, Senator Gumataotao. Senator Barnett, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: *Si Yu'os ma'åse'*, Madam Chair. I too would support the Judiciary's recommendations. I have no problem leaving the discretion to the Judicial Council after we increase the rate to \$60. You know I tried to do this in my first term as a senator but some of the senior lawmakers had told me that the judiciary had the authority to increase the juror compensation rates themselves. Is that accurate?

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: It was not accurate, yeah. That's why we're looking for that discretion in this bill.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: And so if we if the bill passes and we get it up to \$60 and we give the discretion to the Judicial Council, how often do you think these rates would be reviewed and increased? You know, hopefully not another 41 years.

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: No, I can guarantee you it won't be 41 years. We look at the small claims every year. Judicial Council just evaluates the small claim amount every year. Judicial Council just evaluates the small claim amount every year and based on what information we get and do a survey then we make the decision. So, I suspect it'll be done annually as we always would.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: How often are the small claims rates adjusted?

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: The fee, the base amount has not increased in the small claims recently but we, again, look at it every year. We're still one of the highest amounts for small claims. You can go up to \$20,000 and still get into small claims court.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. So, you know, we want to give the discretion.

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Sorry, \$10,000.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Okay. So, you have the discretion to adjust the small claims rates, but the council just hasn't done that in how many years?

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: I don't think we've raised it in like 10 years.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: All right. And then, you know, I also wanted to ask about the jury survey, what questions are on the survey?

JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: We just ask about the overall experience right. So, we ask questions about the services we've provided, the information we've provided, specifically the information we've provided. Was it clear and to the point? And then we ask for a narrative. We welcome narratives relative to feedback. The feedback we often get is really consistent, right? it's parking, certain things like that. So, it's really nothing outside of that. And then, of course, some people indicate, they go as far as saying that the term is too long, right? But again, that's statutorily driven. So, we often remind jurors that they are fulfilling their civic duty, So, we often, you know, remind jurors that they are fulfilling their civic duty, that it is in fact, you know, a service that is truly appreciated. So that's the feedback we get.

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COURTS, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: If I could add to that, Senator. So, you know, creature comforts are typically things that we can address more immediately. Things like having charging ports available for people to charge their phones, Wi-Fi available for people while they're waiting, vending machines that have snacks for people to be able



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to, you know, while they're waiting for, to be called in. So those are the kinds of things that we've addressed and that has happened over the course of the last several months. Those are things that we can do kind of very quickly and I hope that it's improved the experience. And I have heard from a handful of jurors that it has. So, but, you know, as you're aware, you know, the daily fee is a big driver.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: Yeah. Are there any questions on the jury survey specifically dealing with the compensation rate?

JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: No, not specifically. However, feedback is often provided relative to that. Yeah.

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Yeah. We couldn't influence it, so we don't like to survey on something that we couldn't change.

JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: We try not to ask leading questions. Yeah.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: Yeah, but you're definitely getting unsolicited feedback about the compensation rate and how low it is.

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Absolutely.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Thank you for those answers. You know, with the jury compensation rate remaining the same for 41 years, we've seen fees and really the budget of the court, the number of employees and the salaries continue to increase over that same span. So, I kind of wanted to ask here from a constituent, how much have judges' salaries increased since 1985? And how often do they, just as a comparative point? And how often do they, just as a comparative point?

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: We can give you that information. We don't have it from 85 to now, but Dianne, and I wouldn't want to mislead what that is.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: What's the process for increasing the salaries of the judges? Is it every couple years or something?

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: There is a 3.5 percent increase every three years, I think, right? Two years.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, and that's what I kind of struggle with is, you know, outside of the snacks and the coffee and the charging ports, thank you very much for that, but the number one concern I hear from the jurors is that the compensation is just clearly not enough. I mean, if

you average it out to an eight-hour workday, and I'm sure sometimes they go longer or maybe even shorter, I mean, the math is very simple. I mean, the wage there is far below what we even pay people flipping burgers at Wendy's or McDonald's, and so I'm just disappointed that in 41 years there has never been an effort to increase this compensation, but fees, the charges, the salaries have continued to climb and so I hope that we can get the support of the colleagues to not only just double the rate but to allow you the discretion which I hope you actually use and not just meet every year to look at the numbers and do nothing about the compensation. I also wanted to ask, have you ever surveyed attorneys about the effect jurors, the jury selections have when jurors understandably try their best to avoid being selected because of the severe pay loss to their families?

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COURTS, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: I'm sorry, Senator. Is the question, did we survey attorneys?

