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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
78-38 (COR)	Shelly V. Calvo	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> §§ 2701, 2702, AND 2703; AND TO <i>ADD</i> A NEW § 2707; ALL OF ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO IMPLEMENTING THE RESTAURANT MEALS PROGRAM (RMP) UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP); AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE "MEALS FOR AT-RISK HOUSEHOLDS ACT OF 2025."	3/5/25 3:26 p.m. 3/10/25 11:24 a.m.	3/14/25 4:51 p.m.	Committee on Health and Veterans Affairs.	Request: 3/14/25 3/21/25			



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada, Chairperson
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38th Guam Legislature

March 21, 2025

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. 78-38 (COR)**

Håfa Adai!

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

Bill No. 78-38 (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. 78-38 (COR)

AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 2701, 2702, AND 2703; AND TO *ADD* A NEW § 2707; ALL OF ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 2, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO IMPLEMENTING THE RESTAURANT MEALS PROGRAM (RMP) UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP); AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE "MEALS FOR AT-RISK HOUSEHOLDS ACT OF 2025."

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected: Department of Public Health & Social Services	Dept./Agency Head: Theresa C Arriola, Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date: Operations (\$58,150,402); Health Insurance Premiums for Foster Children (\$2,359,215); Child Protective Services Program (\$2,220,129); Bureau of Social Services Administration (\$7,558,215); Miscellaneous Appropriation for Grants for Homelessness (\$500,000)	\$70,787,961
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date: Environmental Health Fund (\$1,415,223); Health Professional Licensing Office Revolving Fund (\$338,801); Office of Vital Statistics Revolving Fund (\$225,014); DPHSS Sanitary Inspection Revolving Fund (\$424,986); Healthy Futures Fund for Guam Cancer Registry (\$389,144)	\$2,793,168
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$73,581,129

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2024 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2025 Appro. (P.L. 37-125)	\$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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total 1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes / X / No
If Yes, see attachment
2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? / X / N/A / / Yes / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ / X / N/A
3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / X / Yes / / No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? / / N/A / / Yes / X / 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
/ X / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst:  Tyler Bautista, BMA II	Date: 03/20/2025	Director:  Lester L. Carlson, Jr., Director	Date: MAR 20 2025
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Notes:
1/ See attached comments.

BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH
COMMENTS ON BILL NO. 78-38 (COR)

The proposed legislation intends to amend §§ 2701, 2702, and 2703; and to add a new § 2707; all of Article 7, Chapter 2, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated relative to implementing the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), administered by the Division of Public Welfare under the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS). The intent of the proposed legislation is to provide households containing eligible elderly, disabled members, or homeless individuals (as defined by 7 U.S.C. § 2012) the option of using SNAP benefits at private establishments, contracted with DPHSS, for meals at concession prices.

The proposed legislation mandates the DPHSS to develop and implement a plan to begin participation in the RMP no later than January 01, 2026. DPHSS must adopt regulations to verify household eligibility for participation in the RMP; establish eligibility standards, an application process, and an approval process for restaurants to participate in RMP. In order for vendors to participate in this program, a private entity will need to apply and be approved by the DPHSS and USDA to be a licensed provider who must be able to process EBT card payments at the point of sale. In addition, a vendor must offer meals to eligible individuals, at a rate that is at least 10% less than cost charged to a customer that does not have SNAP benefits. The vendor must also notify the public of their participation in the RMP. Further, a restaurant operation as a bar or tavern is not eligible to participate in the RMP.

The proposed legislation seeks to provide additional options for food accessibility to eligible constituents under the SNAP program. Should the proposed legislation be enacted, there may be the potential for increased economic activity and create revenues via the Business Privilege Taxes (BPT) paid by the vendor. However, absent pertinent information from DPHSS to include the number of anticipated vendors participating in the RMP, in addition to the number of potential RMP eligible SNAP recipients, the Bureau is unable to determine a financial impact at this time.