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: Yeah, have you spoken to any attorneys? Did you survey attorneys on the effect of jurors basically not wanting to serve?

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COURTS, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: No, we have not surveyed relative to that question.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: Do you think that there's an effect or an impact?

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COURTS, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: I could not. I don't know. And I would hesitate to speak kind of with any sort of authority relative to that question.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: I mean, you get everyone doing backflips trying to get out of the service, some because they can't afford it, some because our island is small. But, you know, I think that you end up with kind of disgruntled jurors, and I'm pretty sure that has an effect on, you know, the cases. And I'm almost positive the attorneys have an opinion, so I just was asking just generally if you think that there is an impact.

JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Your Honor, I'm sorry, Senator. I apologize, I'm sorry it's part of the job.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: I'll take the salary.

JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: So I just want to indicate that it's hard to understand or uncover the intent right of why somebody does not want to serve right so that is not data that we are collecting, that is not a survey that we've issued, and it's also hard to talk to an attorney to receive their subjective feedback on that, because it may not be objective in nature.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: I mean, it wasn't exactly a rhetorical question, but I'm pretty sure if you go out and talk to the attorneys, it's definitely an issue. And then with the funding of course we'll provide the funding for the increase should this pass in fiscal year 2027 as I'm sure you read



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the news there's a little bit of some issues with funding for everybody but this is definitely something that I think well I hope the majority of the body will support so that we can finally after 41 years establish a more fair jury compensation rate. I agree with your own assessment that \$30 in 1985 and I'll just read from your testimony again for the last 41 years juror fees remain unchanged at \$30 a day. When adjusted for inflation, \$30 in 1985 would have the purchasing power of over \$90 today. While we are not advocating for an increase to \$90 per day, we recognize that Guam is not alone in grappling with unchanged juror fees. And I just ask for the fairness on behalf of the jurors if we're adjusting everyone's salaries to reflect for inflation.

I'm just not sure why the juror compensation has remained unchanged and untouched and unaddressed for 41 years and I agree with you Justice Torres that it's high time that we adjust the jury compensation rate. I also wanted to thank Tricia Baker a Madam Chair she had provided testimony in support of the bill, and I'll just read a portion from Ms. Tricia Baker's testimony. Unfortunately, the current compensation of \$30 a day does not adequately reflect the financial sacrifice many jurors make. For many working individuals, taking time away from work means losing wages, using valuable leave, or placing additional financial strain on themselves and their families. Self-employed individuals, hourly workers, and those without paid leave are especially impacted. While jury service should never be viewed as a means of earning income, compensation should at least help offset the costs associated with fulfilling this public obligation. Increasing juror compensation demonstrates that our government values the time, commitment, and sacrifice made by those who answer the call to serve. You know, Senator Gumataotao had asked a question about whether the court has received any requests for support relative to child care costs, et cetera, et cetera. And you had answered that, well, have you received those requests, first of all?

JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: No, it's not to my knowledge. And we also haven't seen that request reflected in our survey that we conduct.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: And would the court have the authority, let's say that I was selected for jury duty and I have to get childcare and then I submit to the court, hey, I've got a daycare bill because I've been selected or I'm in the pool, would the court have the authority to offer assistance or compensation to those types of individuals?

JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: No, no, no, Senator.

SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT, VICE CHAIRPERSON: Okay, so I want to thank the panel for their testimony. Madam Chair, thank you as well for the time. And absolutely, the funding, of course, will take care of that. I'm not opposed to any amendment to give the discretion, as long as it's actually used to implement meaningful improvements for those who serve on the jury. So, *si Yu'os ma'åse'*, Madam Chair.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You're very welcome, Senator Barnett. And as you mentioned earlier, I'm a co-sponsor on this legislation. It was not just, you know, by word of mouth, you know, people coming up to us and telling us that they had to serve. And a lot of them have hardship. And that's one of the questions I wanted to ask. In case of a juror coming up to you and saying they have financial hardship, that this would really take them back in their lives because of the amount of the \$30 only. Has any of there been a situation where you've actually excused the jury because of financial hardship?

JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: I do not have those statistics on hand. However, the process is and it's contemplated for as part of our process, that if there is a financial hardship that needs to be addressed or articulated, then we require that the juror provide a written request or inform the court and then it goes before the presiding judge.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Justice Torres, what is the Court doing now to address this situation for financial hardship when individuals come as jurors? I know that a lot of people are too afraid to fill out these surveys because they actually have this fear that... Even me too, I apologize. I guess it's going around whatever is happening here. Take your vitamin C and zinc, everybody, if you're catching this cold that's being passed around. But the point is, you're looking into increasing, which you obviously now this bill came out to kind of force the judicial branch to look at this and take a hard look and come up with a solution to address it.

And there's another issue too, is like I mentioned on financial hardship and surveys that are being taken. A lot of these individuals don't want to take the survey because they're afraid that, you know, the courts for some reason that they may go after them or, you know, embarrass them or something like that if they even utter the, you know, issue of financial, you know, situation. So is the court, my question would be, are you taking a real good step toward addressing these financial hardships, a good step toward addressing these financial hardships and having an SOP in place to determine who you will relieve from taking it. I know it comes at the discretion of the judge, but does the justice have a guideline to follow when determining someone be released because of a financial, and are you looking into addressing or adjusting that one as well?

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Well, the request that's made by the jurors, and there could be different circumstances that would be required for them to make a request. Sometimes it's on the basis of financial hardship. Their employer will not allow them, you know, or will not pay them for the time that they're gone to serve on jury duty, and so they're left with only \$30. Sometimes they're small businesses, and they're the sole person who's providing the work for this small business. So, they end up putting in the request and the presiding judge reviews all of the requests for jury duties. There may be follow-up interviews with them to ask, you know, questions about the situation. But where the court is usually very accommodating in terms of recognizing, okay, maybe you can't do it this month because you're the only person that's available in the business during this time frame and your partner's gone, but maybe you can do it in another year or so. We're not so rigid and steadfast that we're not sensitive to their needs and we try to work with them in terms of not having it be an undue burden on them but at the same time stressing to them the importance of serving in a juror.



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JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: And, and if I may, some of the requests that we get relative to financial hardship are and I've seen this is where you have caregivers, right? Caregivers, 24-hour caregivers, and or victims of, you know, criminal sexual assault. So primarily it's caregivers right, it's not, so typically I wouldn't say it's a steep threshold for their excusal, because the court is quite understanding and sympathetic, and we understand that a 24-hour caregiver really has very little options, right? And so, it is not uncommon that they're excused.

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: And I can assure you that we never would make any efforts to retaliate or view financial hardship as a reason to stay off a jury as holding it against a person who makes that request. We understand the circumstances of people and each one is in their own unique circumstance and we welcome them to do that. But there are people who do want to get out of jury service and may not have legitimate reasons to do so. And we try to also sensitize them to, I've even heard people say they don't want to register to vote because they think we pick jurors from strictly the voting rolls, and that's not. That's an urban myth. We also use other information, Department of Revenue and Taxation, power, water, to get our pool of jurors. I'm glad you brought that up because it is a myth. A lot of people are worried about that because of that. Yeah.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Yeah. Tell that to the young voters.

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: And another thing just to, in terms of, of the, you know, people serving, once you've been selected as a juror and have served, you get a three-year pass before you have to come back again and serve. So, you know, the financial hardship for them, serve. So, you know, the financial hardship for them when they request and if they're, if we may let them off now, but once they come and if they do serve in a jury, they can, they don't have to serve again for another three years.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Chief, what about, I mean, Justice Torres, what about the scenario when they still have to show up? You know, the process right now, if it could be where they still have to show up you know, the process right now, if it could be adjusted because they still have to show up during selection time you know to take out of their time to go to the court and then they can be excused is there a process that you can look at trying to adjust that so they don't have to show up I mean it's obvious there's a hardship, it's obvious you recognize it, then why do they still have to show up at the court?

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: If they come, if we're calling a pool of jurors and they're going to do a voir dire and go through, you have to have the jurors there so they know about the case, that judge, the attorneys get an opportunity to ask them questions and also use their peremptory challenges to excuse the jurors. So, in that instance, they have to be there physically. But we have improved the juror process with automation. I mean, we have texting that

goes out to the jurors now. We send electronic notifications, and it eliminates them having to come down and get information. So, we have vastly improved upon that process.

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COURTS, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: They obviously have to come for orientation, for the initial orientation, and then thereafter they sign up for our automated process so that they receive notifications electronically, either via text message or Janice, can you confirm that we utilize email and phone calls as well? And there is an automated system that jurors can call into as well.

JANICE CAMACHO-PEREZ, CLERK OF COURT, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: And that has existed, our call-in, right, our number, right, to call, that has existed since the beginning of time. So, our staff also call, right? They also pick up the phone and it's a one-to-one, right? They pick up the phone and call jurors directly, right, to make sure that they receive the latest notifications if there's any issues on or questions as to whether they can call in.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you for that. The other part is, you know, it's ironic we haven't passed a budget bill for FY27 yet. It's still in the mix. We're waiting for the governor at this point. So, I'm glad we had the opportunity to have this public hearing on this bill. So, if there's been any increase, this is the opportunity for us to do that during the budget hearing coming up, you know, again. So, Dianne, how much lapses are there in FY26 right now for the jury, what is it, the Jury Trust Fund?

DIANNE GUDMALIN, FISCAL MANAGER, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: In the Jury Trust Fund, Senator, none, because it's just whatever the funding needs for the jurors is what we had indicated. In fact, we even under-budgeted for FY2026. As of July, first week of July, we had already spent \$442,000 from a budgeted amount of \$500,000. So, we're trending an over budget I'm sorry over budget into the jury so we utilize our general operation to find the Jury Trust Fund out of the general fund.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: You used your what?

DIANNE GUDMALIN, FISCAL MANAGER, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Our general funding section one of the whenever there's a...

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: When there's a shortfall.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: So, when you're short, it comes in. So, was there any excess revenue lapses in last year in FY25?

DIANNE GUDMALIN, FISCAL MANAGER, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: They're all earmarked already on an ongoing procurement, so we do not have any 2025 available to compensate.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: So, you're saying no, there was no lapses in FY25? There are. For that particular?

DIANNE GUDMALIN, FISCAL MANAGER, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Not for jury, Senator, no.



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SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay, so how is it funded? Is it funded automatically at the beginning of October 21st? So, the full \$500 that was put, like, goes into the account, and from there you draw down on it?

DIANNE GUDMALIN, FISCAL MANAGER, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Correct. That's correct, Senator, yes.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay, and in the last two to three years, there has been no excess revenue lapses. Not excess, I'm sorry. I'm saying the wrong thing. Lapses in the revenue that was incorporated. Can you tell me how much funding have you added to, I mean, if you're ending the year right on the nose of the amount that has been appropriated, has there been, how many in the last three years has the operating budget of the judiciary had to compensate for that fund?

DIANNE GUDMALIN, FISCAL MANAGER, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: That is accurate, Senator. And I'll give you more, I guess, numbers to be exact, because we can't project how many jurors will participate in a given fiscal year, so it's all really historic data. As I mentioned, for FY2026, we budgeted \$500,000, and we're already at \$442,000. In the next two months, we're going to expect to end the fiscal year with \$524,000, hence why we're projecting \$550,000 for FY2027. In FY2024, I'm sorry FY2025, we only budgeted \$400,000, and we ended the year with \$494,000. So, this is what, you know, thankfully the judiciary has its transfer authority to utilize our general operation funds to fund the Jury Trust Fund so we can fully compensate all of the jurors that, you know, participated in a given fiscal year.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay.

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: I'll just point out that part of the reason for the increase in the fees is the increase in the number of trials and the felonies that are being charged. So, in Fiscal Year 2022, we had 746 jury trials, and in fiscal year 2025, just as an example, it's gone up by 929.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Thank you for that information you know it no doubt about it that things are increasing as far as trials you know cases that are being heard at the judiciary cases. Okay so I'm hoping you know maybe we can address with my help of the sponsor of this legislation to try and advocate for additional funding to go into this so that we can move this bill forward. We might be able to, you know, it would be nice to have 90, but the reality here is, you know, if you look at other jurisdictions, some of them may get a little bit lower than Guam does, you know, depending what area they live in. Texas is obviously different from, you different from places like Washington or California. But they're supplemented by gas. They're given extra stipends for gas, too, as well. So, it almost increases to a lot higher than what Guam is getting. So, thank you so much. We will have a markup meeting on this, even

if the legislature puts this in the budget bill to increase the funding source or Jury Trust Fund and increase that, we still need to pass this legislation to implement some of the other amendments or be able to even put this in the budget bill so we don't have to, you know, get to pass this way. There are other options. But the most important thing is that we do this right away. It's been far too long, far too long to address this. And even if we do give the jurisdiction to the courts to review this every three, four years, you know, depending on inflation and the high cost of living being implemented on this island, that makes it very difficult. Nothing stops this body from still taking over and increasing it ourselves if it's not done by the judicial branch. So, thank you so much again for your testimony and appreciate it. Create a great day everyone.

HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES, JUDICIARY OF GUAM: Thank you. Thank you very much.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE, CHAIRPERSON: Okay, that being said, this concludes our hearing on Bill 337-38. And if you have any questions or concerns or would like to provide written testimony, you can send that to my office, which we will continue to accept. It can be mailed to my office at 238 Archbishop Suite, Suite 407 of the DNA Building, Hagåtña. You may also send your written testimonies to my office at senatortelot@gmail.com. Thank you for all your participation, and please exercise your right to vote tomorrow. And if there's anybody who can make it happen to make this a better body, a better legislature, it's the people of Guam exercising that right to vote. So, thank you so much. Create a great day. The time now is 10:10 a.m., and this hearing is now adjourned. Thank you.

Public Hearing Adjourned at: 10:07 a.m.

IV. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee finds that Bill No. 337-38 (COR) addresses the longstanding inadequacy of Guam's juror compensation by increasing the daily juror fee from Thirty Dollars (\$30) to Sixty Dollars (\$60). The current \$30 rate has remained unchanged since 1985. The Judiciary testified that, adjusted for inflation, \$30 in 1985 would have purchasing power of more than \$90 today.

The Committee further finds that inadequate compensation can create a significant financial burden for residents called to serve. Tricia Baker testified in strong support of the bill, noting that hourly workers, self-employed individuals, and employees without paid leave may lose wages or use accrued leave while serving. She further testified that inadequate compensation may discourage otherwise qualified citizens from serving and make it more difficult for juries to reflect a broad cross-section of the community.

The Judiciary of Guam likewise supported the objective of increasing juror compensation but identified implementation and funding concerns. The Judiciary testified that its FY2027 Jury Trust Fund request of \$550,000 was based on the existing \$30 rate and estimated that doubling the rate would require approximately \$1.1 million, resulting in an estimated \$550,000 shortfall. The Judiciary therefore recommended either providing additional funding or delaying implementation until funding became available.



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The Judiciary also noted an administrative consequence of the increase: because it issues a Form 1099 when jury payments meet or exceed \$600 during a tax year, increasing the daily fee to \$60 would reduce the number of service days generally required to reach that threshold from twenty to ten, resulting in a modest increase in administrative workload.

During the hearing, Judiciary representatives further explained that juror surveys do not specifically ask about compensation, although jurors voluntarily raise the low daily fee as a concern. The Judiciary also described its efforts to improve the jury-service experience through electronic notifications, surveys, and other operational improvements.

In consideration of the testimony and discussion, the Committee amended Bill No. 337-38 (COR) to:

- Address the FY2027 funding concern without delaying the increase. The Judiciary may transfer available FY2026 allotted but unexpended balances, excluding trust funds, to the Jury Trust Fund and must assess and report any remaining FY2027 funding need within thirty (30) days after the close of FY2026.
- Provide for continued funding beginning in FY2028. The Judicial Council must include in its FY2028 and subsequent annual budget requests the amount necessary to fully fund juror compensation.
- Establish periodic review of juror compensation. Responding to the Judiciary's recommendation that juror fees be periodically reconsidered, the amended bill requires the Judicial Council to review compensation beginning January 1, 2030, and every three years thereafter. The review must consider inflation, Jury Trust Fund finances, jury utilization, operational needs, fiscal impact, and comparable jurisdictions. Any recommended adjustment must be transmitted to the Governor and Legislature and incorporated into the Judiciary's budget request. This provides regular review while preserving legislative authority over compensation and appropriations.

The Committee finds that the testimony presented supports the need for increased juror compensation while also demonstrating the importance of addressing its fiscal and administrative impacts. The amendments respond directly to the Judiciary's principal recommendations by providing a transition mechanism for FY2027, requiring future budget planning, and establishing regular review of compensation.

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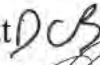
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Bill No. 337-38 (COR)

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Finding and Intent *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that jury service is one of the highest civic responsibilities entrusted to the people of Guam. Jurors safeguard the constitutional right to trial by an impartial jury and play an indispensable role in ensuring the fair administration of justice.

I Liheslaturan further finds that Guam's current juror compensation of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day has remained largely unchanged despite the island's rising cost of living and no longer reflects fair compensation for many residents who are called upon to fulfill this civic duty.

I Liheslatura recognizes that Government of Guam employees are afforded paid leave while serving on jury duty pursuant to the Government of Guam Personnel Rules and Regulations. Government employees continue to receive their regular salary without charge to annual leave or sick leave while serving as jurors and therefore generally do not experience a loss of wages during this period of jury

1 service. In contrast, many private-sector employees, self-employed individuals, and
2 hourly wage earners are not guaranteed paid leave while serving on a jury.
3 Depending upon their employer's policies, these citizens may experience a partial
4 or complete loss of income while fulfilling their civic obligation. This disparity
5 places a disproportionate financial in jury service by those least able to absorb the
6 loss of income.

7 *I Liheslatura* further recognizes the Judiciary of Guam's ongoing efforts to
8 improve the jury experience through juror exit surveys and modernization of jury
9 operations. Testimony presented before the legislature reflects that, in addition to
10 concerns regarding parking and courthouse amenities, the amount of juror
11 compensation is consistently identified by jurors as one of the primary concerns
12 expressed through these surveys. These findings demonstrate that the current
13 compensation rate no longer adequately reflects the economic realities faced by
14 many citizens called to serve.

15 Accordingly, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to increase juror
16 compensation to better reflect Guam's current economic conditions, reduce the
17 financial hardship associated with jury service, encourage broad participation in the
18 jury system, and provide additional compensation for those required to serve on
19 extended trials lasting more than thirty (30) days.

20 **Section 2.** § 22109 of Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated is hereby
21 *amended*, to read:

22
23 **“§ 22109. Fees.**

24 Jurors in the courts of Guam shall receive the following fees, except as
25 otherwise expressly provided by law:

26 For actual attendance at the place of trial or hearing and for the time
27 necessarily occupied in going to and from such place at the beginning and end

1 of such service or at any time during the same, ~~Thirty Dollars (\$30.00)~~ Sixty
2 Dollars (\$60.00) per day, except that any juror required to attend more than
3 thirty (30) days in hearing one case may be paid in the discretion and upon the
4 certification of the judge a per diem fee not exceeding ~~Forty Dollars (\$40.00)~~
5 Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for each day in excess of thirty (30) days he is
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10 clerk of the court, and in the case of jury fees in excess of ~~Thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~
11 Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per diem, when allowed as hereinabove provided, on the
12 certificate of the trial judge.”

13 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment

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17 to increase juror compensation to better reflect Guam's current economic conditions,
18 reduce the financial hardship associated with jury service, and encourage broad
19 participation in the jury system. It is further the intent of *I Liheslatura* to provide for
20 the funding and implementation of the increased juror fees and establish a periodic
21 review process to assess future adjustments and their fiscal impact.

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14 ~~Thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per diem, when allowed as
15 hereinabove provided, on the certificate of the trial judge.”

16 **Section 3.** A new § 22110.1 is hereby *added* to Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam
17 Code Annotated, to read:

18 **“ § 22110.1. Periodic Review of Juror Compensation.**

19 (a) No later than January 1, 2030, and every three (3) years thereafter,
20 the Judicial Council shall review the juror compensation established pursuant
21 to § 22109 of this Chapter to determine whether such compensation continues
22 to reasonably offset the financial burden associated with jury service.

23 (b) In conducting its review, the Judicial Council shall consider, at a
24 minimum:

25 (1) the Guam Consumer Price Index published by the Bureau of
26 Statistics and Plans;

1 (2) the financial condition of the Jury Trust Fund established
2 pursuant to § 22110 of this Chapter;

3 (3) historical and projected jury utilization and the operational
4 needs of the Judiciary;

5 (4) the estimated fiscal impact of any recommended adjustment;
6 and

7 (5) juror compensation provided by comparable state and
8 territorial courts.

9 (c) Upon completion of its review, the Judicial Council shall transmit
10 its findings and any recommendation for adjustment of juror compensation to
11 the Governor of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

12 (d) If the Judicial Council recommends an adjustment to the juror
13 compensation established pursuant to § 22109 of this Chapter, the Judiciary
14 shall include such recommendation, together with the estimated fiscal impact
15 and the amount necessary to implement the recommendation, in its next
16 annual budget request submitted to the Governor of Guam and *I Liheslaturan*
17 *Guåhan*.”

18 **Section 4.** Fiscal Year 2027 Funding Assessment and Subsequent Fiscal
19 Year Budget Requests.

20 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and consistent with §§
21 2103 and 2104 of Chapter 2, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, the Unified
22 Judiciary of Guam is authorized to transfer allotted but unexpended balances
23 of its Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations that remain available in Fiscal Year
24 2027 pursuant to § 2104, excluding funds held in trust, to the Jury Trust Fund
25 established pursuant to § 22110 of Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated,
26 for the sole purpose of funding the increase in juror fees from Thirty Dollars

1 (\$30.00) per day to Sixty Dollars (\$60) per day pursuant to § 22109 of Chapter
2 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated.

3 (b) No later than thirty (30) days after the close of Fiscal Year 2026, the
4 Unified Judiciary of Guam shall assess the amount necessary to fully fund the
5 increase in juror fees for Fiscal Year 2027, taking into account the balance of
6 the Jury Trust Fund and any funds available pursuant to Subsection (a), and
7 shall submit such assessment, including any additional funding necessary to
8 fully fund the increase for Fiscal Year 2027, to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan*
9 *Guåhan* and the Office of Finance and Budget.

10 (c) The Judicial Council shall include in its Fiscal Year 2028 and
11 subsequent annual budget requests, submitted pursuant to § 2102 of Chapter
12 2, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, the amount necessary to be appropriated to
13 the Jury Trust Fund, to fully fund the juror fees established pursuant to §
14 22109 of Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated.

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

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I Liheslaturan further finds that Guam's current juror compensation of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day has remained unchanged since 1985, despite the island's rising cost of living and no longer reflects fair compensation for many residents who are called upon to fulfill this civic duty. The Legislature further finds that the absence of a periodic review process has contributed to juror compensation remaining unchanged for more than four decades.~~*I Liheslaturan* further finds that Guam's current juror compensation of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day has remained largely~~

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I Liheslatura recognizes that Government of Guam employees are afforded paid leave while serving on jury duty pursuant to the Government of Guam Personnel Rules and Regulations. Government employees continue to receive their regular salary without charge to annual leave or sick leave while serving as jurors and therefore generally do not experience a loss of wages during this period of jury service. In contrast, many private-sector employees, self-employed individuals, and hourly wage earners are not guaranteed paid leave while serving on a jury. Depending upon their employer's policies, these citizens may experience a partial or complete loss of income while fulfilling their civic obligation. This disparity places a disproportionate financial in jury service by those least able to absorb the loss of income.

I Liheslatura further recognizes the Judiciary of Guam's ongoing efforts to improve the jury experience through juror exit surveys and modernization of jury operations. Testimony presented before the legislature reflects that, in addition to concerns regarding parking and courthouse amenities, the amount of juror compensation is consistently identified by jurors as one of the primary concerns expressed through these surveys. These findings demonstrate that the current compensation rate no longer adequately reflects the economic realities faced by many citizens called to serve. Accordingly, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to increase juror compensation to better reflect Guam's current economic conditions, reduce the financial hardship associated with jury service, and encourage broad participation in the jury system. It is further the intent of *I Liheslatura* to provide for the funding and implementation of the increased juror fees and establish a periodic review process to assess future adjustments and their fiscal impact.

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5 ~~extended trials lasting more than thirty (30) days.~~

6 **Section 2.** § 22109 of Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated is hereby
7 *amended*, to read:

8 **“ § 22109. Fees.**

9 Jurors in the courts of Guam shall receive the following fees, except as
10 otherwise expressly provided by law:

11 For actual attendance at the place of trial or hearing and for the
12 time necessarily occupied in going to and from such place at the
13 beginning and end of such service or at any time during the same, ~~Thirty~~
14 ~~Dollars (\$30.00)~~ Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per day, except that any juror
15 required to attend more than thirty (30) days in hearing one case may
16 be paid in the discretion and upon the certification of the judge a per
17 diem fee not exceeding ~~Forty Dollars (\$40.00)~~ Seventy Dollars
18 (\$70.00) for each day in excess of thirty (30) days he is required to hear
19 each case.

20 Whenever in any case the jury is ordered to be kept together and not to
21 separate, the cost of subsistence during such period shall be paid upon the
22 order of the court. Jury fees provided by this section shall be paid on the
23 certificate of the clerk of the court, and in the case of jury fees in excess of
24 ~~Thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per diem, when allowed as
25 hereinabove provided, on the certificate of the trial judge.”

26 **Section 3.** A new § 22110.1 is hereby added to Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam
27 Code Annotated, to read:

1 **“ § 22110.1. Periodic Review of Juror Compensation.**

2 (a) No later than January 1, 2030, and every three (3) years thereafter,
3 the Judicial Council shall review the juror compensation established pursuant
4 to § 22109 of this Chapter to determine whether such compensation continues
5 to reasonably offset the financial burden associated with jury service.

6 (b) In conducting its review, the Judicial Council shall consider, at a
7 minimum:

8 (1) the Guam Consumer Price Index published by the Bureau of
9 Statistics and Plans;

10 (2) the financial condition of the Jury Trust Fund established
11 pursuant to § 22110 of this Chapter;

12 (3) historical and projected jury utilization and the operational
13 needs of the Judiciary;

14 (4) the estimated fiscal impact of any recommended adjustment;
15 and

16 (5) juror compensation provided by comparable state and
17 territorial courts.

18 (c) Upon completion of its review, the Judicial Council shall transmit
19 its findings and any recommendation for adjustment of juror compensation to
20 the Governor of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

21 (d) If the Judicial Council recommends an adjustment to the juror
22 compensation established pursuant to § 22109 of this Chapter, the Judiciary
23 shall include such recommendation, together with the estimated fiscal impact
24 and the amount necessary to implement the recommendation, in its next
25 annual budget request submitted to the Governor of Guam and *I Liheslaturan*
26 *Guåhan*.”

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Section 4. Fiscal Year 2027 Funding Assessment and Subsequent Fiscal Year Budget Requests.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and consistent with §§ 2103 and 2104 of Chapter 2, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, the Unified Judiciary of Guam is authorized to transfer allotted but unexpended balances of its Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations that remain available in Fiscal Year 2027 pursuant to § 2104, excluding funds held in trust, to the Jury Trust Fund established pursuant to § 22110 of Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, for the sole purpose of funding the increase in juror fees from Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per day to Sixty Dollars (\$60) per day pursuant to § 22109 of Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated.

(b) No later than thirty (30) days after the close of Fiscal Year 2026, the Unified Judiciary of Guam shall assess the amount necessary to fully fund the increase in juror fees for Fiscal Year 2027, taking into account the balance of the Jury Trust Fund and any funds available pursuant to Subsection (a), and shall submit such assessment, including any additional funding necessary to fully fund the increase for Fiscal Year 2027, to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the Office of Finance and Budget.

(c) The Judicial Council shall include in its Fiscal Year 2028 and subsequent annual budget requests, submitted pursuant to § 2102 of Chapter 2, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, the amount necessary to be appropriated to the Jury Trust Fund, to fully fund the juror fees established pursuant to § 22109 of Chapter 22, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated.

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



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature

July 10, 2026

To: **Rennae V. C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

From: **Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 337-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 337-38 (COR).

I also request that the same be sent to the respective Chairperson of the Standing Committee, to which this bill has been referred. Kindly copy the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.



**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 337-38 (COR)**

AN ACT TO AMEND § 22109 OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO FAIR JUROR COMPENSATION.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Unified Judiciary of Guam	Dept./Agency Head: Robert J. Torres Jr., Chief Justice
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Operations (\$41,623,822); Drug and Therapeutic Courts (\$889,319); Electronic Monitoring Program (\$868,157); Guam Criminal Law and Procedure Review Commission (\$378,845)	43,760,143
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date: Safe Streets Fund-Family Visitation Center (\$29,993)	29,993
	43,790,136

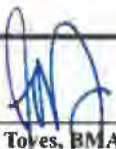
Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2025 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2026 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2026 Appro. (P.L. 38-60)	\$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 2025 (if applicable)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund	\$0	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
Special Fund	\$0	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
Total	\$0	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/

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? / X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ / / 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: 
Gianni Torres, BMA I

Date: 07/09/26

Director: 
Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director

Date: JUL 09 2026

Comments:

1/ See attached comments on Bill No. 337-38 (COR).

According to comments received on Bill 337-38 (COR), the Unified Judiciary of Guam notes that the FY 2027 budget was developed under the assumption that the stipend rate would remain at \$30 per day. Increasing the stipend to \$60 would significantly raise total program costs and will double direct stipend expenditures. With respect to administrative costs, while the issuance of 1099 forms and related processing are already part of our standard administrative duties, a higher stipend rate may increase the number of individuals who exceed the reporting threshold. This could result in a modest increase in workload, including additional processing, verification, and postage. Although these impacts are not expected to be substantial relative to the direct stipend costs, they do represent incremental administrative expenses that should be considered the overall fiscal impact.

The JOG summarized the total stipend costs by fiscal year in the table below:

FY 2023	\$371,760.00
FY 2024	\$412,620.00
FY 2025	\$494,160.00
FY 2026	\$418,890.00 as of 6/15/26 (projected total: \$500,000.00-550,000.00)
FY 2027	\$550,000.00 (budgeted as current rate of \$30 per day)

Additionally, the table below outlines the total number of jurors who appeared from FY 2021 through FY 2026 (January through April 2026):

FY 2021	13,549
FY 2022	11,803
FY 2023	13,020
FY 2024	15,163
FY 2025	16,654
FY 2026	7,246 (January through April)

Finally, under the current law, the government of Guam employees are generally required to turn their stipends to their employer and instead receive their regular salaries while on jury duty. The fiscal impact of Bill 337-38 (COR) could be further reduced by not requiring the payment of stipends at all to active government of Guam employees who are on paid status while in jury service.

However, absent detailed information from the Judiciary regarding its operations and financial impact, the Bureau is unable to provide an estimated cost impact to the Government of Guam should the Bill be enacted.